





## Aaffm General Information

Atlanta Area Friends of Folk Music, Inc. (Aaffm) is an all-volunteer IRS designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional folk music and arts in the greater Atlanta and Southeast regional areas.

Aaffm was founded in 1975 by folks who love traditional music and dance. Aaffm has grown to encompass a large and diverse group of people who support and enjoy traditional and contemporary acoustic performing arts. Aaffm activities include presenting the monthly coffeehouse concert Fiddler's Green, sponsoring or co-sponsoring special concerts and workshops, helping organize picking parties, funding scholarships for the Frank Hamilton School, and maintaining a website.

**Fiddler's Green** is a monthly coffeehouse concert that Aaffm has sponsored almost continuously since 1986. We present an eclectic variety of excellent local and touring acoustic music performers the third Saturday evening of the month. All admission proceeds above venue rent go to the performers. Membership dues pay the BMI/ASCAP license fees and miscellaneous expenses of operation.

Your membership dues also support scholarships for deserving youth to take classes at the **The Frank Hamilton School**. Modeled after the famous Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago, the school's philosophy is that everyone who walks through the door is a musician, and classes are designed to develop each person's interests and talent. The school offers several six-week sessions throughout the year so that students can progress at the pace most comfortable for them. Aaffm grants tuition for a young student selected by the school for a class each term our membership revenue will support. More information about the school is at <http://frankhamiltonfolkschool.org>

Our **website** at [www.aaffm.org](http://www.aaffm.org) includes information about Aaffm activities as well as other folk music-related activities in the Atlanta area -- contra, folk and international dance; articles about Celtic, Cajun, blues and other roots music; shape note singing; and various other folk/acoustic activities, events, broadcasts and performances; links to local bands, traditional music radio stations, music stores, etc. Our website and associated Facebook page comprise the single most comprehensive source for folk/acoustic music information available in the region.

Annual membership dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families, \$35 sustaining members. E-mail [membership@aaffm.org](mailto:membership@aaffm.org) for membership information, or use the form on our website.