

NA MELE O NA HOKU
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BayFilk V has come and gone all too soon, and as usual it was a many-hued extravaganza of sights and sounds and experiences -- something for everyone! Two of us from Hawaii attended this year -- an all time record! -- and I think I can say we enjoyed ourselves immensely. It was great to meet Joe Haldeman and Buck and Juanita Coulson. Other performers such as Leslie Fish, Heather Alexander and Cecelia Eng delighted and entertained us all.

Next year, Bob Laurent of Wail Songs will be taking over the reins of the Bay Area filk convention with Consonance 1990. This convention will again be held the first weekend in March -- March 2-4, 1990. Hotel to be advised. Guests of Honor will be Barry and Sally Childs-Helton. See the notice elsewhere in this newsletter for membership information.

A new filk-oriented convention is also in the works for next year by the Portland, Oregon filkers. They tentatively plan to hold this convention "sometime during warm weather," largely due to shivering pleas from Hawaii filkers. If Oakland was brisk in early March, just imagine how Portland must have been! More information on this con when it is available. (By the way, Cecelia, how about calling the convention "Northwest Passage?" I think that would be appropriate!) Portland filkers are still discussing whether this should be a separate con or a tie-in with Westercon 43, which is also next year. Any comments on the subject?

Another new filking newsletter, available to anyone for just \$4.00 per year, is "The Filking Times," and it's published by Rick Weiss. If you'd like to subscribe, Rick's address is: 13261 Donegal Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92644-2304.

One more new publication has come to my attention. It's called "MetaFilk," and it's published by Charles Asbornsen. His subscription rates are \$5.00 per year. Charles, like many other people in the filking world, was excited about last year's opportunity to nominate filksongs on the Hugo Awards ballot, and he has decided to let his publication act as a kind of clearing house for future Hugo filk nominations. Filk is currently relegated to the "otherforms" category in the balloting, but we'd all like to push for an eventual separate category for songs/poetry, as we feel the genre has reached the point in its development where it deserves such recognition. Anyway, if you'd like to keep up to date on these and other items of current interest, write to: MetaFilk, c/o Charles Asbornsen, 2026 E. 55th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234.

Visit Waldenbooks in Ward Warehouse for the latest in Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror books. Colleen Lashway or Barbara McMahon will be happy to help you find what you're looking for. Also, pay a visit to Charlie Whitesell of Other Realms, also in Ward Warehouse. He has just about everything you need in comics, games, etc. If he doesn't have it, ask him, and he might be able to find it for you. (Let Charlie know that there is definitely a local market for filk tapes. Tell all your friends, too!)

BONUS SONG OF THE MONTH

FELLOWSHIP GOING SOUTH

by Leslie Fish

What is courage now?
Is it just to go until we're done?
Man may call us heroes
When they can say we've won,
But if we should fail -- ~~what~~ then?
What is courage now? ~~how~~

Mountains to our side,
Standing like a wall against the sky,
Show no path to let us through.
Yet still we search and try.
Silver snow and stone cold blue --
Mountains to our side.

River from the pines,
We can hear your echo far away.
To your banks our step must lead.
Help us on our way,
We who know you. Lend your speed,
River from the pines.

Star above the world,
Speeding down the ways that we must go,
Throw down Light to guide a friend,
Or how else can we know
If there's hope where pathways end?
Star above the world.

(Guitar interlude)

What is courage now?
In the hope we know that holds us fast.
Bear us to that final door,
And win us free at last,
Or we touch this world no more.
What is courage now?

(According to Leslie, this was the first fantasy song she ever wrote. It was inspired by her first reading of J. R. R. Tolkien's LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy, and written soon after. It is a beautiful song and takes its place among my all-time favorites!)

****NEW TAPES****

FIREBIRD ARTS & MUSIC has a host of new tapes just released or coming out in the next month or two. FIRESTORM; SOLAR SAILORS (the tape); and TAPEWORM I were available at BayFilk, and very well received. Coming soon-MAGIC, MOONDUST & MELANCHOLY; OATHBOUND (the tape); Firebird's Performance Series; SONGS OF WONDERLAND by Meg Davis (a beautiful tape for children -- or the young at heart!); and many others. **WAIL SONGS has just released HARLEQUINADE, the first of the NoLaCon concert tapes-\$10.00. Look for more NoLaCon tapes and tapes from Congenial (Misty Lackey was Guest of Honor at this con!). **DAG Productions is due to release solo tapes by Robin Bailey and Larry Warner very soon now. Write for info. **THOR RECORDS has a host of new tapes planned featuring such performers as Larry Warner, Rahul Sariputra, Karen Jolly, Barry and Sally Childs-Helton, Anne Harlan Prather, and many others. Write Thor for more information.

