

# The A-Z gAZette

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The Latest on Ann Zimmerman's Musical Exploits—March 2002

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## UPCOMING APPEARANCES

- MAR. 23 (Sat.) 8-11pm—Wichita, KS, Artichoke Sandwich Bar, 811 N. Broadway\*
- APR. 5 (Fri.) 12:20-12:50pm—Salina, KS, Art a la Carte, Campbell Plaza, 100 block of South Santa Fe\*
- APR. 5 (Fri.) eve—Beatrice, NE, Southeast Community College Agriculture Club banquet, 4-H Center
- APR. 11 (Thu.)eve—Salina, KS, Sunrise Presby. Women meeting
- APR. 23 (Tue.) eve—Atchison, KS, AAUW banquet
- APR. 24 (Wed.) eve—Lawrence, KS, West Side Folk house concert, 1646 Massachusetts (reservations required (785) 830-0557)
- MAY. 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.)—Independence, KS, Kansas Sampler Festival\*
- MAY 17-19 (Fri.-Sun.)—Bonner Springs, KS, Santa Fe Trails Festival at Ag Hall of Fame\*
- JUN. 8 (Sat.)—Central City, NE, Great Plains Yearly (Friends) Meeting, keynote presenter
- JUN. 14 (Fri.) Noon-1pm—Sioux Falls, SD, Old Courthouse Museum\*
- JUN. 15-16 (Sat.12:30pm, Sun. 2:30pm)—Vermillion, SD, Summer Arts Festival \*
- JUL. 13 (Sat.) eve—Durham, KS, high sch. reunion [tent.]
- JUL. 27 (Sat.) eve—Bird City, KS, Antique Steam Engine & Thresher Show\*
- AUG. 17 (Sat.) 10am—Manhattan, KS, Heifer Project International meeting, First United Methodist Ch.
- SEP. 21-22 (Sat.-Sun.)—Salina, KS, Prairie Festival at the Land Institute\*
- OCT. 16 (Wed.) eve—Salina, KS, York Rites mtg.
- OCT. 27 (Sun) 3:00pm—St. Francis, KS, Cheyenne Theatre, concert for Western Plains Arts Ass'n\*
- OCT. 28-29 (Mon., Tues.)—Goodland, KS, elementary school concerts and songwriting workshops
- DEC. 7 (Sat.) eve—Lawrence, KS, KANU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv. concert, with Connie Dover and friends\*
- \* public invited

*Dates are added and changed often.  
For the latest, call Ann at 785-825-7135  
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## CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

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## ANN'S NEW SONGS MAKE NEWS:

### "BLUE WILD INDIGO"

#### **Wins Flinthills Songwriting Contest**

A new (and possibly annual) gathering of Kansas songwriters debuted on the second weekend of March—the "Flinthills Gathering" brought Kansas songwriters together with internationally known musicians to share music and ideas in the little town of Arkansas City, Kansas. Irish songwriter Gerry O'Beirne and Irish-American tunesmiths "Cherish the Ladies" helped expand the horizons beyond the American plains.

A songwriting contest was part of the festivities, and Ann's new song named for the prairie wildflower "Blue Wild Indigo" shared first prize with a song by Winfield, Kansas, songwriter Terry Quiett. "Blue Wild Indigo" is not yet available on recording, so come to a concert to hear this prizewinner. It will be on Ann's next album, but recording has not yet begun on that project. You can find out more about co-winner Terry Quiett and his music at [www.terryquiett.com](http://www.terryquiett.com).

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### **"EXILE" available on KAAA Sampler CD**

Folks at concerts lately have asked when Ann's recent song "Exile" will be available on recording—well, the time is now. The Kansas Acoustic Arts Association, a loosely connected group of homemade-music lovers, has just finished a sampler recording of songs by some of its members—including Ann's song about a farm boy who grew up to find he couldn't make a living as a farmer.

Titled "KAAA Sampler, Vol. 1," the disk has 17 songs, each from a different Kansas songwriter or band, and it's an impressive collection. You can find out more about it on the web at <http://kaaa.keycreations.com>.

Ann plans to include a version of "Exile" on her next recording, but when that will come out is anyone's guess at the moment. So if you want to hear "Exile" before then, contact KAAA, on the internet or at P.O. Box 1333, Derby, KS 67037-1333. If you're interested in being a member of the KAAA to support acoustic music in the sunflower state, it only costs ten dollars to the same address.

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### **CONNIE DOVER & ANN PLANNING TO JOIN VOICES**

Connie Dover, Celtic singer extraordinaire, whose voice has been heard around the world in concert and on radio shows like Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" and "Thistle & Shamrock," lives just across the river from Kansas in northeastern Missouri. Ann has been known to listen and sing along for hours on end to Connie's recordings, and now Connie and Ann are in the initial stages of planning a concert (or several) for late in 2002. Tentatively set for December 7 in Lawrence, their mutual friend and singer Lisa Harris may join them as well, and possibly even Kelly Werts on instrumentals. This is all just in the planning stages, but it holds a promise of great delight for all musicians and listeners involved. Watch for more information in future A-Z gAZettes and in the newspapers.

Does this sound like a concert you'd like to bring to your area? Please do contact **Ann** (785-825-7135 or [www.annzimmerman.com](http://www.annzimmerman.com)) or **Connie** (whose Taylor Park Music is headquartered in Weston, MO—website: [www.conniedover.com](http://www.conniedover.com)).

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### **ANN BREEZES THROUGH DOZENS OF SCHOOL CONCERTS & WORKSHOPS**

In the weeks around January 29 (Kansas's 141st birthday as a state) Ann presented more than two dozen elementary school concerts of Kansas songs old and new—great fun, for Ann *and* the kids. In February, she presented twelve songwriting workshops for elementary students in the Salina area and in March helped high school students write songs for Glasco, Kansas, Creativity Day, along with regional artists—potter/photographer Brad Anderson, painter Elaine Merrill, and writer Lori Brack.

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### **FESTIVAL FLURRY**

Festivals are special events, not only for the towns where they happen but also for the musicians who perform. For a change, the musicians have a chance to listen to and interact with other traveling musicians, most of whom spend their time playing and moving on to the next "gig."

Ann is part of festivals galore this year—in May the Kansas Sampler Festival (Independence, Kansas) and the Santa Fe Trails Festival (Bonner Springs, Kansas) are on the schedule. In June, she'll perform at the Vermillion Summer Arts Festival (Vermillion, South Dakota). On her way to Vermillion, she'll also be stopping to sing in the keynote "speaker" position for Great Plains Yearly Friends Meeting (Central City, Nebraska), for the Historic Old Courthouse Museum (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) and most likely for some yet-unnamed event in the friendly, tidy town of Orange City, Iowa. In July, it's the Antique Thresher and Steam Engine Show (Bird City, Kansas) and in September the Prairie Festival at the Land Institute (Salina, Kansas).

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