



Folk Music Society of N.Y., Inc.

N.Y. Pinewoods Folk Music Club

**North  
American  
Urban  
Folk  
Music  
1940-1960**

**A celebration of the North American  
urban folk music community of the  
1940s and 1950s, and a tribute to the  
people who were part of it.**

**Saturday, March 28, 2009**

**LREI - Elisabeth Irwin High School  
40 Charlton Street, New York, NY**

**Participants (subject to last minute changes):**

- Prof. Ray Allen
- Oscar Brand
- Anna Canoni
- Rochelle Goldstein
- Dottie Miller Gutenkauf
- Richard Hawthorne
- Lori Holland
- George Pickow
- Jon Pickow
- Jean Ritchie
- Tony Saletan
- Roger Sprung
- Dr. Anna Lomax Wood
- Hal Wylie
- others to be announced

**Committee:**

- Alan Friend
- Rosalie Friend
- Eileen Pentel
- Steve Suffet (Chair)
- Marilyn Suffet
- Don Wade

**LREI Staff**

- Nick O'Han
- Vin Scialla

The Little Red School House (sometimes simply referred to as LREI) was founded by Elisabeth Irwin in 1921 in New York. It is widely regarded as the city's first progressive school. Founded as a joint public-private educational experiment, the school tested principles of progressive education, advocated since the turn of the 20th century by John Dewey. Little Red postulated that the lessons of progressive education could be applied successfully in the crowded, ethnically diverse, public schools of the nation's largest city; in 1932, the school turned to private funding.

The Little Red School House consists of a lower school, middle school, and a high school, Elisabeth Irwin High School; the institution's head is Philip Kassen. In the 1940s the high-school students at the Little Red School House decided that they wanted the high school to be named after the founder, Elisabeth Irwin making the full title of the school The Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School.

**Sound Reinforcement**

Don Wade - Collegium Sound, Inc.

**Program:**

• **1:00 - 1:50 PM:**

The Urban Folk Music Community: an Overview.

*Tony Saletan, Ray Allen. Nick O'Han (welcome). Rochelle Goldstein, Steve Suffet (moderator)*

• **2:00 - 2:50 PM:**

Women of the Folk Community.

*Rochelle Goldstein, Jean Ritchie, Lori Holland, Dottie Miller Gutenkauf. Eileen Pentel (moderator)*

• **3:00 - 3:50 PM:**

Families of the Folk Musicians (spouses, children, siblings)

*Anna Canoni (Woody Guthrie's granddaughter), Anna Wood (Alan Lomax's daughter), George Pickow (Jean Ritchie's husband), Jon Pickow (Jean Ritchie's son), Rosalie Friend (moderator)*

• **4:10 - 6:00 PM:**

The Songs We Sang

*Participants from LREI staff and/or alumni, Tony Saletan, Dottie Miller Gutenkauf, Lori Holland, Jean Ritchie, Roger Sprung (with Richard Hawthorne and Hal Wylie), Alan Friend (moderator), and others TBA*

• **6:00 - 7:30 PM:** Dinner break

• **7:30 - 10:00 PM:**

Evening concert.

*Oscar Brand, Jean Ritchie, Tony Saletan, Roger Sprung (with Richard Hawthorne and Hal Wylie), Rosalie Friend (MC)*

# GET MORE FOLK!

**Concert: Tony Saletan; Songs from the 1948 Henry Wallace Campaign; *Sunday, March 29, 2:00pm.*** Elisabeth Irwin HS, 40 Charlton Street, NYC. Admission \$20; members and students under 23 are free. Info 718-672-6399.

**Folk open Sing; *Wednesday, April 1, 7-10pm.*** Bring your voice, instruments, friends, neighbors, and children. At the Ethical Culture Society, 53 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. Small donation. 212-533-2139, or 718-788-7563.

**Sea Music Concert: The Washington Square Harp & Shamrock Orchestra plus members of The New York Packet, *Sunday April 5, 3pm.*** South Street Seaport Museum, 12 Fulton St. between South Street and Front Street. Donation, \$5

**Chantey Sing; *Saturday, April 11, 8pm.*** Come to listen or bring instruments, voices and songs. Seamen's Church Institute at 241 Water St, NYC. Small donation. 718-788-7563.

**Concert; John McCutcheon; *Friday, April 17, 7:30pm.*** at the Community Church, 40 E. 35 St, Manhattan. Adm. \$25; children (under 18) \$10. On-line tickets: [www.mccutcheon.eventbrite.com](http://www.mccutcheon.eventbrite.com). 718-672-6399.

**Sacred Harp Singing at St. Bart's, *Sunday, April 19; 2:30pm.*** four-part, unaccompanied sacred singing. Beginners welcome! St. Bartholomew's Ch., 109 E.50 St. Food & fellowship following. Small donation. 212-750-8977

**Woody Rediscovered; *Friday, April 24; 8pm.*** Anne Price and Steve Suffet explore Woody Guthrie's less known songs in this house concert style workshop in South Orange, NJ. Info: e-mail [anacreon@gmail.com](mailto:anacreon@gmail.com) or call 917-710-5493. Donation: \$15. Children & students: \$6.

**Concert; Joe Jencks; *Friday, May 15, 8pm at OSA 220 E. 23rd Street, suite 707 7:30pm.*** Adm. \$20; members and students under 23 are free. Info 718-672-6399. On-line tickets: [www.folkconcert4.eventbrite.com](http://www.folkconcert4.eventbrite.com).

**Spring Folk Music Weekend** at Kislak Adult Center, Lake Como, PA with John Kirk, Trish Miller, Danny Spooner, Val Mindel, and others. For details see the flyer or go online to [www.folkmusicny.org](http://www.folkmusicny.org)

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