



**Green Apple Folk Music Society
Calendar Year Membership**

Senior/Student \$7.00

Senior Family \$12.00

Individual \$12.00

Family \$18.00

Note: All new memberships are for the calendar year. If you first join in the middle of the year, you need only pay an amount adjusted for the number of months remaining in the year. You may also print a membership form from our website.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

In the future we may publish a directory of members. If we do, may we list your address and phone number? Circle one: YES NO

Send payment (checks payable to Green Apple) to:

Green Apple Folk Music Society
P.O. Box 974
Appleton, WI 54912

The Green Apple Folk Music Society seeks to promote folk music, particularly in the area of northeastern Wisconsin. We do this by sponsoring concerts, by holding regular open stage ("hoot") evenings for local performers, and by providing opportunities to socialize with other people who have an interest in folk music. These events and activities are described on our website and in our newsletter and include a twice monthly jam session, potlucks, house concerts and area music festivals.

Visit us at our website:
<http://www.greenapplefolk.org>

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Green Apple Folk Music Society is a non-profit organization which supports folk music performance in northeastern Wisconsin. The society features concerts by folk artists from all over the U.S. and supports local musicians by offering them a venue to share their talents. The Green Apple stage provides a very supportive environment for both experienced musicians and relative newcomers to performing. The music is the center of attention, and the group owns quality sound equipment. A broad definition of "folk music" is the rule, encompassing just about any acoustic-based style, including blues, singer-songwriters, traditional, Celtic, klezmer, old-time, bluegrass, and Gospel.

Green Apple has been in existence since the early 1980s. Currently, there are over one hundred memberships, including family memberships. The organization believes in giving back to the community. Proceeds from donations given during the treat intermissions are sent to worthy causes. Occasionally, the price of admission to a concert is canned goods, which are donated to local food pantries.

Annual dues entitle you to a semi-monthly newsletter sent either by postal or electronic mail, notification of special events and worthwhile discounts on admission to our monthly open stages ("hoots") and concerts.

Activities

Open Stages: The most popular Green Apple events are the Open Stages. Usually held at Bubolz Nature Preserve (north of Appleton), the Open Stage concerts include Green Apple member musicians and others from the community who want to perform. Typically, six acts perform for 20 minutes each and the result is an enjoyable variety of folk music styles from both seasoned performers and relative newcomers. New acts are especially encouraged, so if you're

a musician with the performance bug consider signing up for a slot! The audience is a very encouraging one, and it would be tough to find a better place to begin "playing out". Admission is \$5.00 (members \$2.00), and free for kids 12 and under.

Concerts: Green Apple sponsors and hosts performances of regionally and nationally acclaimed folk acts. Bill Staines is a perennial favorite, and past performers include Kate McKenzie, John McEuen, Lou and Peter Berryman, Small Potatoes, Tom and Chris Castle, Randy Sabien, Mark Dvorak, Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, Mustard's Retreat and Bob Franke. Admission to these concerts is normally in the range of \$7.00 to \$10.00. If you've got a favorite performer or group you'd like to see on the Green Apple stage, let us know!

House Concerts: Occasionally, Green Apple members host house concerts with the support of the organization. The featured performers range from member musicians to touring acts who are able to make a quick stop in the area. Past house concerts featured Wade Fernandez, LJ Booth, Celtic Knot, Rowe by Rowe, L'il Rev, and Priscilla Herdman. Let us know if you would like to host a house concert!

Folk and Acoustic Jams: Since May 2007, Green Apple has sponsored an acoustic/folk jam. This is held at Generations Coffeehouse, 330 N. Commercial St., Neenah, WI, from 2:30-4:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, with the exception of national holidays. Anyone who sings, plays an acoustic instrument or just wants to be an active listener is welcome to join us.



Fox Valley Acoustic Events Calendar: You can find a current calendar of folk and acoustic music events on our website. There's a link to this calendar on the front page. If you are a musician or know someone who's performing locally and not mentioned on the calendar, please feel free to send information to the email address listed on the site. Our member musicians can be found at various locales around the Fox Valley area. Brewed Awakenings, Harmony Café and the local public libraries are some examples.

Board Meetings: Members are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly board meetings. The board sets the schedules and makes sure all the pieces come together to make events successful. If you enjoy the programs, consider pitching in to help out.



Opportunities for Member Performers: Green Apple provides member musicians with numerous opportunities to play out. In addition to the Open Stages, groups of Green Apple musicians are sometimes asked to perform in venues that have included the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh, the Wolf River Theater in New London, High Cliff State Park, The Gardens of the Fox Cities and various festivals in the area. A favorite annual event is the Holiday Concert which features member musicians.

Pick-Nic/Campout: Though there are no concerts or open stages during the summer months, we get together in June at a local park for good food and good music. Our campout is generally held the next to last weekend in August at Hartman Creek State Park. You can find details in the newsletters prior to the events.



We hope to meet you soon!