

The Folk Club

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August Showcase - Larry Mediate

The August showcase performer is Larry Mediate. Larry joined the Folk Club in 1985, met his wife, Beverly, and many of his close friends here, and became the club president about eight years ago. For the last four years Larry owned the Music City store in Woodbridge, Virginia, which kept him away most Tuesday nights. He recently sold the store, however, and is back at the club on a regular basis again.

Note: Due to a scheduling conflict, Larry will perform his showcase on August 6, rather than the normal "second Tuesday" showcase date of August 13. The drawing for the September showcase will take place on August 13 as usual.

Larry started singing in coffeehouses in Pittsburgh in 1968. The first song he ever learned was *The House of the Rising Sun*, and the first artist to have a major impact on him was Bob Dylan. When Dylan went electric, so did Larry, singing and playing rhythm guitar in a rock band for a couple of years in the early 70's. Larry's heaviest influence has been Neil Young, with Simon and Garfunkel and, recently, John Gorka contributing to his style, too.

After working as a steelworker, radio announcer, child care worker, and intake officer for the juvenile court in Pennsylvania, Larry was recruited to Virginia in 1981 by IBM. There he was a quality engineering technician, teacher, and analyst, and he's now teaching software applications again.

Larry was a sound man at the Folk Club for a long time, ran sound for Grace Griffith's open mikes several years ago, and, along with Ray Kaminsky, provides sound for the Herndon Folk Festival. He has a small recording studio, and recorded Bill Davis' album, plus his own self-produced tape, *The Kid*, which is still available in limited quantities.

Larry encourages everyone to sing more, argue less, and come to the Folk Club and have a good time. That will be easy during his showcase!

Folk Club Benefit Concert

by Pat Chen

On Saturday evening, July 20th, four members of our very own Folk Club shared some of their very best music and presences with a thoroughly grateful and enrapt group of senior citizens at Lake Anne Fellowship House in Reston. The audience seemed to take in every bit of the music, appreciating the wide spectrum of selections. Country songs, tunes of the 60's, Irish and other poignant nostalgic pieces all seemed to capture the hearts and spirits of the eager listeners. And, of course, it goes without saying, the entertainers - Todd Crowley, Lynne Romano, Jim Rosencrantz, and Pat Chen - all thoroughly enjoyed their evening! Which reminds me, anyone interested in giving of themselves and their music in this way, please see or call Pat Chen (435-3956). Many thanks!

Calendar Change: The Bernice Lewis Concert has moved to Aug. 20

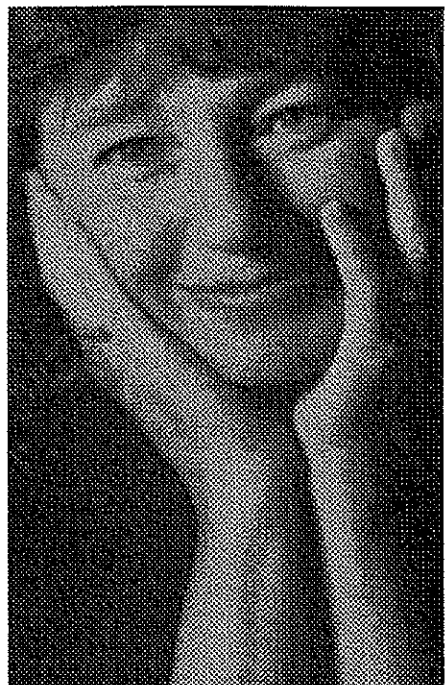
The 9th anniversary party is now on the 27th - see inside for details.



Bernice Lewis

7:30 PM August 20, 1996

Tickets \$9 (\$8 members)



Bernice Lewis is the winner of the Berkshire Music Award for Best Contemporary Folk Performer and a finalist in Kerrville's New Folk Songwriting Contest. Lewis' performances feature blues, bluegrass and folk presented in a multi-faceted vocal style that has been compared with **Nanci Griffith** and **Bonnie Raitt**. Lewis' expressive voice can be sweet, tender, inviting and vulnerable at one moment, or off-handed in one of her dry humored works. Her versatile guitar work shows the polish of working with folk legend **Dave Von Ronk**, and she has shared the stage with the likes of **John Gorka** and **Tom Paxton**. Bernice's songs are well crafted, seamless portraits which create vivid images. She has the wonderful ability to sing them from inside her characters so that she conveys their nuances as well as their stories with wit, concern and eloquence.

Her third album, *Open Lines and Signals* received rave comments across the country for its comedic knockouts "I Need A Wife Too" and Michael Smith's "King Tut" to the introspective and heart tearing "Break This Circle" and "Your Backroads". Bernice's latest album, *Isle of Spirit*, is an even finer production, showing her growth as a writer and performer. Lewis has appeared on radio performances for National Public Radio, "Bound for Glory," and "Live from Studio One," and at the Winnipeg, Kerrville, Tucson, Baystate Woman's, and Pumpkin Sail on the Clearwater (Seeger) Festivals. Don't miss her return engagement!!!



