



RICHMOND FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

Bringing the finest traditional folk music to Richmond, Virginia

The Richmond Folk Music Society is a not for profit organization dedicated to preserving and encouraging traditional folk music. From September through May, we present monthly acoustic concerts featuring a variety of traditional music styles.

**Saturday, February 26, 2011,
8:00 pm**

Aloha Y'all!

"Hawaiian Echoes in American Music"

Gregg Kimball, Charles Arthur and Ron Curry

"Aloha, Y'all" is a fascinating multimedia program on Hawaiian music and its influence on American song and culture. The program was inspired by **Ron Curry** and **Gregg Kimball's** research into the Tubize Royal Hawaiian Orchestra. A band made up of workers at a Hopewell, Virginia, rayon plant, the group appeared monthly on WRVA radio and recorded twice for Okeh Records. The Tubize band highlights the craze for Hawaiian music in America that began in the 1890s and its influence on Southern culture.



After the United States annexed Hawaii in 1898, the music of the islands began to make a significant impact on American culture. Hawaiian musicians became popular recording and performing artists in this country, and Americans began playing their exotic and exciting music. Americans and Hawaiians traded musical ideas, and Hawaiian slide guitarists integrated jazz, blues, and popular music into their repertoires. Likewise, Americans brought Hawaiian techniques to bear on bluegrass and blues.

Musicians Gregg Kimball, Charles Arthur, and Ron Curry will weave live musical performance, rare historical recordings, and evocative images into a fascinating and informative session of serious fun. Aloha Y'all!

Concerts held at Congregation Or Ami, 9400 W. Huguenot Rd., Richmond, VA. For more information or to purchase/reserve tickets visit www.richmondfolkmusic.com or call 804-647-7856. Doors open at 7:15, concerts starts at 8:00 pm