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The Latest on Ann Zimmerman's Musical Exploits—May 2001

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## UPCOMING APPEARANCES

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for the most up-to date information]

MAY. 20 (Sun.)—9:15am—Salina, KS, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
MAY 26 (Sat.)—11:30-3:30—EXPLORATION PLACE (see following article)  
MAY 26 (Sat.)—eve—Roxbury, KS, High School all-classes reunion  
MAY 27 (Sun.)—11:30-3:30—EXPLORATION PLACE (see following article)  
MAY 31 (Thu.)—eve—Salina, KS, State Lions Club convention, Holidome  
JUN. 8 (Fri.)—3pm—Salina, KS, Smoky Hill River Festival, Stage II  
JUN. 9-10 (Sat. & Sun.)—afternoon—Beatrice, NE, Homestead Nat'l Monument  
JUN. 20 (Wed.)—12:30&4:30pm—Beatrice, NE, Homestead Nat'l Monument  
JUN. 22 (Fri.)—2pm&7pm—Vermillion, SD, Dalesburg Midsommar Festival  
JUL. 29 (Sat.)—eve—Bird City, KS, Antique Steam Engine & Thresher show  
AUG. 4 (Sat.)—11:30-3:30—EXPLORATION PLACE (see following article)  
AUG. 5 (Sun.)—11:30-3:30—EXPLORATION PLACE (see following article)  
AUG. 18 (Sat.)—Manhattan, KS, Heifer Project International  
SEP. ?? (Fri.)—12:20—Salina, KS, Art à la Carte  
SEP. 16 (Sun.)—3pm—Manhattan, KS, Habitat for Humanity Program, 1<sup>st</sup> Meth. Church  
SEP. 26 (Wed.)—eve.—Salina, KS, Parents as Teachers conference, Holidome  
SEP. 29 or 30 (Sat. or Sun.)—Salina, KS, Prairie Festival, The Land Institute  
OCT. 13 (Sat.)—3pm—Council Grove, KS, White Memorial Camp—Unitarian Univ. cluster mtg.

*Dates are added and changed often. For the latest, call Ann at 785-825-7135  
or go to <http://annzimmerman.com/sked.html> . There you will also find hotlinks to event info.*

## “MUSIC FROM A TO Z” AT WICHITA'S EXPLORATION PLACE

When the fabulous new Exploration Place decided to have a season of musical creativity, Ann got the call—she lined up over a dozen Kansas musicians for four weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Ann sings and plays during four of the ten events, all scheduled from 11:30am to 3:30pm at this fascinating science and discovery center, 300 N. McLean Blvd., on the river in downtown Wichita.

The styles of music range from traditional and contemporary folk music to jazz and blues, classical, pure percussion, and music mixed with science experiments or played on instruments of recycled materials. Some names you will recognize from Ann's albums—multi-talented Kelly Werts with wife Diana; singing physics professor Larry Weaver, and harmonica player Thad Beach. Some names may be new to you—classical banjoist Paul Elwood; hammer dulcimer champ Princess Harris; percussionists Dean Kranzler and Eric Corby; versatile cellist Susan Mayo; rising blues harp star Ricky Brothers; and more! See the website: <http://www.exploration.org> .

Here's the whole schedule:

- Sat. 5/26—“Contemporary folk music”: Ann sings modern folk music—Kelly accompanies her.  
Sun. 5/27—“Music of the Settlers”: Ann, Kelly, Diana & Thad sing traditional American folk songs.  
Mon. 5/28—“Recycled Instruments”: Kelly, Paul and Matt Kirby play instruments of recycled stuff.  
Sat. 6/30—“Mallets & Hammers”: Princess and Eric swap tunes on hammer dulcimer and marimba.  
Sun. 7/1—“Pure Percussion”: Eric and Dean make music by banging, shaking and slapping.  
Sat. 8/4—“Harmony Singing”: Ann and Larry with duo Bob & Melissa Atchison join on the oldest musical instrument, the human voice.  
Sun. 8/5—“Science & Music”: Larry and Matt demonstrate the principals of physics that turn vibrations into music and light. Ann emcees.  
Sat. 9/1—“The Duke's Jazz”: Susan and friends play the timeless music of Duke Ellington.  
Sun. 9/2—“Symphony Teaser”: Susan, other Wichita Symphony members plus dancers preview the flamenco music of their season opener.  
Mon. 9/3—“The Blues”: Ricky and guitarist Li'l Hattie blast away the end-of-summer blues.

## **ANN DEBUTS AT SALINA'S SMOKY HILL RIVER FESTIVAL**

Ann makes her first appearance at the award-winning annual Smoky Hill River Festival in Salina, Kansas, 3pm, Friday, June 8, on Stage 2. Not only is this festival consistently the biggest and best event in the region, it also ranks at the top for being exceptionally performer-friendly compared with community festivals nationwide. So don't miss the food, the fun, the art, the crowds, or Ann's music.

## **PRAIRIE FESTIVAL MOVES TO SEPTEMBER**

The Land Institute's Prairie Festival near Salina, Kansas, has for many years been held on Memorial Day weekend. This year will try a new schedule. September 29-30 becomes Prairie Festival weekend, and Ann will be there singing. The details of this always-provocative celebration of scientific thinkers, earth-bound philosophers and prairie culture, art and food have yet to be announced.

## **NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA BACK ON THE CALENDAR**

Beatrice, Nebraska, is familiar territory to Ann after several musical trips to Homestead National Monument. The site of an early Nebraska settler's homestead and log cabin, this monument will soon offer searchable archives of the nation's early homesteading records. Ann sings there June 9-10 alongside demonstrations of horse farming and pre-1936 farm equipment for their "Horsepower and More" celebration, and on June 20 for their Homestead Archives and Genealogy Symposium.

Vermillion, South Dakota, makes the calendar again this year, as Ann joins the Scandinavians at the Dalesburg Swedish Midsommar Festival, Dalesburg Lutheran Church, June 22. Her afternoon music precedes the sumptuous smorgasbord supper, and just after her evening show, festival goers raise the midsummer pole to great fanfare and folk dance all around the pole. Ann can claim no Scandinavian ancestors, but she's glad to highlight the "rural life" component of the festival.

## **CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?**

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## **ORDERING INFORMATION**

To order "Canned Goods" or "Love & Weather," make your check payable to "Ann Zimmerman" and mail to Ann Zimmerman, A-Z Music, 3904 North Ohio Street, Salina, Kansas 67401-9259. Cost per cassette is \$10.00. Cost per compact disc is \$15.00. Add 6.59% sales tax (Kansas residents only) and \$1.75 shipping and handling.

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