



**Notes From...**





## **The Holidays Are Almost Here!**

There's so much going on at the store this month and we want to share it with you! First, learn how the Denver Folklore Center can help you finish your holiday shopping early! Then, meet Angus Ogg, one of our Instrument Specialists! And have you heard "Flatt and Scruggs at Carnegie Hall"? We highly recommend you do! Then we pay tribute to the late singer/songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker. And Blueridge guitars are back! Their quality and affordability are too good to pass up. Next, did you know Arlo Guthrie is retiring? Read all about it. Finally, learn how to protect your musical instruments from the harsh dryness as we move into the winter months. There's a lot to learn, so let's get started!

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## **We've Made the Holidays Merrier since 1962!**

The holidays are approaching fast, so grab your list, check it twice and head over to the Denver Folklore Center (in person or [online](#)) - your one-stop shop for all your musical instrument needs.

Come in and enjoy a risk-free instrument purchase of a new [guitar](#), [banjo](#), [mandolin](#), [ukulele](#) or other quality [instrument](#) from great brands like Taylor, Martin, Guild, Blueridge and many more. Choose [accessories](#) like strings, picks, instrument cases and straps, and check out our selection of amps from Fishman and AER. And this is just to start! Come in, call or visit our website and see our huge selection of inventory from top makers.

Don't know what to buy for that special someone? Our staff can help you find the perfect gift for your music-loving family and friends (and pick up something special for yourself too)! We make it easy - we listen, demo and ship! [Gift Cards](#) are also available in any denomination, delivered to you or the recipient via email.

Want to avoid the lines and crowds? [Call](#) or shop with us online! We offer curbside pickup and shipping is always [FREE!](#)

Start and finish your holiday shopping early this year with us!

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## Staff Focus - Angus Ogg

Angus Ogg is an Instrument Specialist at the Denver Folklore Center. He grew up in Everson, Washington playing violin and has been strumming the guitar since his early teens. While at Western Washington University, he studied music composition, classical voice and learned to play the piano.

In July 2019 Angus moved to Denver and that September began working at the store. "I found the Folklore Center shortly after moving to Denver while driving to my previous job. As it turned out, they were hiring at the time, and I jumped at the opportunity. It's the first time I've really loved what I do and have been excited to come to work every day. I've even picked up the mandolin since I've worked here."

While Angus enjoys a broad range of music, his focus is contemporary folk, modern classical/experimental and indie rock. He's also interested in DIY recording and some of the new tech computers provide to both record and make music. Angus says, "The person who made me want to pick up the guitar as a kid was David Gilmour from Pink Floyd, and the person who made me want to join choir in high school was Chris Cornell from Soundgarden."

Angus values the close-knit working environment and the friendships he's built with coworkers at the store. He loves the opportunity to learn about the instruments and new things about music in general. "The Denver Folklore Center is the best thing that's happened to me since moving to Colorado."



**We Recommend...**

## **Flatt and Scruggs at Carnegie Hall**

In 1963 the most popular bluegrass act of the day - Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs and The Foggy Mountain Boys - played Carnegie Hall. This was a watershed moment for bluegrass music! It wasn't so much that sophisticated New Yorkers were finally accepting this hillbilly sound, it was that the powers that ran Carnegie Hall concluded these good old boys could make them some money. And let's face it, that's what showbiz has always been about.

This album was a recording of nearly the complete show. For folks who didn't have access to live bluegrass entertainment, this gave them a strong, delicious taste of what they were missing. It featured virtuoso playing, classic bluegrass

music, lonesome singing and even some cornball humor. It was a perfect sampler of a growing genre of music that would continue getting more popular. If you've never heard this album you would be well advised to give it a listen - go [here](#).

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## Jerry Jeff Walker

Outlaw country singer and “Mr. Bojangles” songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker passed away in October at 78 years of age, after a long battle with throat cancer.

He was a member of the Greenwich Village folk scene in the 1960s and a founding member of the band Circus Maximus. In the 1970s, Walker was prominent in the hippie-country music movement in Austin, Texas, along with Willie Nelson, Ray Wylie Hubbard and Michael Martin Murphey.

Walker released his live album *Viva Terlingua!* in 1973 – a classic to fans of outlaw country music – and had much success over the years, but “[Mr. Bojangles](#)” is the song he is best known for. First, Walker wrote and recorded it in 1968. Then the song became a hit for the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and other artists like Bob Dylan, Dolly Parton, Nina Simone, Neil Diamond and, most notably, Sammy Davis Jr.

