Concerts

"The mission of the Old Town School of Folk Music," reads the school's original charter, "is the cultivation of an interest in, and an understanding of, folk music and its related forms that have evolved from this traditional base." Part of that mission included exposing Chicagoans to the nation's outstanding folk musicians, from traditional ballad singers and fiddlers to African-American blues artists to international performers. The School sponsored folk concerts on the school premises, in Orchestra Hall, and elsewhere, a tradition that continues to this day. The school brought an astonishing array of performers to Chicago in its early years.