



**January 2024**

## **RadioStPete Newsletter**



## **Florida Folk Show**

SATURDAYS 10AM

12/22: Pete Gallagher was featured on the December 22, 2023 [episode of Florida This Week](#) on WEDU PBS for his contributions to "[Once Upon a Time in Florida](#)," a book curated from the archives of the Florida humanities magazine, FORUM. Pete spoke about Bobby Hicks and his environmental activism, the work of other Florida environmental activists and the current politics around that sensitive area within the state, and the important history of [The Florida Folk Festival](#).

**[Watch the WEDU 12/22/23 episode here](#)**



12/30: Tim Valle created: [“A Year in Review 2023” Florida Folk Show](#) episode which aired Part One on December 30, 2023 on [RadioStPete.com](#) and within the [Sunshine 96.7 Florida Folk Show Facebook group](#). The first installment featured many of the recordings from the January visit to Everglades City, as well as recordings from early 2023, including the 20th anniversary Florida Folk Show at Bula Cafe in late January. Tim Valle handpicked some of the best performances from the early half of the year and gave colorful, insightful narrations, guiding listeners through the episode.

[Watch Part One: “A Year in Review 2023” episode here](#)

## Florida Folk Night

1/3: Florida Folk Nights continued at [The Study Lounge](#) at 3100 3rd Ave N., in the Historic Kenwood area of St. Petersburg. *“The Florida Folk Night for this Wednesday at The Study Lounge will provide the entertainment for the [Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association](#)’s (HKNA) first 2024 Board of Directors meeting at the Study Lounge. Just as the meeting finishes, around 7:30 pm, the famous Florida Folk Festival stars, The Florida Boys from St. Petersburg, and international Boogie Woogie Hall of Famer, the Rev. Billy C. Wirtz, now headquartered in Ocala, Fl., will take The Study Stage for a rousing welcome to our new best friend year -- 2024 -- in honor of St. Pete’s No. 1 Neighborhood. [The event is open to the public](#) and supported by Radio St. Pete’s Florida Folk Show.”* -Pete Gallagher

Check Facebook or listen to the Florida Folk Show, Saturdays at 10AM, for upcoming performance dates and times for future Florida Folk Nights

[Learn more about tonight’s Rev. Billy C Wirtz Florida Folk Nights event here](#)

1/6: Part Two of: “A Year in Review 2023” Florida Folk Show by Tim Valle will air on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 10AM. Part Two will focus on the environmental guests of 2023 and will also revisit additional live music performances that couldn’t be fit into the Part One. Listen locally on 96.7FM, on [RadioStPete.com](http://RadioStPete.com) or join us on Facebook in the [Sunshine 96.7 Florida Folk Show group](#).

1/13: Florida Folk Show returns to regularly scheduled live broadcasts on Saturday, January 13, with musical guests and environmental speakers broadcasted from the front porch of the [Craftsman House Gallery](#) located at 2955 Central Ave N., in the Historic Kenwood neighborhood of St Petersburg, Florida, and throughout the year from other locations within the community and state.

[Join the Florida Folk Show Facebook Group here](#)

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## **Charlie Souza “Last DJ Show” on Sirius XM Radio**

ST PETE MUSIC CITY RADIO SHOW  
TUESDAYS 4PM

Beginning on New Years Day, Charlie Souza, host and creator of the [St Pete Music City Radio Show](#), has been broadcasting as the last DJ on [Tom Petty Sirius XM Radio, channel 31](#).

Tune Wednesday nights at 12AM/Midnight and throughout the end of the week for the rockin' melodies of the legendary Tom Petty, as Charlie Souza expertly spins these timeless tunes.

Upcoming “Last DJ Shows” on [Sirius XM Tom Petty Radio](#):

- Wednesday, January 3 (going into Thursday here on the east coast): Midnight/12AM ET / 9PM PT
- Friday, January 5: 12PM/Noon ET / 9AM PT
- Sunday, January 7: 8AM ET / 5AM PT

[Listen to Tom Petty Sirius XM Radio, channel 31, here](#)

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## Thrive DTSP Studio Space



***“After a break for the holidays, we are back building out the [RadioStPete](#) studio which will be ready to open this month!” -Joe Bourdow***

The [Thrive DTSP](#) studio space, located across from Williams Park in downtown St. Pete, will soon be undergoing finishing touches. Our studio will provide a more professional appearance, encourage accessible interaction with [RadioStPete](#), and serve as the headquarters for [RadioStPete](#). The studio allows [RadioStPete](#) more opportunity to interact with other residents of St. Petersburg and the Tampa Bay area in person!

**[Learn more about Thrive DTSP](#)**

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## Women of Song, Le Frensche Cabaret

MONDAYS 4PM

Fiona Frensche is scheduling interviews and performances for upcoming 2024 episodes of Women of Song. In addition to her normal broadcast scheduled on Mondays at 4PM, she's planning a special live broadcast edition of Women of Song to be aired in an alternate time slot in late March of 2024 with [Ren McLean](#), [Anika Sky](#), and a possible third singer/songwriter. Frensche is also planning to feature [Audrey Hattan](#) for a performance and interview recorded in studio, sometime in 2024, as well as an interview with Karen Karusch to discuss the musical works of the late Valerie Carter.

Fiona Frensche is releasing a new, one-hour cabaret, a journey through French songs and artists in three acts: (1) Joy and Love, (2) Loss and Heartbreak and (3) Hope and Acceptance. Fiona's performances are dazzling and sparkle with her unique Joie de Vivre. The above artwork was created by local artist and musician, [June Bunch](#).

[Updates available on Fiona Frensche's Facebook Page](#)

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## DJ Spotlight: Mark and Stephanie Ginn

Mark O'Radio Happy Hour

FRIDAYS 6PM LIVE!

Q: When you work on the Mark O'Radio Happy Hour show each week, what inspires you?

*M: A lot of inspiration comes from another person or thing, but for me, what inspires me to work on the show is that I work on it all week long. It's always in my mind. I guess what inspires me is the fact that I crave doing the show and I know at the end of the week, that I will finally be able to do what I crave all week by being live on air with Steph and our other great guests. I put it all together during the week, we don't discuss what's in store ahead of time, and I like broach these topics with Steph for the first time on air, so it's all fresh to her and we generate some good, albeit sometimes very funny conversations.*

Q: What is your favorite part of doing your show?

*M: My favorite part of doing the show is putting all my work together on Friday as finish to the week, broadcasting live, and having fun on the air.*

Q: What advice or words of wisdom do you have to pass onto other members or future members of the [RadioStPete](#) Team?

*M & S: I would say just be yourself, don't worry about mistakes, and have fun! And don't be afraid to express yourself. I remember back in the beginning being worried about things going wrong, I'd want start over, but we were live. Just brush it off and do your thing. Don't worry*

*about it! I listen to talk radio all day long and mistakes happen, just go with it.*

Q: What would you like to see [RadioStPete](#) do in future?

*M & S: Continue to grow, sponsor live music events, especially larger events, extend the transmission of the tower so it has a larger reach (all the way to beach!) and lastly, let us keep doing our show.*



[Updates on the Mark O'Radio Happy Hour on Facebook](#)

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[RadioStPete's Instagram has reached 948 followers! Please follow here!](#)

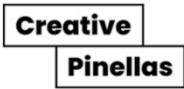


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