UPCOMING FILK (AND OTHER) CONVENTIONS

CREATION CONVENTION, April 1-2, 1989, Ilikai Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii. For ticket information contact Gary Berman, CREATION CONVENTIONS, 145 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, NY 11501, or call or write Mat Nastos III, Box 1062, Wailua, HI 96791, 955-4137. You can also pick up advance tickets at JELLY'S or SPACE CASTLE.

MARCON XXIV, April 28-30, 1989. Write to: Box 211101, Columbus, OH 43220.

ARCHON 13, July 21-23, 1989, Henry VII Inn, St. Louis, MO. Write to: P. O. Box 50125, Clayton, MO 63015.

CON-CHORD V, October 6-8, 1989, hotel to be advised, Attending Membership rate \$18.00 until March 15, 1989, and supporting memberships \$8.00. Guests of Honor will be Bill Roper and Carol Poore. Write to: Con Chord V, c/o 1810 14th St., #102, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

SOONERCON V, October, 1989. Write to: P. O. Box 1701, Betham, OK 73008.

OHIO VALLEY FILK FEST V, October, 1989, write to P. O. Box 211101, Columbus, Ohio 43221

CONSONANCE 1990, March 2-4, 1990, hotel to be advised. Guests of Honor Barry and Sally Childs-Helton. Memberships \$15.00 through April 15, 1989; later prices to be announced. Write to Wail Songs, P. O. Box 29888, Oakland, CA 94604, (415) 763-6415.

WESTERCON 43, July 5-8, 1990, hotel to be advised. Guests of Honor Ursula K. LeGuin, Vonda N. McIntyre, Kate Wilhelm. Attending Memberships \$25.00 until July 4, 1989; later prices to be announced. Supporting Memberships \$15.00; Children 5 and under-Free; Children 6-12 accompanied by an adult-Half Price. Write: Westercon 43, P. O. Box 5794, Portland, OR 97228, (503) 283-0802.

ORDER FILK TAPE CATALOGUES FROM

FIREBIRD ARTS AND MUSIC INC., P. O. Box 453, El Cerrito, CA 94530, (large selection of studio and convention filk tapes, song books, maps, books, artwork, and other items.) Write for their catalogue.

WAIL SONGS, P. O. Box 29888, Oakland, CA 94604, (large catalogue of convention and studio filk tapes from a variety of sources and lots of folk music.) Write for the catalogue.

DAG PRODUCTIONS, 1810 14th St., #102, Santa Monica CA 90404, (specializes in convention filk tapes. Some new studio tapes due out soon.)

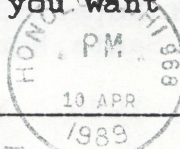
PEGASUS MUSIC, P. O. Box 150471, Arlington, TX 76015-6471, (retails large selection of filk tapes, and many hard to find folk records, tapes and song books). Pegasus also carries many items of interest to SCA members.

THOR RECORDS, P. O. Box 40312, Downey, CA 90241, (deals in filk tapes and some "crossover" or mainstream material.) Write for a price list.

FIREBIRD ARTS & MUSIC is now offering a special Club Discount on orders of \$250 or more. If your order totals this amount, then Firebird will give a 20% discount on all items produced by Firebird/OCI/OCP. This is an incentive for clubs and other groups to save money on bulk orders. Contact Firebird for more information.

Lobby to put filk tapes in your local record and book stores. Ask the store managers if they carry filk tapes. Let them know there's a demand for original music! Let them know where they can order our music! Let bookstore owners know what certain types of filk tapes can do to help boost sales of science fiction and fantasy books!

NEXT HAWAIIAN FILK SONG MEET: Saturday, April 29, 12:00 Noon till Whenever, Thomas Square by Blaisdell Center. If you're traveling by bus, transfer to the #1 or #2 bus downtown and get out by Blaisdell Center. There is a McDonald's and a Burger King nearby if you want snacks or cold drinks.



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