

# ConCertino '99 Progress Report

The Ninth Northeast Filk Convention

May 1999 issue

Pre-registration deadline  
June 12, 1999

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## HOTEL

**Westborough Marriott**, located at the intersection of Routes 9 & 495, 1 hour outside of Boston. Call 1-800-635-3996, mention ConCertino for \$60.00/night rate for rooms 1-4 occupants. Block reserved until June 18, 1999.



## How to Contact Us

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## MEMBERSHIPS

US\$35.00 to **June 1, 1999.**

US\$40 from June 1 to the con, and at the door.

Please mail any pre-registrations by **June 12.**

Children under 12 (*in-tow*) are free.

Supporting memberships are \$10, include progress report(s) and program songbook, and can be converted to attending by paying the difference in price.

At-con registration opens Friday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m.

One day memberships are available:

Friday, \$15

Saturday, \$30

Sunday, \$15

International Members: if you have trouble sending a check for U.S. funds, you can still register at the pre-registration price (US\$35) at the door by returning the pre-registration form by June 12.

## Programming

Programming for ConCertino '99 promises to be filled to the brim. Our opening reception on Friday evening will start off with a bang. We will have theme concerts, guest concerts, workshops, a gala Interfilk Auction, two-shots, song-writing contest, and, of course, *lots* of open filking. Saturday's banquet will continue the theme of "Do It Yourself". Look inside for more...

# Guests

## Guests of Honor

### Bill and Brenda Sutton

Our Guests of Honor this year are Bill and Brenda Sutton, from Atlanta, Georgia. Accomplished musicians and songwriters (expecting a new album out by the end of 1999), active filk administrators (Bill is the Southern U.S. Interfilk Director, and the conchair of GAFilk), Bill and Brenda met on the Compuserve SF&Fantasy forum, and have been avid filkers for 15 years. They also play Irish music in and around Atlanta as “Bed and Breakfast.”

## Toastmaster

### Ed Hutnik

Our Toastmaster is Ed Hutnik, from New Haven, Connecticut. Ed has been singing forever, parodizing since before he knew what filk was, and had his first filk performance at NoreasCon 3 (in 1989). He has been part of the SCA for 19 years, and has been gifted with a beautiful baritone (but listen to the content, too). Ed is also a collector of alternative music.

## Listener Guest

### Mike Browne

Our Listener Guest is Mike Browne, conchair of Contata 98, husband of Rennie Levine, and father of Liam Browne. Mike is best known for his songwriting and truffle-making skills, masquerading as Count Spatula at cons across North America.

## Interfilk Guest

### Alan Thiesen

Our Interfilk Guest is Alan Thiesen, an organizer of filk on the west coast since the early 1980's, chair of the 1998 Consonance, and author of such memorable songs as “The Alfred G. Packer Memorial Cafeteria Song” and “Wishful Thinking.”

# Song Contests

We have *two* song contests at ConCertino:

## Theme Filk Contest/Concert

In honor of Guest of Honor, Bill Sutton, we invite filk songs with the theme *Do It Yourself*. Songs must have been written after Contata '98 (July 12, 1998). You can sign up at the con to perform your song or designate a proxy to perform it for you. Performance of the theme contest entries will be after the banquet, Saturday night.

## Instafilk Contest/Concert

There will be an instafilk contest at the con. The subject will be announced at the beginning of the con. Songs must be written during the con. Sign up any time before the concert on Sunday to perform your song or designate a proxy to perform it for you. Group efforts are allowed.



## Banquet

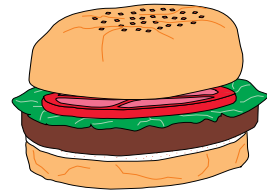
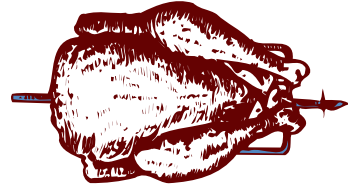
Our Banquet will be held Saturday evening in the Marriott's fabulous rain-or-shine permanent pavillion. We will feature a cookout, with chicken, beef kabobs, hamburgers & hot dogs as well as the traditional extras and fixin's.

