

# The Folk Club

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## December 10 Showcase - Deirdre Murphy

Deirdre Murphy's lovely soprano has graced everything from operatic arias and the theater to saloons and our own humble Folk Club. She's from a very musical family - her grandfather sang, played banjo, and was a choir director, her mother was a professional mezzo soprano, and she is the youngest of four singing siblings. Her mother taught her the Hungarian Rhapsody on the piano at age six so that Deirdre would be accepted for piano lessons, and she later took seven years of classical voice. College courses in music theory and counterpoint rounded out her formal music education.

Besides Classical music, Deirdre loves jazz (pianists and horn players as well as vocalists) and blues, and appreciates other music as well (OK, no disco, thank you...). Peter, Paul and Mary and Judy Collins are her biggest influences in the folk world, and she loves the voices of Anne Hills and Priscilla Herdman when they perform at the Folk Club.

Originally from Yonkers, NY, Deirdre dropped out of Mercy College (an all-girls Catholic school at the time) to play folk music in various Manhattan clubs in the late 60's and early 70's. These were definitely not listening clubs, more like saloons with beer spray, rowdiness, and colorful staff, and Deirdre learned the trooper's habit of continuing to play through almost anything. Like the time two gentlemen in the crowd came up, slowly knelt down, and kissed her miniskirted knees during a sad love ballad. Didn't skip a beat or miss a note.

Deirdre eventually finished her college education, with a major in English and a minor in French. Her day jobs have been as an editor for several publishers (including Schirmer Books, a music publisher), and she's currently on contract editing technical manuals at the World Bank. Besides music, Deirdre enjoys detective novels, her two terrier mutts, and occasional travel, including a two month trip to Guatemala and a seven month trip through Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, India, and Nepal.

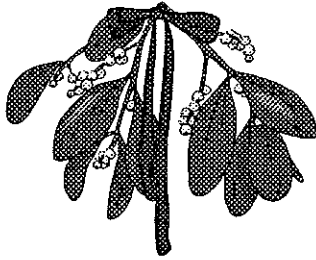
A job in Tyson's Corner brought Deirdre to Reston in 1991, and she discovered the Folk Club soon after. It was at the club that she met Lou Ruffino, and the two hope to be married later this winter. Come hear Deirdre's showcase, and offer congratulations at the same time!

There will be no Folk Club on Dec. 24 or 31  
(the Eves fall on Tuesdays this year)

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# Holiday Party December 17



The Folk Club's annual Holiday Party has a special format. First of all, it's free (the \$1 donation request is waived), there's cake at the intermission, and prizes are given away - usually tapes donated by Ray and Ellen Kaminsky from the submissions they get as venue operators (thanks!).

The sign-up board is different, too. In an effort to hear from everyone, each performer does only one song, and the variety from as many as 30 acts is wonderful. This is a great time for people who don't normally perform to give it a try - lead the rest of us in your favorite song or carol, or call a friend in advance and do it as a duet. If there's still time left at the end, we go back to the top of the sign-up board and start again.

Bring your voices, your instruments, and your mistletoe, dress in festive garb, and expect what passes for normal on a regular night at the Folk Club, except more!

## New Radio Show! - WEBR on Cable and the Internet, Sundays 9:00 - 11:00 AM

**Eclectic Hours** is a new local radio show with a mix of "esoteric rock" and contemporary singer/songwriter folk music. They have taped interviews (**Christine Lavin** on Dec. 8) and an occasional live in-the-studio visitor (**Susan Graham White** on Dec. 1). Tune them in on Media General Cable channel 37 (Fairfax), or Jones Communications channel 27 (Reston and Herndon) - you can set your VCR to record it! Or, if you have RealAudio on your internet browser, you can pull them in from the web at [www.axsamer.org/web/](http://www.axsamer.org/web/) from all over the world! The studio phone line is (703) 560-8255, give them a call and some encouragement!

## Hunters Woods Fellowship House Concert

by Ron Goad

On Saturday, November 9, various members volunteered their time for a performance at one of Reston's Fellowship Houses. The show was upbeat and well received by an attentive, appreciative audience. **Todd Crowley** opened the festivities with his resonant voice and wonderful autoharp. **Pat Chen** and **Lynn Romano** blended their voices impeccably on a few pretty tunes. **Jim Rosenkrans** kept the crowd awake with marvelous novelties and timeless folk tunes. **Ron Goad** resurrected Davy Crockett, for which he received a quarter from a humorous audience member. **Special Ed** blew 'em away with his pickin' and sound effects. One of the finales united everyone for *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*. After applause, there were hugs from the audience! If you want to feel young again, perform at one of the area's old folk's homes. You and the audience will love each other. See Pat Chen, or call her at 435-3956, for more information.

## Publicity Thanks

by Lynn Jordan

For a long time, I have been given the credit for getting the word out about our special performers by sending out press releases to the local media. I thought it was about time that I acknowledged others who help me out on a regular basis: **Bill Davis** helps copy, fold, stuff, stamp, and mail press releases. **Ellen Kaminsky** creates the attractive poster in the lobby of the Tortilla Factory with the performer's picture. **Ray Kaminsky** designs, prints, and distributes flyers featuring the upcoming artist. **Dave Hurd's** telephone number also appears on all press releases, and he receives calls from members and the public when I'm not available. **Karin Mikkelsen** has also helped me get out press releases. To these people, and to anyone I have missed, I say a big THANK YOU!