Watch this [episode](#) of "The Next Waltz," featuring Jerry Jeff Walker, as he discusses everything from internal rhymes and songwriting to settling down in Texas.

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## Blueridge Guitars Are Back!

Blueridge Guitars are high quality instruments which perfectly meld sound, feel and affordability. They are designed and built by the Saga Music Company, which also manufactures Kentucky Mandolins and Regal Resophonic instruments. [Blueridge Guitars](#) are best known for their historic and pre-war reproductions of classic American guitars and their level of construction and price points are unmatched! Watch and listen to a Blueridge Acoustic guitar demo [here](#).

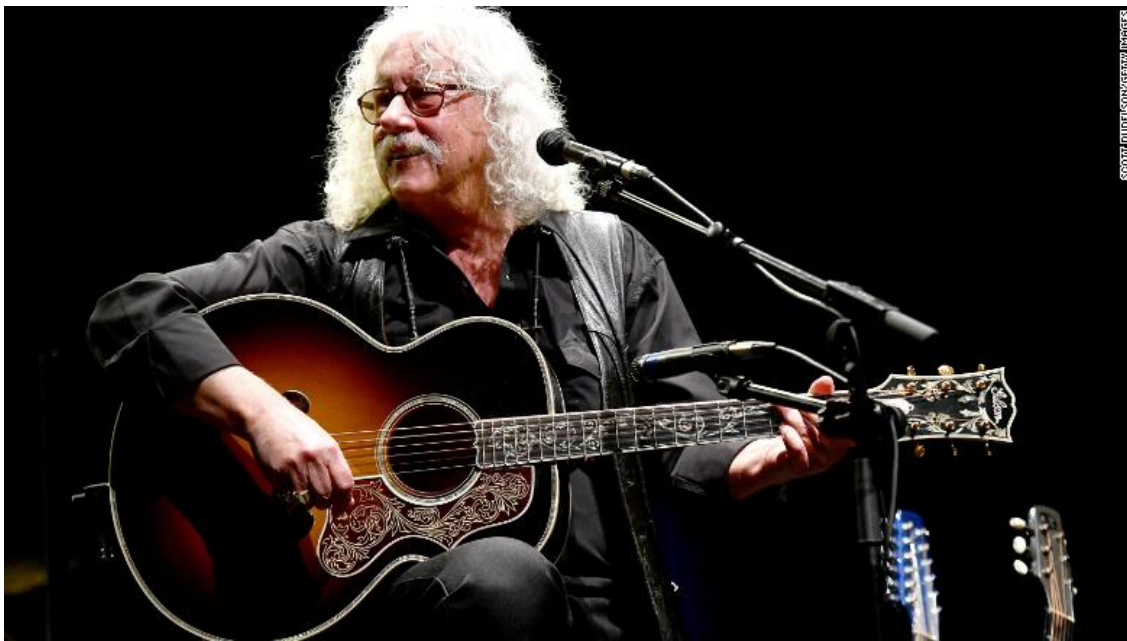
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## What People Are Saying About Us

*"I get all my acoustic gear at the Denver Folklore Center. Knowledgeable, friendly staff, convenient location, parking in back and a nice selection of acoustic instruments and accessories. They'll repair your guitar here too - they do a nice job! If you need acoustic gear, support your local community and go here!" – David S.*

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## Musician Spotlight - Arlo Guthrie

Activist, prolific songwriter, singer and master storyteller Arlo Guthrie has announced his retirement from the stage. The folk singer, famous for his classic epic-length album "Alice's Restaurant", doesn't explain exactly why he's retiring, but in a post on his website called "[Gone Fishing](#)," he says a series of health issues has made performing difficult.



Guthrie, son of folk legend Woody Guthrie writes: "It's been a great 50+ years of being a working entertainer, but I reached the difficult decision that touring and stage shows are no longer possible. I've cancelled the upcoming shows and am not accepting offers for new ones."

Listen to the Thanksgiving Day classic "Alice's Restaurant" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m57gzA2JCcM>

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## From Our Learning Center

### It's Time to Start Humidifying Your Cherished Instruments!

Our weather for the past few months has been unusually dry, even for Colorado. Here at the Denver Folklore Center our customers have brought in a number of instruments (particularly guitars) suffering from the effects of dryness: low action, sharp fret ends and the thing that nobody wants to see - CRACKS! Go [here](#) to learn how to keep your instruments properly humidified and safe this winter.

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