Vegetarian and kosher also available (by advance request only).

There will be a special entertainment event at the banquet. What is it? Buy a banquet ticket and find out!

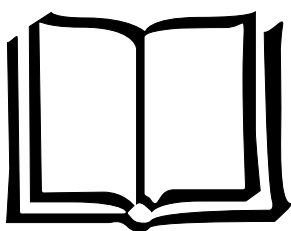
The cost is \$25.00 per person. Children 4–12 are half price. Children under 4 are free.

**Book now** for this special event.



# Seeking Songs for Singing

We are seeking songs for our limited edition ConCertino program/song book. Send your contributions by e-mail to [dgendron@massed.net](mailto:dgendron@massed.net), or by snail mail to M.A.S.S. F.I.L.C., 18 Cottage Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474. **The deadline is June 1.** If we use your song, you will receive a free copy of the book. Songs with original tunes should include sheet music, a tape, or a standard MIDI or Finale file. Submissions will be returned only if accompanied by a SASE.



# Rise Up Singing

A rousing group sing-along from the popular songbook. Bring your copy.

# Choral Performance

Join us for a four-part arrangement of filk songs led by Ed Stauff. There will be two rehearsals (Friday and Saturday) before the final performance. Everyone is welcome.

The songs have not been chosen yet. Contact us closer to the con if you want to get music, or just show up at the first rehearsal.



# Performers

A partial list of those who are going to do 20-minute sets on Friday night or Sat. afternoon or night.

Mary Ellen Wessels  
Bill Wells  
Dave Weingart  
Ed Stauff  
Erica Neely  
Judith Hayman  
Gary Ehrlich  
Heather Borean

# Two-fers Concerts

Sign up at the con to perform one or two songs. This is an excellent opportunity for the beginner or shy singer, as well as the more experienced: a limited performance for an appreciative audience.

# Oldies & Classics

How long has it been since you've heard *Carmen Miranda's Ghost* or *Banned from Argo*? Too long or not long enough?

To filk Mark Twain, a classic is a song that everyone liked and no one wants to sing anymore.

If you're new to filk and have been wondering what we've been talking about, come to the Oldies session.

# Interfilk Auction

There will be an Interfilk auction on Saturday. Bring your money and support this good cause. Bring donations *too*, this *is* a charity auction.

# Workshops

*Tips, Tricks and Technique*—basic vocal workshop for all experience levels (including the confidence impaired!): Mary Ellen Wessels (MEW)

*Thrills and Trills*—advanced vocal workshop - for those who attended part 1 or those with more experience: Mary Ellen Wessels (MEW)

*Drum*: Brenda Sutton

*Guitar*: Bill Sutton

*Harmony*: Suttons

*Releasing your inner music*:  
Denise Gendron

# Directions

**From Connecticut and points south:** I-84 east from Hartford to I-90 east (Mass Pike) to I-495 north. Take I-495 north about 1.5 miles to exit 23B. *See Local Directions:*

**From New Hampshire and points north:** Take I-495 south to exit 23B. *See Local Directions:*

**From upstate New York and points west:** Take I-90 east to I-495 north. Take I-495 north about 1.5 miles to exit 23B. *See Local:*

## Local Directions:

From Interstate 495, take the route 9 west exit (exit 23B). You pass the Marriott, but you have to go down the road about half a mile to get off route 9 and then come back to the Marriott.

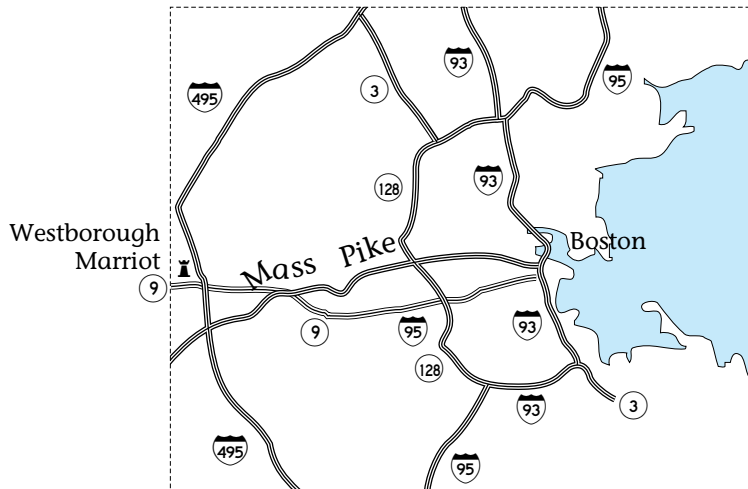
Take the first exit off of route 9. (About half a mile. It's called Computer Drive).

