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THE FOLK COLLECTION TO PERFORM AT BOULEVARD MUSIC, CULVER CITY, MARCH 14, 2009, 8:00 PM.

"The folk tunes from the 60's are like fine wine. They just get better as the years go on," says Ed Labowitz, one of the members of The Folk Collection, which will be performing at Boulevard Music, 4316 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City 90230, at 8 PM on Saturday March 14. Call 310-398-2583 or visit www.boulevardmusic.com.

The group's Tony Unger, Ed Labowitz and Mike Sirota, along with bass man Bob Packham, grew up in the LATE 1950's and 1960's, when they fell in love with the story songs and 3-part harmonies of that acoustic era. Unger and Labowitz have been a duo on and off since their days in the mid 60's at Hollywood High School. Sirota joined the group in 2003. Packham, who played in another band with Sirota, added his bass to the group in early 2005. "We are truly privileged to be able to perform the classic folk tunes of the 60's for audiences throughout the West," says Unger.

Much of their repertoire is familiar to audiences of all ages. With

songs like "This Land is Your Land," "Blowin' in the Wind," "Greenback Dollar," and "City of New Orleans," the group encourages audiences of all ages to join them in song. The Folk Collection recently added a medley of TV western theme songs from the 50s – familiar also to young audiences who have seen these shows on cable TV. "Although several of

"We grew up loving this sort of music, and the turnouts at our shows confirms that there are many baby boomers, as well as older and younger folks, who really like listening to words and harmonies – and joining in when the mood and song fit. We put on a show centered on folk music and good clean jokes," says Ed Labowitz. Adds Bob Packham,

"Our shows are family friendly. We get a real kick out of watching teenagers, who reluctantly come to our show as a favor to a parent or grandparent, and then leave smiling

members of The Folk Collection have an interesting story of their own. Labowitz is an entertainment lawyer in Century City, and counts among his clients The Kingston Trio, whose music inspired him as a teenager; Unger is a building contractor and an associate Baptist minister in Palmdale; Sirota is an executive at an architectural sign company in Van Nuys, has been involved with non-profits (including a stint as development director at Sinai Temple in Westwood), and is a cantorial soloist at synagogues in the Los Angeles and Tucson areas; and Packham is a sales representative.

Tickets are \$15. They may be purchased in person at Boulevard Music or by phone. A \$1 service charge per ticket is added for phone orders, but advanced purchased tickets get seating priority. For more information about The Folk Collection, go to www.thefolkcollection.com.

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us write music, we mainly perform tunes the audience knows and can sing along with us," says Mike Sirota.

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When not playing music, the