



Spring 1998 at TFMS...

Whether ballads with deep folk roots, or topical songs straight from the headlines, the [Triangle Folk Music Society](#) had quite a "spring semester," starting out with great shows by Tom Paxton, Peggy Seeger and Greg Greenway, and a regular weekly open-mike session for songwriters in the Chapel Hill area.

More TFMS 1998 events will be coming soon, and will be listed on the club [TFMS home page](#). Until then, you'll find links to other sources of music information farther along in the [TFMS resource pages](#) and [folk-web connections](#).

Recent events...



Tom Paxton, the legendary singer-songwriter who has been entertaining audiences at coffeehouses, concerts and festivals for over 30 years, was the TFMS concert artist for March, filling Skylight Exchange for two terrific sets.

Another web page quotes Nancy Griffith saying, "I think we were all born singing Tom Paxton songs." See for yourself: [this discography](#) of Tom's titles from "Ramblin' Boy" and "The Marvelous Toy & Other Gallimaufry" to "One Million Lawyers And Other Disasters" (and many more) is one place to start.

If you want to sing along, there's a collection of [songbooks](#) at Cherry Lane, his publisher. For a [full biography](#), see the information site run by Tom's [booking agency](#).

Peggy Seeger, singer, songwriter, instrumentalist, folklorist, author and activist **was** going to help us mark the end of the year with a concert in December, but came down with a cold and postponed her appearance to April 3. Whether pre-Christmas or Spring celebration, her performance was worth waiting for... Here's some background in case you missed the show and want to follow our links to Peggy's music.



"She doesn't call herself a folksinger but rather a singer of traditional and contemporary songs," according to one of her wonderful [pegseeger.com](#) Web pages.

"She has one foot in the past and another in the present and is always walking towards the future."

In 1995 Peggy and Jim Lloyd, a BBC producer, won the Sony Silver award for a 6-part series of shows in which Peggy talked about her life, 30 years of which were spent in the heart of the British folk music scene. Sibling of Pete Seeger and Mike Seeger, she has moved to Western North Carolina and recently published collections of [her own songs](#) ("I'm Gonna Be an Engineer" and dozens more)

and songs by her late husband, Ewan McColl, who died in 1989. (In fact, his best-known song, "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," was written for her.)



Singer-songwriter **Greg Greenway** was May's entry in this outstanding lineup. He's also one of the growing crowd of folks with their own Web domain names, greggreenway.com, where you'll find tons of information and even an email list you can join. His agent (same as Tom Paxton's) has [another Greg Greenway web site](#). Reviewers (of the music, not the web sites), describe his performances with phrases like "foot-stomping passion" and "winning and credible between-song intimacy."

The Internet Folk DJ List named his 1995 record "Singing For The Landlord" a top five album of the year... He has performed at Carnegie Hall in the New York Singer/Songwriter Festival, which was rebroadcast on NPR's World Cafe, and at the WHYY Phil Ochs Concert in Philadelphia with Joan Baez, Dar Williams, Tom Paxton, and keeps showing up on "best of..." lists and in the best of company...

Songwriters Contest inspires open-mike sessions

The first-ever [TFMS Songwriters Contest](#) was a roaring success... so much so that TFMS now plays host to the Monday night "open mike" session at Skylight Exchange on Rosemary Street in Chapel Hill.

The "Songwriters' Open Mike" is meant to be a musician-friendly space for local songwriters and poets to share their work. Sessions are every Monday from 8 to 10:30 p.m., with sign-up at 7:30 if you want to play.

There is a P.A. with monitors, three mikes and three inputs for pickups. To keep things moving along, there's a two-song limit.

Each week we'll feature a different local performer as a special guest for a short set. For further info please call The Skylight Exchange at 933-5550.

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