

# Folk Music Festival in Vancouver brings talent spill-off to Seattle

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Vancouver, B.C., will hold its fourth annual Folk Music Festival — one of the largest in North America — this weekend, and Seattle will share in its wealth of talent.

A number of artists scheduled for the festival will stop over here before or after.

One is Sweet Honey in the Rock, a black, female vocal quartet from Washington, D.C., who will perform at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Moore Theater.

The group sings a cappella, accompanying itself with a few percussion instruments. It blends traditional African rhythms with contemporary folk and gospel harmonies.

The group's lyrics often deal with black concerns, women's rights and liberation movements. But its concerts are not serious affairs — they are lively, upbeat and usually involve audience participation. The group was featured in the "No Nukes" concert, film and soundtrack.

Tickets for tomorrow's concert, priced at \$6, are available at The Bon Ticket Place and suburban outlets.

**Hot Rize**, one of the nation's finest bluegrass bands, plays at 8:30 p.m. July 23 in the Seattle Concert Theater.

The Colorado quartet emphasizes classic bluegrass as played by Flatt & Scruggs. The band took its name from the "miracle ingredient Hot Rize" in Martha White Flour, which sponsored Flatt & Scruggs on the Grand Ol' Opry in the 1950s and '60s.

The group is made up of four exceptional musicians. Pete ("Dr. Banjo") Wernick is a leading banjo player and teacher who has written several popular instruction guides. He is known for his innovative playing style.

Tim O'Brien, the fiddler, is a versatile musician and singer. Charles Sawtelle, the guitarist, also has a fine singing style. Nick Forster is the band's bass player, harmony vocalist and witty emcee.

Tickets for the concert, priced at \$7, are available at Elliott Bay Books, A Different Drummer Books, Globe Books and Farmer's Music. There are discounts for children, seniors and Seattle Folklore Society members.

**Elizabeth Cotten**, 88, a legend in American folk music, and Mike Seeger, a founder of the New Lost City Ramblers, will share the bill at 8 p.m. July 25 in Pigott Auditorium at Seattle University.

Cotten is a living repository of folk and blues. She is the author of "Freight Train," a folk classic, and sings traditional spirituals, ragtime, country blues and songs dating back to slavery. Seeger has been a leading

performer and collector of rural Southeastern traditional music since the 1950s. His music is that of mountain farmers, mill workers and coal miners, which evolved into bluegrass and country-Western music. Seeger plays fiddle, banjo, guitar, dulcimer, mandolin, autoharp, jew's-harp, panpipes and harmonica.

Tickets for the concert, priced at \$6, are available at Left Bank Books, City People's Mercantile, It's About Time Books, Elliott Bay Books, Cellophane Square Records and Red & Black Books.

The fourth annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival will open at 5 p.m. July 17 and continue from 10 a.m. to midnight July 18 to 19 at Jericho Beach Park. More than 60 individuals and groups are scheduled, including Meg Christian, Stefan Grossman, Si Khan, Mary McCaslin, Faith Petric, Utah Phillips, Jim Post, Jim Ringer, Sukay, Dave Van Ronk, Townes Van Zandt, Eric von Schmidt, Rosalie Sorrels, Terry Garthwaite and

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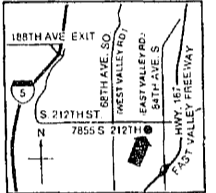
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