



LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

FEBRUARY 2018

Entry \$5 members/\$10 non-members/\$3 children and school students
Horowhenua Scottish Society Hall, cnr Bartholomew Rd and Middlesex St
www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/

CLUB EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Friday 9 February

Concert night with
Esther Swift

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Club night

MARCH 2018

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c/o 106 Kawi Rd, Levin

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[Website](#)

Club Night: Friday 23 February 2018

Come along and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of our club night at the Scottish Hall. It is a great opportunity to perform on your own or jam and join in with others. All welcome 7.30pm, \$2 entry with light supper.

Concert night with Esther Swift



Our guest artist on 9 February is the internationally acclaimed harpist Esther Swift. She is described as an astonishing talent and a rising star on the Scottish folk scene. She is touring NZ and guesting at festivals here. I highly recommend looking her up on You Tube before the concert to get an idea of the wonderful music she creates.

"What one notices immediately is how contemporary her sound is. The harp is used by Swift as less a heavenly instrument and more a bold alternative to the acoustic guitar. Swift's voice is sultry, settling and sensuous as she sings with confidence and a wry smile. Over the sombre vocals of The Scots Pine and breathless Pinus Silvestrus, Swift takes us on a journey through the Scottish landscape that is draped in traditional stylings. There is an organic quality to her playing as she veers dramatically from poised, fluid and precise movements to those rich, dark and sweeping bass notes." (A great way to start the year. Ed)

Blackboard Concert

Bookings for the blackboard slots will open at 7pm. All performances are to be one item of no more than 5 minutes. We look forward to hearing our talented blackboard artists.

Christmas Party

Thanks to everyone who made our end of year concert and party so successful. There were many positive comments on the quality of the performers and of course the supper was outstanding. The committee wish everyone a very happy 2018.

March Concert Night: Hobnail



Our guest artists on 9 March are Hobnail. Their wonderful musicianship, stage presence and connection with the audience makes them welcome visitors.

From humble beginnings in Wellington bars Hobnail have gone on to release seven albums and to tour far, wide, and tirelessly throughout New Zealand. They are 3 time finalists at the New Zealand Music Awards (Best Folk Album and Best Country Song twice). In 2017 they released their seventh album Blue Sky Songs: "Energetic and spirited, the album's music lends itself to being enjoyed live in the great outdoors, surrounded by friends..... joyful free-spirited energy." NZ Musician

With "Jo Moir's barnstorming fiddle", great songs and spectacular harmonies, Hobnail's live show will make your feet move and your heart sing.

Levin RSA hosting a special folk concert with guest artist Alistair Brown on Feb 14



The Levin RSA are hosting a special folk concert featuring Alistair Brown on Wednesday 14th February. The concert will start at 7:30 pm and the door charge is \$10 per person. (No Folk Club members discount). There will not be a black board concert but the bar and Poppies Restaurant will be open.

Poppies is offering Valentines Dinner at \$25, or select from their menu from 5:30 pm.

Audiences at concerts and festivals across North America, Australia, New Zealand and the UK have responded

enthusiastically to his performances, covering the field from big ballads, comic ditties, songs of struggles (usually unsuccessful) against temptation, odes to conviviality and songs of unashamed sentimentality, to outrageously funny stories from a master of the art - all this accompanied by anglo concertinas and button accordion.

"Last night I had the privilege to host an evening at the Devonport Folk Music Club with guest, Alistair Brown, who certainly lived up to his reputation. He held our discerning audience in the palm of his hand whilst singing two sets of songs from the folk club tradition, beautifully accompanied on concertina and introduced with humour and authority. He would be welcome back here anytime."

... Roger Giles, Devonport Folk Music Club, NZ

Club News

Ohau Market

A reminder that our club provides background music at the Ohau Market on the third Saturday of the month. If you would like to play a spot please contact Kevin Watson on 06 368 8337

Other Music Events Coming Up

LILY'S RANCH HOUSE

Thursday 1 February, Muso Nite from 6pm

February Muso Nite is all about "love" - and what song isn't!!! Lily's is open from 6pm \$2 door entry.

