

Porch Stomp 2023 (Face-to-Face) Saturday, June 17, 11am - 5pm:

Take the ferry and join us for a free and participatory celebration of American folk music on the porches of Governors Island. See https://www.porchstomp.com for info.

Performers on the FMSNY porch (in alphabetical order) are:

A.J. Wright - A.J. Wright is a distinctive voice in traditional folk who captivates audiences and scholars alike with their connection to maritime music, English folk, and shape note. A.J. has played English concertina for eighteen years, cello for over twenty, and incorporated ukulele, mountain dulcimer, whistle and more into the rotation over the years.





Brooklyn Stoop Singers - The Brooklyn Stoop Singers bring lively choruses, vibrant harmonies and strong voices wrapped around guitar, banjo and mandolin accompaniment to their performances. The group's members have been sharing their eclectic repertoire of sea chanteys, contemporary pieces and songs from the British Isles and the Appalachian Mountains with New York City audiences for decades individually and in other bands. The group unites

Deirdre Bialo-Padin (vocals), Katie Browning (vocals), Chris Carpenter (vocals, guitar, mandolin and whatever other instruments he decides to bring), Elizabeth Hershon (vocals) and Chris Seymour (vocals and banjo).

Copper Santiago - Copper Santiago is a New York City native currently paying rent in Philadelphia. She grew up singing German lullabies with her mom and Sea Chanties with her dad. A full time circus performer, Copper has performed all over the country and on both sides of the Atlantic. Her favorite food is arugula.





Elizabeth LaPrelle & Brian Dolphin - Elizabeth LaPrelle and Brian Dolphin are a married duo who share a love of bright vocal harmonies, eerie traditional songs, and heartfelt originals. Elizabeth is a world-renowned ballad singer and scholar from rural Virginia and Brian is a songwriter, producer, and ethnomusicologist who has studied folk music all over the world.

Liz Hanley & Jefferson Hamer - Liz Hanley is a Brooklyn based fiddle player, violinist, singer and performer across many genres. Vents Magazine states "Liz Hanley is a singer with the sort of crystal-clear, instantly ingratiating voice that has always been a hallmark of progressive folk-rock" and Irish Music Magazine write "Liz Hanley has that uncanny knack and the distinctive voice to reawaken our interest in the



familiar..." Hanley has toured globally with the late great Dr. Mick Moloney and The Green Fields of America, the pop-infused prog-folk-rock band Frogbelly And Symphony and symphonic rock band Emanuel and the Fear. Hanley's debut album of songs and tunes in the Irish tradition "The Ecstasy of St Cecilia" was hailed a "gentle work of beauty" by FolkWorld. Jefferson Hamer is a guitarist, singer, and songwriter from Brooklyn, New York. He has toured and recorded albums with Anais Mitchell (Child Ballads, winner of a BBC2 Folk Award), Sarah Jarosz (as guitarist and harmony singer on her Grammy-nominated Blue Heron Suite), and Session Americana. The Murphy Beds, his long-running traditional folk duo with Eamon O'Leary, has released two self-produced albums, about which the Huffington Post wrote, "[the album] bears repeated listening from start to finish, with ten beautiful, crystalline songs." His original songs and lead guitar work are featured on Alameda, an acoustic and electric collaboration with bassist Jeff Picker and drummer John Fatum, featuring special guests from the NYC folk community and beyond.



Pamela Jean & the Iona Session - Pamela Jean and the Iona Session are THE Scottish trad session in NYC, playing in Williamsburg every Monday night. They were recently filmed for BBC Scotland's documentation of NYC Tartan Week's first Mód singing competition.

Sarah Murdoch - Sarah Murdoch channels the power and depth of singers from another era, while maintaining a contemporary edge. Her repertoire ranges from traditional folk music to original songs that have drawn comparisons to Florence Welch, PJ Harvey, and Joan Baez. She's performed at The Philadelphia Folk Festival, The Knitting Factory, The Folklore Society of Greater Washington, and house concerts across the northeast.





Steven Czajkowski & Matthew Christian - Steven sings Scottish, Irish, and Canadian folk music with guitar and is a regular at the Iona Scottish session in Brooklyn. The amazing Matthew Christian accompanies him today (hopefully). Of Polish ancestry, it is a mystery how he got involved in the Scottish and Irish Trad scene of NYC, but here we are. Steven plays guitar and "fiddles' with the fiddle, but is primarily a singer and actor. He started attending sessions in

the city regularly in 2019, met some amazing musicians (Matthew among them), and the rest is history. He can be found Monday nights at the Iona Scottish session in Williamsburg.



Vanessa Bellew - Vanessa Bellew is an actor and writer, and a wayward daughter of the American South and Southwest. She now lives in Brooklyn, where she spends her time digging deep into songs and stories of every genre to make or to discover those which are delicious to sing, say, feel, and share.