



Announcing the 4th Annual

# Corvallis Contra Dance Weekend

February 15-17, 2008

**TWO** Contra Bands! **TWO** Contra Callers!  
**NO FRILLS, MORE THRILLS**

## **BANDS:**

### **Great Bear Trio** (Fulton, NY)

The Great Bear Trio is quickly becoming one of the most exciting and talked-about contra dance bands in the nation. Brothers Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand are both still in their teens but display a mature and seasoned musicality beyond their years. Great Bear's core instrumentation of twin fiddles and piano (by mother Kim), is augmented by mandolins, guitars, banjo and percussion including the African djembe and the Australian didgeridoo. Their music draws heavily on Celtic and Appalachian fiddling traditions for their melodies, with plenty of room for improvisation and an occasional world beat groove in the rhythm section.

### **The Kitchen Band** (Portland, OR)

This band was formed after an incredible jam at Westwind Dance and Music camp in the kitchen, where the acoustics are the best! They had so much fun, they decided to do it again. If you have been lucky enough to hear them, you know there is magic when they play. All playing in many other bands, their music is varied and deep, from New England contras to spirited Irish to "standards." Betsy Branch and George Penk on fiddle, Heather Pinney on piano and fiddle, Fred Nussbaum on cello, and Todd Silverstein on sax, penny whistle, bouzouki and more.

## **CALLERS:**

### **Beth Molaro** (Asheville, NC)

Dancers from coast-to-coast will tell you that Beth Molaro is fantastic. When she calls, her enthusiasm is contagious and the dance is always a party! She is known for her quick no-nonsense walk throughs and effective teaching for both new and seasoned dancers. You're sure to leave with a feel-good dancing high.

### **Jeremy Korr** (Los Angeles, CA)

A frequently requested caller on both coasts, Jeremy exudes an attitude of warmth and approval towards the dancers and the musicians. He's skilled at choosing dances to fit the crowd, with his main agenda being to show the dancers a good time!

### **SOUND: Wayne Leeds** (Eugene, OR)

A dancer himself, Wayne knows what dancers need to hear. He works closely with each musician to ensure they have what they need to sound their best.

## **Program**

Friday and Saturday evenings feature our bands and callers with a selection of great contras, with a waltz or two or maybe a hambo thrown in. During the day on Saturday and Sunday, workshops will feature more contra with tips and pointers, as well as higher difficulty dances. Other workshops will be available for callers, musicians and singing.

Registration begins at 6pm on Friday, with the first dance at 7:30. The weekend ends at 5:00pm on Sunday. If you wish to extend the weekend, there will be a community contra dance (separate admission, same venue) Sunday evening featuring both bands and both callers.

## **Facilities**

All contra dance sessions takes place in Gaton Hall at the First United Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Road in Corvallis. This hall has a nice wood floor, so please plan to wear clean soft-soled shoes for dancing. **NOTE:** This is a fragrance-free event. Please do not use cologne, perfume, or scented deodorants, soaps or other grooming products. We will provide scent-free hand soap at the dance venues.

## **Food**

There will be a potluck snack Friday and Saturday night. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to share. A comprehensive restaurant list of local eateries will be provided. As well, there will be lunch potlucks hosted at local dancers' homes.

## **Accommodations**

We will arrange home hospitality with area dancers on a first-come, first-served basis. For a comprehensive listing of Corvallis hotels, motels, and campgrounds, check out [www.visitcorvallis.com/lodging](http://www.visitcorvallis.com/lodging).

## **Registration**

**We prefer on-line registration at <http://cfs.peak.org/ccw/register>.** Or, you may mail in this form. If capacity is exceeded, we will use a lottery with all applications received, or postmarked between November 1 and December 11, 2007. Results will be sent by January 8, 2008. Acceptance notification will be made by E-mail in most cases. If you do not hear from us by January 10, please enquire. Checks will be held until acceptance. Those not making the lottery will be placed on a waiting list.

## **Cancellation**

Admission cost refunded less \$10 if canceled by January 31st. After that date, the full fee may be retained. We will attempt to fill vacancies from our waiting list, and issue refunds at our discretion. Please do not find your own replacement or bring illness to share with other dancers. Let us know if that is the reason for your cancellation.

## **Questions**

Check <http://cfs.peak.org/ccw> for updates, schedule details as they become available and on-line registration form.  
E-mail: [cfs.dance.weekend@gmail.com](mailto:cfs.dance.weekend@gmail.com) or call Frank/Karen at 541-745-1002 or William at 541-754-6239.

**REGISTRATION FORM (or register online! See below)**

(For people registering together, please use one form for each person if contact information is distinct.)

Name/Role\* \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Role\* \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not put my  contact info  name in the camp roster

I volunteer to assist \_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_ Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ CFS\*\* members x \$55 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other dancers x \$60 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-dancers button x \$ 5 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Under 25 discount less \$ 15= \_\_\_\_\_ (Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_)

Full weekend rates only!

After 15 January, add a \$ 10 late registration fee PER DANCER.

**HOSPITALITY** (Please tell us only about offers or requests we will handle, NOT about housing you arrange yourself!)

I CAN OFFER HOUSING for (how many people) \_\_\_\_\_

I NEED hospitality for (how many) \_\_\_\_\_

What do you need to tell us about housing? Allergies? Pets? Companions? Other? Non-housing concerns?

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Mail application and full payment (payable to CFS) to:  
Corvallis Contra Weekend, c/o Frank & Karen Griswold  
6575 NW Mt. Laurel Place, Corvallis, OR 97330

OR register online at <http://cfs.peak.org/ccw/register>

\*Role means do you mainly lead, or mainly follow.

\*\*Corvallis Folklore Society. One year membership costs \$9.

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