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

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

# IN CONCERT

(Folk Club members' local performances - send your schedule to the editor to be included)

**Andrew McKnight** Dec 18, Northpoint Starbucks (see venue below)

## Hickory Grove

Dec. 7, 4:00 PM, Celebration of Lights, Gaithersburg, MD, (301) 258-6350

Dec. 31, 7:00-11:00, First Night Annapolis, (410) 268-8553

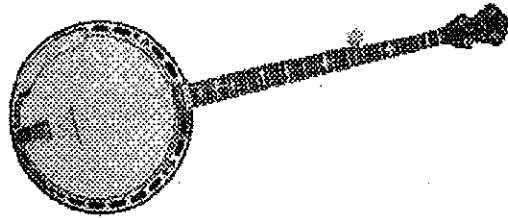
## IONA

Dec. 14, 7:30 PM, Benefit Concert, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 15695 Blackburn Rd. Woodbridge VA, (703) 451-4492

Dec 27, 2:00 & 3:00 PM, Sully Plantation, Rte. 28, Chantilly VA (includes house tour & refreshments), (703) 437-1794

Dec 31, 7:30-11:00 PM, First Night Montgomery, downtown Silver Spring, (301) 217-6798

Jan 16, 8:00 PM, Folkal Point, Hobbits Glen Golf Course, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia MD, (301) 982-0686



# LOCAL VENUES

(Folk Club members are listed in boldface - *the Folk Club's events are listed on the back page*)

**Club Acoustic Productions House Concert Series** - Sundays in Herndon, 6:30 PM socializing, 7:00 PM Concert. For reservations (required) and directions call (703) 689-0444

Dec. 08 - Justina and Joyce

**Shenandoah Coffeehouse Reston** - 2nd Sunday monthly, 7:00 PM, Reston Community Center, 2300 Colts Neck Rd., Reston VA (at the back of the Hunters Woods Shopping Center), (703) 476-4500

Dec. 08 - Doris Justis, Bill Parsons, Jeff Cannon      Jan 12 - Al Petteway, Venus Rising, Sue Trainor

**Shenandoah Coffeehouse Shepherdstown** - 3rd Saturday monthly, 8:00 PM, War Memorial Building, corner of King and German Streets, Shepherdstown WV, (540) 687-6759

Dec. 14 - **Lisa Taylor**, Susan Graham White, Venus Rising      Jan 18 - Barb Martin, Deborah Levoy, Bill Parsons

**The Americana Stage** - every Thursday, 8:00 PM, in the storefront adjacent to the Leesburg Restaurant, 9 South King St., Old Town Leesburg, (703) 777-3292 (Concert info hotline (703) 777-3523)

Dec. 05 - Garnet Rogers w/Roger Henderson

Dec. 12 - David Mallet w/Randy Thompson

Dec 19 - Greg Trooper & the Flatirons

Dec. 27 - Michael Lille & Leslie Tucker

Jan 2 - Martin Sexton w/Dana Robinson

Jan 9 - Tim O'Brien of Hot Rize w/Sandy Mitchell

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Cascades** - every Wednesday & Thursday, 7:00 PM, 21021 Southbank St. Sterling VA, (703) 421-0932

Dec 4 - Jeff Cannon

Dec 5 - Doris Justis

Dec 11 - Venus Rising

Dec 12 - Jeff Aug

Dec 18 - **Lisa Taylor**

Dec 19 - Dave Goodrich

Dec 25 & 26 dark

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Northpoint Village** - every Wednesday, 7:00 PM, 1444 Northpoint Village, Reston VA (703) 787-9341

Dec 4 - **Lisa Taylor**

Dec 11 - Doris Justis

Dec 18 - **Andrew McKnight**

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Burke Center Plaza** - every Wednesday, 7:00 PM, 6003-A Burke Ctr. Pkwy, VA (703) 250-2292

Dec 4 - Jeff Aug

Dec 11 - **Lisa Taylor**

Dec 18 - Venus Rising

**Stringfellows** - every Friday & Saturday, 6:00 PM, 201 Union St., Occoquan, VA (703) 494-3755

Dec 6, 13, and 21 - Joe Potente

Dec 7 - Maddie MacNeil

Dec 14 - Jeff Stapleton

Dec 20 - Day 39

Dec 27 - Matthew Smith

Dec 28 - **Mike Ball**

# Folk Club Guest Artists,

## Showcases, and Special Events

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

Dec. 10	Deirdre Murphy Showcase	n/a
Dec. 17	Holiday Party	Free
Jan. 28	Sparky Rucker	\$9/8
Feb. 18	Lucy Kaplansky (new date)	\$9/8
Mar. 18	The Unfortunate Rakes	\$11/10
Apr. 29	Garnet Rogers	\$10/9

## 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  
471-1156

President: Larry Mediate  
Treasurer: Richard Flinchbaugh  
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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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