Information wanted on (or a recording to borrow of) a song called *Angeline the Baker*. Kay - (703) 709-9199

Wanted: 6-string (steel string) guitar, inexpensive but playable, for traveling.
Dan - (703) 742-7993

Voice lessons are available from
Barbara Ryan - (703) 451-4492

Sound system and engineer, reasonable rates
Richard Flinchbaugh - (703) 255-0112

Club Acoustic Productions

House Concert Series

Sunday evenings

6:30 PM Socializing, 7:00 PM Showtime

Refreshments Available

\$10 Admission, by Advance Reservation Only

(703) 689-0444

Limited Seating! Reserve Early!!

Aug 4 Richard Shindell

Oct 27 Will Hoppey

Nov 17 Jim Henry


Dec 1 Justina & Joyce



Folk Club of Reston-Herndon



Aug 4 - Sept 14, 1996

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 4 8:00 Kevin James @ Murphy's, 713 King St., Alexandria (703) 548-1717 6:30 House Concert Richard Shindell Reservations Only (703) 689-0444	Aug 5	Aug 6 <i>Larry Mediate Showcase (rescheduled)</i>	Aug 7 8:00 Kevin James @ Old Brogue, Great Falls (703) 759-3309 6:30-8:00 Acoustic Showcase, Starbucks Coffee, Cascades (free) (703) 421-0932	Aug 8 6:30-8:00 Andrew McKnight @ Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Aug 9 9:00 Kevin James @ Nickelby's, 156 Enterprise St., Sterling (703) 444-2208	
Aug 11 8:00 Kevin James @ Ireland's Own, 132 N Royal St., Alexandria (703) 549-4535 6:00-8:00 Hickory Grove @ Great Falls Concerts on the Green	Aug 12		Aug 13 <i>September Showcase Lottery Drawing</i>	Aug 14 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Aug 15 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing) 9:00 Lisa Taylor @ Del Rio, 701 E. Market St. Leesburg (703) 777-9554	Aug 16 9:00 Kevin James @ Murphy's, 713 King St., Alexandria (703) 548-1717
Aug 18 8:00 Kevin James @ Murphy's, 713 King St., Alexandria (703) 548-1717	Aug 19	Aug 20 <i>Bernice Lewis (\$9/8)</i>	Aug 21 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Aug 22 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Aug 23 9:00 Kevin James @ Flanagan's, 7637 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda (301) 986-1007	
Aug 25 8:00 Kevin James @ Ireland's Own, 132 N Royal St., Alexandria (703) 549-4535	Aug 26		Aug 27 <i>9th Year @ Tortilla Factory (free)</i>	Aug 28 6:30-8:00 @ Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Aug 29 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Aug 30
Sept 1	Sept 2  Labor Day	Sept 3	Sept 4 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Sept 5 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing) 9:00 Andrew McKnight @ Del Rio, 701 E. Market St. Leesburg (703) 777-9554	Sept 6	Sept 7
Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10 <i>Showcase and Lottery Drawing</i>	Sept 11 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Sept 12 6:30-8:00 Starbucks (see earlier listing)	Sept 13	Sept 14 Del Rey Coffeehouse 100 E. Windsor Ave Alexandria (703) 549-2088

Folk Club Guest Artists

and Special Events

prices are for nonmembers/members - it pays to join!
all times are 7:30 PM

Aug. 20	Bernice Lewis	\$9/8
Aug. 27	9th Anniv. @ Tortilla Factory!	Free
Sep. 24	Blues Works	\$9/8
Oct. 29	Laurie Rose Griffith & Peter Mealy	\$8/7
Nov. 19	Bonnie Rideout	\$9/8
Dec. 17	Holiday Party	Free

Folk Club Format

On most nights, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer gets 12 minutes (or 3 songs, whichever comes first). A \$1 donation is requested.

Showcase Performances

On the second Tuesday of each month, we feature a Folk Club member in a two set (25-minute) "Showcase" performance. To be in a showcase all you have to do is:

- be a Folk Club member (who hasn't done a showcase in 6 months)
- fill out a lottery slip any time in the month before the drawing
- win the drawing (held on the night of the previous month's showcase); and
- practice, practice, practice!

Newsletter Submissions

Club members' performances will be listed in the club calendar, and members' music-related notices (instruction, equipment for sale, etc.) will be listed free of charge.

Articles, reviews, artwork, and other items related to music are welcome, although publication can't be guaranteed.

Contact the editor, Dan Grove, at (703) 742-7993 with submissions or for more information.

The Folk Club

Tuesday nights, 7:30 PM
at The Tortilla Factory
648 Elden St., Herndon, VA
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MEMBERSHIP · ADDRESS CHANGES · RENEWAL

Check your mail label - your membership expiration date (in Year-Month-Day format, YYYYMMDD) is there. To renew, or to join for the first time, please send your check for \$12, payable to The Folk Club, to membership chair Dave Hurd at the return address below.

He's the one to send any address changes to as well.

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