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Dear Member of Buffalo Friends of Folk Music:

Since 1988, Buffalo Friends of Folk Music (BFFM) has presented concerts, sing-arounds, and other activities centered around traditional and contemporary acoustic music. We have brought in performers from all over the USA and Canada and even from Scotland and Ireland, as well as many outstanding local artists. We have continued as a not-for-profit organization operated almost entirely by our members.

The Board has been rebuilding and trying to modernize our methods and accommodate new business conditions, including the demise of free ads in the Buffalo News and free weeklies, the aging of many volunteers and our equipment, and limitations of space in the lovely Village Meeting House, while expectations of our audience rise, for example, for advance tickets and credit card use.

Recently we were awarded a grant from Erie County that will help us to move forward. Among other things, the Board is attempting to reorganize our membership records so that we have an accurate count of current members and a quick way to communicate in case of changes to our schedule. To eliminate confusion, we are standardizing renewal dates, August 1 to July 31, our fiscal year. We hope to expand our membership and outreach to the public. If you renew your membership now, it will be valid until July 31, 2027.

We plan to have a picnic for all our members next summer. We hope you can attend! We need your help too. We especially need a new treasurer and a new webmaster. We also need more volunteers at the concerts, and people with skills in publicity or accounting. We'd love to hear from you. Please speak to a Board member at a concert or write a comment on the Facebook page.

Our spring season looks great! Please visit our new and improved Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574644379822>] and "like" us. The website ([www.buffalofolkmusic.org](http://www.buffalofolkmusic.org)) also lists upcoming events and includes a membership form. One is attached here as well.

Buffalo Friends of Folk Music  
Membership Form

Name(s):

Address:

Phone number:

Email address:

Individual membership: \$15      Family membership: \$20

Turn this in at a concert or mail to      BFFM membership  
c/o Keith Hoffman  
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