

NOTES FROM...



THE DENVER FOLKLORE CENTER IS REOPENING!

Curbside Service 12-5 p.m. Daily Beginning May 15th

Based on Mayor Hancock's plan to reduce restrictions in early May, the Denver Folklore Center is planning a soft reopening beginning with curbside service from noon-5 p.m. daily on **Friday, May 15th**. You'll be able to call ahead to place your order and make a credit card payment by phone, and then call us again when you're ready for your purchases to be delivered to the curb for pickup. Strings, picks, capos, straps, music books and other accessories will be available for purchase, as well as instruments.

If all goes well - for us and the city of Denver - we plan to open the doors for in-store purchases

on **Friday, May 22nd**. Health-related restrictions will remain in place, but you will once again be able to explore our offerings and be part of this special music community. Staff and customers will need to wear masks and keep a safe distance, and our hand sanitizing stations will be ready for use. The number of customers in the store at any given time will be limited to allow access while maintaining adequate distancing.

Thank you to those who made purchases through our online store during our closure or brought us repairs to send to our repair guru, John Rumley. Our store has been a part of Denver's music scene for nearly 60 years because of the loyalty of repeat customers, the commitment of those who believe in supporting local businesses and the special culture that is unique to the Denver Folklore Center.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.



Take an Online Lesson

Whether you're a beginner looking to strum your first instrument or an experienced musician ready to take your skills to the next level, we can connect you with an instructor to fit your musical level and style.

Check out our list of recommended teachers [here](#).



Ask Us

How do I keep my instrument from drying out?

Wooden instruments, especially all solid wood instruments (i.e. expensive) are susceptible to problems from temperature and humidity changes, especially if you live in a dry state (see Colorado). Proper humidification can solve these problems and there are many methods to use, including room humidifiers and humidifiers for soundholes and cases, and using a combination of all of these. Check out our blog post regarding humidification [here](#).



What People Are Saying About Us

“One of the many pleasures of living in Denver is the Denver Folklore Center. It is the perfect antidote to the "Walmartization" of the music business. This is a place

where real musicians who love all things acoustic come together to share that love and provide us with special instruments that make the world a better place. If you're thinking about purchasing a guitar, Uke, mandolin, banjo , harmonica, accessories or if you're looking for that perfect gift for a musician friend, go and see Saul, Claude and their amazing team who are continuing the legacy of the legendary Colorado Music Hall of Fame inductee, Harry Tuft. You'll be pampered and make new friends while helping our local economy. It's a win-win.”

– Joe B.

In Memoriam – John Prine

We note with sadness the passing of one of the greats in the music industry, John Prine. He was 73 years old when he passed away recently due to complications of the COVID 19 virus. John was a master craftsman of songwriting as well as performing. His songs were like perfectly written short stories that touched on so many aspects of the human condition. In any given song he could use sorrow, pity, humor, joy, and every emotion in between to touch the lives of his listeners. Like so many great artists he made it look so easy and natural. It would be hard to find anyone who has played the guitar over the past 50 years who does not know at least one John Prine song. For many fans John was their inspiration to learn the guitar and sing because his songs touched a special place in their souls. We will miss him very much.





Learning Center Spotlight

The Rise of the Ukulele

There's a whole lot of uke-in' going on! Ukes are everywhere right now, from movies to TV and radio commercials to popular artists like Eddie Vedder and Paul McCartney. Ukes have become the hottest instrument since the guitar. Needless to say, ukes are here to stay. Read about the mighty little uke at our [learning center](#).



Q&A with the Denver Folklore Center

Q. Does the Denver Folklore Center offer repair services?

A. Absolutely! The Denver Folklore Center has a full-service shop for all your musical instrument repair needs. We service acoustic and electric guitars, banjos, mandolins,

ukuleles and basses, as well as more exotic instruments like dulcimers, autoharps and bouzoukis. We work with you to solve any problems your instruments are experiencing. Often small adjustments that we can make in the showroom resolve common issues like string buzz at minimal cost.

When more complex and delicate repairs are needed, we turn to John Rumley who has been the head of our instrument repair shop for over 20 years. He brings expertise and experience as a luthier to every customer interaction. In addition to being an asset to the Denver Folklore Center's customers, John is a skilled performer and an accomplished builder of guitars. For more details, including a list of common repairs and prices, see our repairs page [here](#).

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