Turn right off the exit, this points you back the way you were coming.

Drive about half a mile, the Marriott is on your left.

## “100 in '99”

Our Con Chair has foolishly promised that there will be 100 guests attending ConCertino '99—hence the infamous “100 in '99” buttons which you may have seen. Will ConCertino '99 achieve this goal? What horrible fate will he meet if it doesn't? The answers will be revealed at the banquet.



GPS trivia, the hotel is located at 42° 17.367' north, 71° 34.349' west.

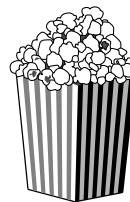
# Con Suite

*Drinks*

*Snacks*

*Comfy  
chairs*

*Conversation*



*Filking*

*Did I say snacks?*

## Dealers

Tentative Dealers' Room Hours are:

Friday 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

There is still room in the Dealers' Room. For more info, contact Persis Thorndike at (888) 494-3455 or [persis@lovesong.com](mailto:persis@lovesong.com).

## Children's Memberships

Children 12 and under are free, but **must be kept under adult supervision at all times**. Children's badges will include their own name and their parents'. ConCertino is *not* providing babysitting. Unattended children will be taught *every single* verse of "Young Man Mulligan" to sing on the way home.

# Membership Registration Form

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Attending membership* is a full membership.

*Supporting memberships* are greatly appreciated. Supporting members receive a copy of the ConCertino '99 Songbook and our thanks.

If buying more than one membership, additional names & contact information if different from above

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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I am interested in

- \_\_\_\_ Performing a Concert
- \_\_\_\_ Dealer's Information
- \_\_\_\_ Running a Workshop
- \_\_\_\_ Volunteering

I am registering for

- \_\_\_\_ attending memberships @\$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ supporting membership(s) @\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ children's memberships (12 and under free)
- \_\_\_\_ Banquet Tickets @\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

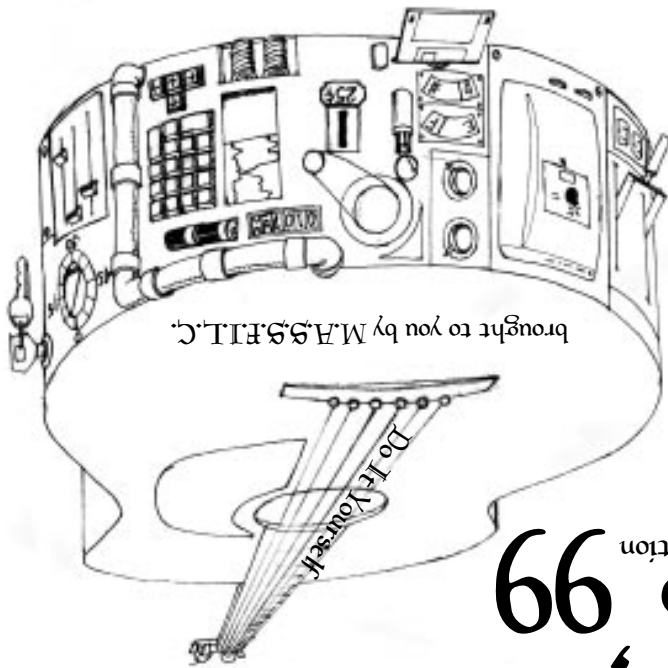
Please denote how many:

- \_\_\_\_ Vegetarian banquet tickets
- \_\_\_\_ Kosher banquet tickets
- \_\_\_\_ Children *banquet* 4-12 @\$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Children *banquet* under 4, free

**Mail to:**

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*Please make checks payable to M.A.S.S.F.I.L.C.* Total \_\_\_\_\_



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