

21st Annual Ralph Page

Dance Legacy



Weekend

*Celebrating the music and dance traditions of
New England past and present*

Callers:

Nils Fredland & Beth Parkes

Music:

Bob McQuillen, Rodney Miller & Elvie Miller

Crowfoot

Friday Night: Ralph Sweet, Calliope

January 18, 19, 20 2008

University of New Hampshire ~ Durham, NH

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The Spirit of the Past, with a vision for the Future...

The New England Folk Festival Association in collaboration with the Center for the Humanities at the University of New Hampshire presents the 21st annual Dance Legacy Weekend to celebrate New England music and dance traditions. This weekend is named in honor of Ralph Page, who was pivotal in sustaining and reviving traditional contra and square dancing in New England.



The Monadnock Folklore Society, the NH State Council on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts have provided us with much appreciated support.

The Callers...

 Nils Fredland teaches music in Keene, NH, and has quickly become one of the most sought after contra dance callers. His calling style gets rave reviews from dancers and musicians alike. Beth Parkes joins us from the Boston area where she is one of the leading contra and square dance callers. For more than thirty years, Beth has been a dancer, caller, and choreographer. Her clear calling style is a dancer's pleasure.



The Musicians...



Calliope - From VT and MA, this band includes Amy Cann, Vince O'Donnell, Norb Spencer, Andy Woodruff, Bruce Randall, Carol Compton, and Marco Brehm. “We match our music to the dances and dancers.”

Bob McQuillen, Rodney Miller, Elvie Miller - Bob is a piano master and 2002 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship recipient. Rodney, New England fiddler extraordinaire, and daughter Elvie, the next generation of great musicians, join Bob for a must-hear combo.

Crowfoot - This band (Adam Broome - guitar, Jaige Trudel - fiddle, and Nicholas Williams - flute, accordion, and piano) produces a fiery mix of traditional and contemporary Celtic music. Their energetic sound is sure to delight.

The Retrospective...

Each year the work of a prominent caller, musician, or dance style is highlighted. The 2008 Dance Legacy Weekend will celebrate caller **Ralph Sweet**, who is renowned for his singing squares.

The Workshops...

On Saturday and Sunday there are workshops for dancers, musicians, and callers. These offer beginners and experienced folks alike an opportunity to polish their skills with guidance from our talented performance staff.

The Banquet and Grand Dance...

Saturday evening festivities include a banquet, **by pre-registration only**, and the Grand Dance, events not to be missed. Festive attire suggested.

The Weekend Syllabus...

An excellent reference resource, describing in detail the dances done and tunes played, will be available after the weekend, for a nominal fee.

The Venue...

All of the dancing and workshops take place in the Memorial Union Building (MUB) on the UNH campus. This spacious facility offers convenience and accessibility. UNH is the home of the New Hampshire Library of Traditional Music and Dance, which includes the Ralph Page and Ted Sannella collections.

The Weekend Schedule...

Preliminary schedule; for the full schedule see the website at www.neffa.org after January 1.)

Friday: Welcome Dance Party.

Saturday: Dancing all day! Workshops on dance, music, and calling. Retrospective dance session, celebrating Ralph Sweet.

Sunday: More dancing and workshops. Farewell dance party.

Scholarships...

Attention aspiring dance musicians and callers! The Ralph Page Memorial Fund has resources to support your attendance. This is your chance to learn from the masters. For information on scholarships, contact Marianne Taylor at 603-436-7771.

Work-Exchange...

We can use your help at the weekend. Volunteer for several hours and attend the Weekend for only \$20 admission (meals not included). The number of

volunteers is limited. Apply early! Contact Peter Thompson for more information at pjt3@cisunix.unh.edu (preferred) or 603-942-7659.

Accommodations...

The New England Center (800-590-4334) and the Holiday Inn Express (603-868-1234), both conveniently located in Durham, are holding a limited number of rooms. Reserve by Dec. 18th and ask for the UNH/Ralph Page Weekend group rate. For a list of other lodgings in the NH Seacoast area see the website, www.neffa.org. For hospitality in local homes or other information about accommodations, contact Peter Thompson at pjt3@cisunix.unh.edu (preferred) or 603-942-7659.



Registration & Cost...

(Note: Lodging accommodations are separate.)

The full Weekend program cost is \$70 if paid in advance, \$75 at the door, not including meals.

→ **1st Timer Special price is \$50.** This rate is available by preregistration only and for those who have never before pre-registered for the Full Weekend.

→ **Students 12-25, Half price. Children under 12 free.**

Tickets to individual sessions are available at the door. Fri. evening, Sat. morning, Sat. afternoon, and Sun. morning - \$12 each. Sun. afternoon - \$7. Grand Dance - \$20.

→ **Meals are an additional cost and are available only by pre-registration.** Luncheons are \$15 each, and the Banquet is \$32. (Sorry, aside from a basic vegetarian option, we cannot accommodate special dietary needs.)

→ **Registrations that include meals must be received by 12/31/2007!**

Need More Information?

Accommodations, Hospitality, and Work Exchange: Peter and Thelma Thompson, pjt3@cisunix.unh.edu, 603-942-7659.

Scholarships: Marianne Taylor, PO Box 94, Deerfield, NH 03037, 603-463-7771, taylorgorman@juno.com.

Registration: Bob Jervis, PO Box 685, Amherst, NH 03031, rplwdancer@yahoo.com, 603-672-3231.

General Information: Patrick Stevens, 603-436-8372.

Web site: www.neffa.org

Registration Form

send to: **NEFFA-RPDLW, c/o Bob Jervis, PO Box 685, Amherst, NH 03031**

Name #1: _____

Name on the nametag (if different): _____

Street: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please do not include me in the dancers directory

Full Weekend Program: \$70 Adult \$50 1st Timer \$35 Student under 12 free

\$20 Work Exchange (upon acceptance by Peter Thompson)

Meals: \$62 all meals \$15 Sat lunch \$32 Banquet \$15 Sun lunch,

Omnivore Vegetarian

Name #2: _____

Name on the nametag (if different): _____

Street: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Additional donation to the Ralph Page Memorial Fund: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks (US funds only) payable to: **NEFFA-RPDLW**