

The A-Z gAZette

The Latest on Ann Zimmerman's Musical Exploits—December 2004

UPCOMING APPEARANCES

- *JAN. 14 (Fri.) 7:30pm, **Orange City, IA**, concert, DeWitt Center lobby, Northwestern College; also 1pm songwriting workshop at the public library.
- JAN. 15 (Sat.) eve, **Guthrie Center, IA**, Iowa Conservation Education Council "Winter Solstice"
- JAN. 19-28, **Salina, KS**, dozens of grade school concerts of Kansas songs
- FEB. date tba, **Ellsworth, KS**, grade school concert and songwriting workshops
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- FEB. 17 (Thu.) 6:30pm, **Concordia, KS**, Cloud County Conservation District annual meeting, Cath.parish hall
- *FEB. 25 (Fri.) 8pm, **Dallas, TX**, Uncle Calvin's Coffeehouse, Northpark Presby. Church, 9555 N. Central Expwy, open for Robin & Linda Williams
- *FEB. 26 (Sat.) 7:30pm, **Ft. Worth, TX**, Jefferson Freedom Café, 1st Jefferson. Univ.Univ. Church, 1959 Sandy Ln., open for Robin & Linda Williams
- *MAR. 6 (Sun.) 2pm, **Clay Center, KS**, Arts Council concert, United Methodist Church, 921 5th St.
- MAR. 19 (Sat.) eve, **Moundridge, KS**, Memorial Home benefit banquet
- *APR. 1 (Fri.) 8pm, **Dallas, TX**, Uncle Calvin's Coffeehouse, headline act, Northpark, Presby. Church, 9555 N. Central Expwy
- *APR. 9 (Sat.) eve, **St. George, KS**, Blackjack Hills Rec Ctr, Kansas Rural Center celebration *[with Kelly Werts]*
- *APR. 29 (Fri.) 7:30pm, **Lawrence, KS**, West Side Folk concert series, Corner Bank, 4621 W. 6th
- *MAY 7-8 (Sat.-Sun.) **Newton, KS**, Kansas Sampler Festival, Athletic Park
- *JUN. 10-12 (tent.), **Salina, KS** Smoky Hill River Festival
- JUN. 27 (Mon.)eve, **Matfield Green, KS**, Land Institute private conference
- JUL. 20 (Wed.) eve, **Ludington, MI**, Epworth Heights Community concert
- *Event open to the public

Calendar items are added or changed often.

For the latest calendar information, call Ann at 785-825-7135 or go to the calendar at www.annzimmerman.com

MUSIC & POSTERS FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS

Don't forget to THINK MUSIC as you search for the perfect gift for friends or family. With Ann's three recordings to choose from this year, you can fill the bill for friends as divergent as gardeners, plumbers and lawyers, or for the music lovers you know who defy description. See back for ordering information.

Posters of the Blue Wild Indigo flower—a stunning photo of the rich purple blossoms against a black background, taken by photographer Tom Barnes, enhanced with album title and Ann's name (graphics by Michael Gutierrez) and enlarged to an 11"x17" work of art—are a new item. The same photo, much smaller, graces the inside booklet of the "Blue Wild Indigo" CD. The posters are \$10 apiece and come on heavy rip-resistant reduced-gloss paper, suitable for framing or posting on dorm room, bedroom or cubicle wall.

INTERSTATE TRAVEL ON THE CALENDAR

From Des Moines to Dallas to the shores of Lake Michigan, Ann will be transporting her music across many state lines this year. January takes her to a gathering of environmentally-minded Iowa teachers at Springbrook State Park, northwest of Des Moines, for their "Winter Solstice Workshop," plus other Iowa stops.

In February & April, Ann hits Dallas folk music mecca, Uncle Calvin's Coffeehouse (unclecalvins.org) housed in Northpark Presby. Church and named, with a wink, for the stern 16th century theologian John Calvin who helped define early Presbyterianism. Ann is opening act for February headliners Robin and Linda Williams, Prairie Home Companion favorites. In April, she claims the spotlight for herself as the evening's main act. The Uncle Calvin's crew is renowned at the Kerrville Folk Festival for their fabulous "Camp Coho" hospitality toward songwriters. Ann's Feb. trip to Dallas will include a stop in neighboring Ft. Worth at the Jefferson Freedom Café, (jeffersonfreedomcafe.org) part of the First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church.

By July, Ann will be warmed up and ready for some time on the beach—followed by an evening concert at Epworth Heights, a summer community on Lake Michigan at Ludington, Michigan.

HOW TO GET TO ST. PAUL—or—"A PRAIRIE HOME COMES TO KANSAS"

How to get to Carnegie Hall? Practice-practice-practice. But Ann's question is how to get an appearance on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion"? Kansans learned in November that the wonderful, nationally-syndicated radio show of eclectic music and mesmerizing storytelling is broadcasting live from the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, in September '05. Seems like the perfect venue for

Ann's prairie roots and audience participation. If you think so too, write to Mr. Keillor at 45 E. 7th St., St. Paul, MN 55101 or email PHC@mpr.org. Couldn't hurt, could it? Might help. Might not.

No more messages, please!

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ORDERING INFORMATION

To order "**Blue Wild Indigo**," or earlier albums "Canned Goods" or "Love & Weather," make check payable to "Ann Zimmerman." Mail to A-Z Music, 3904 N. Ohio, Salina, Kansas 67401-9259. Cost per compact disc: \$15.00. Cost per cassette tape: \$10.00. Cost per poster: \$10.00. Add local sales tax (Kansas residents only) and \$2.00 shipping.

ONLINE: Buy Ann's products through her website "music store" using PayPal and your credit card, or print out an order form and mail it with a check. Blue Wild Indigo is also available at cdbaby.com.

PURCHASE IN A FEW STORES

Kansas fans in the Salina and Manhattan areas can purchase Ann's albums at the following stores: in Salina, The House of Sight & Sound, 1300 S. Santa Fe; and The Smoky Hill Museum Store, 211 W. Iron; in Manhattan, The People's Grocery, 17th & Yuma.

If you look for Ann's music in these stores and don't find it, please let Ann know, and she'll replenish their supply.

**MIXING POLITICS & HISTORY WITH MUSIC:
AN ANCIENT TRADITION**

Ann has been happily singing on behalf of good causes and in honor of historical events for the past few months. She lent her voice to a "Take Back the Night" rally in Manhattan, KS, in May—an effort to end violence against women. Later that month, she helped Beatrice, Nebraska's Homestead National Monument commemorate 1854's Kansas-Nebraska Act, an uneasy compromise in Congress that led to the Civil War. In June, her music wafted over the wide-open Kansas Flint Hills for the Conference on Humans & Nature in Matfield Green, KS.

In July in sight of the big Missouri River, Ann joined Connie Dover, Lisa Harris and Kelly Werts singing ancient songs in honor of Lewis & Clark's historic 1804 expedition. In Topeka in mid July, she added music to a gathering of "Kansans Concerned for Iraq." July ended with a celebration in Salina of the 14th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and all it has done to bring people with disabilities into mainstream society. "Kansans for Justice & Equality" hosted Ann's August concert supporting lawmakers who helped defeat the "Defense of Marriage Act" in the state legislature.

In September she celebrated the historic theater in Russell, Kansas. October found her promoting natural systems agriculture and other radically sane ideas at the Land Institute's Prairie Festival near Salina.

The Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society benefited from Ann's November concert with Connie, Lisa and Kelly in Manhattan, KS; and a performance in North Newton, KS, helped out the Community Mediation Center, part of the the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College. The rest of her music making was just for the joy of it all.

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