Saturday 17 February - Alf Kereama and Pages 7.30pm

A regular at Lily's, Alf Kereama is performing with his band Pages. They will perform country soul and jazz. 7.30pm start \$10 door charge. Bookings essential if you wish to dine. Lily's is open from 6pm

Phone Kathy on 021-438842 to book your table, kathy@lilys.co.nz



Friday 23 February
Parabola West: Purity of Weakness Tour

(Dale writes) Parabola West is absolutely beautiful to listen to; she plays "folktronica" on

keyboards and has 2 EPs out that have received great reviews and sales. She is almost "spiritual" in her song writing but her deeply thoughtful songs have a resonance and draw you in. I can strongly recommend her concert at Lily's on Feb 23rd.

Tsunami Live Concert Venue



Playing 'Live at Tsunami' on Friday March 2nd - Cricket Farm

7.30 - at the Tsunami Lounge - Speldhurst Estate, Eastern Gate, Kimberley Road. Levin

\$15 cash at door, Supper included.

Bookings to Adele 021 161 9154 or adele@tmv.co.nz.

For a fun and eclectic evening, come see Cricket Farm on their North Island Debut Album Release tour. They are an Indie-folk/jazz three piece, who are looking forward to presenting their debut offering, Bending Spoons, a thoughtful and sweet toned body of work described by the band as 'music for hopeless romantic conspiracy theorists'.

The Auckland based act pull together their eclectic mix of musical backgrounds to create a vibrant and sunny 12 track album that combines elements of indie-folk and gypsy-jazz with all the raw honesty of punk. Multidisciplinary members Hayley Robertson, Sims Ross and Joel Vinson who formed the band in 2016, are characters with a quaint and sunny sound.

Comments from Rohan Evans (Wine Cellar) ... Cricket Farm sing so sweetly but then there are these really

intense lyrics, and their dynamic on stage is magic. It's just really good.

Te Takere and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Always lots on at Te Takere and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. Check out their websites for details.

Bent Horseshoe Presents

Bookings Tel 06 329 8808 or email

steve@benthorseshoe.co.nz

Festivals

BOXWOOD NEW ZEALAND 2018

February 15-20, 2018

Waipu, New Zealand

Join us in beautiful and historic Waipu, New Zealand for five days of musical discovery and fun with James Kelly (Irish fiddle), Chris Norman (flutes, small pipes), and Rennie Pearson (DADGAD guitar, flutes, whistle & chef). Boxwood New Zealand is a magical experience with very limited enrolment and small class sizes, so please register early. Our venue for classes, CraigDhu, is located a few miles from Waipu on a majestic headland overlooking Bream Bay; huge thanks to the Craig Family.

We'll be coordinating rides from the Auckland Airport, and there are lots of lodging options in the village of Waipu. Students attend classes daily (Friday-Tuesday) and are encouraged to spend time with each teacher during the course of the week with the aim of discovering connections between oral traditions, expanding musical vocabulary, learning new techniques, broadening their sense of the instrument, and enabling them to find their own musical voice.

The evenings will be filled with social gatherings that include excellent meals, concerts, social dancing, informal gatherings and sessions of music-making with students and teachers alike. While the week in Waipu will emphasize the fiddle, flutes, whistles and pipes, students and players of all instruments at all levels – novice and experienced are welcome. Non-players too!

Visit http://boxwood.org/new_zealand for more information and to register!

Feedback

We welcome your suggestions and recommendations for guest bands/musicians. Comments and feedback from club nights and suggestions or content for the newsletter are always appreciated, either through the website www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/ or directly to a Committee member.

Other Music Clubs in the Region

For details of what's on use their links.

Acoustic Routes

acousticroutes.org.nz/



www.klmc.org.nz

WELLINGTON
BLUEGRASS SOCIETY

wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/

Mainly Acoustic

Second Tuesday, Mayfair
Cafe, Contact: Kevin & Sue
Meehan, 04 970 4008

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The Horowhenua Chronicle supports the LPMC by publishing an article each month advertising our Concert Nights. This is one of the main ways we let our community know what is happening at the club. Thanks to the Chronicle for this important support.