

The Folk Club

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October 14 Showcase - Chris Ellinghaus & Rick Shiflett



Rick Shiflett

Chris Ellinghaus and Rick Shiflett both work for AT&T, where they met at a company talent show and decided to perform together. Chris has a background in musical theater, and Rick is an avid Civil War reenactor (these photos show them performing in Civil War garb at the Bel Air Mansion), so they can both evoke a different time and place as needed to get a song across.



Chris Ellinghaus

Chris was born in West Virginia, and has lived in Maryland, New Jersey, and New York before Virginia. His father played trumpet and sang, his mother did ballet, and the whole family makes music when they get together. Among his seven siblings are a brother working in a rock band in New York, and another who runs the Absolute Pitch recording studio in Bethesda. Chris started playing guitar in ninth grade, and sang in musicals in school, including the role of Motel the tailor in *Fiddler On the Roof*. Every year his division of AT&T has a users forum attended by about 1,000 people, and for the last four years Chris has written the theme songs for these events and performed them live. Nothing like mixing business with pleasure! He says the Beatles, James Taylor, Allison Krauss, and Loggins & Messina have had the biggest influences on his music.

Rick was born in Alexandria, and went to Hammond High School. His grandmother played the banjo, and his father the guitar. As the youngest of four growing up, he heard Red Foley and Tennessee Ernie Ford from his father, rock and roll and folk from his older siblings, and developed a taste for country, classical, and old bluegrass gospel music. Rick started guitar at the age of thirteen, and plays some banjo and mountain dulcimer, too. His Civil War hobby got him involved in living history demonstrations, and he has specialized in nineteenth century songs that fit in around his 49th Virginia regiment campfires, which can be seen sometimes at Colvin Run Mill. His wife, Jamie, is also involved, and they do a medley of Steven Foster songs. There were no microphones back then, and Rick says he never sang into one until he started coming to the Folk Club!

Don't miss their showcase on October 14, which promises to be eclectic and fun!

Herndon Folk Festival - Sunday, October 12

noon to 5:00 PM, in Historic Downtown Herndon
co-sponsored by the Folk Club, and free!

Moxy Fruvous, Dan Bern, Greg Greenway, Cosy Sheridan, June Rich, Karen Savoca, John Jackson, Leslie Tucker, Ray Kaminsky, Marge Calhoun, Linda and the Lucky Four, and more!

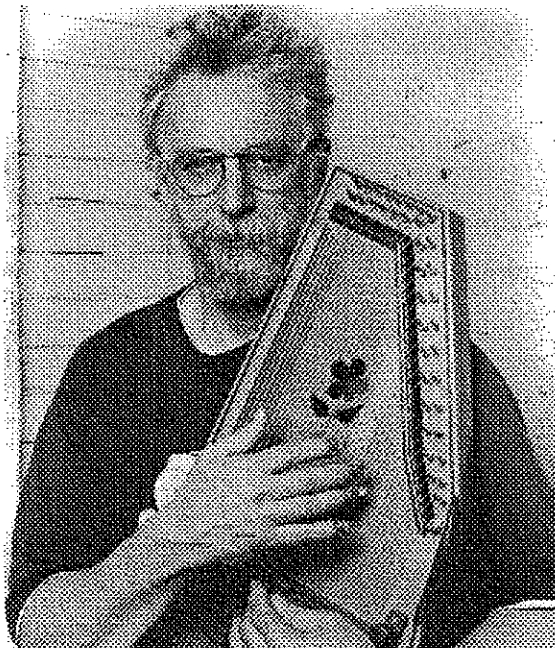
Bryan Bowers October 7



Brian Bowers

7:30 PM October 7, 1997

Tickets \$10 (\$9 members)



Bryan Bowers is the acknowledged world virtuoso on the autoharp. Bower's creativity and talent have won him induction into the Frets Magazine Gallery of Greats after five years of winning the stringed instrument, open category of the magazine's readers' poll. This distinction put Bowers alongside other luminaries, such as Chet Atkins, David Grisman, Stephan Grappelli, Itzhak Perlman, Tony Rice, Bob Wasserman and Mark O'Connor recognized for their personal accomplishments. In 1993, Bryan was inducted into the Autoharp Hall of Fame to stand only with Maybelle Carter, Kilby Snow and Sara Carter. Virtually self-taught as an autoharpist, Bryan created his own five-finger individual note playing technique that makes this instrument multi-dimensional. But what is most amazing is that

Bowers can take this quaint instrument and his own sometimes strident voice, forge them with his charismatic personality and create a beautiful, contemporary sound.

Bowers lovingly plays the classics. In personal appearances and on his album **Home, Home on the Road**, he ripples through *Dixie*, *Grandfather's Clock* and a Stephen Foster medley. He also can't pass up jokes like the *Four Wet Pigs*, *Aura* or *The Scotsman* that are lively additions on the stage. Bryan addresses the specter of age in *Old Lovers*, which on his album **For You** was scintillatingly accompanied by our own northern Virginia legends The Seldom Scene. The Washington Times reported "This man makes more music from an autoharp than you can imagine from a 12 string guitar and a harpsichord combined. He has more stage presence and charisma than any stage performer in recent memory." Folk Music said, "Dealing strictly on a musical level, my favorite of the entire festival was autoharp virtuoso Bryan Bowers. Bowers has taken what is a very simple instrument to play and does things with it that cannot be physically done."

The Folk Club is grateful to the Council for the Arts of Herndon in sponsoring this artist whose musical stature would have made it unfeasible to perform in such an intimate setting, and to provide a wonderful prelude to the annual Herndon Arts Week.

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

A new children's cassette, *Totally For Kids*, by Bridges to Bliss, is available. Send \$9.95 to:
Bridges to Bliss, 12625 Laurie Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20904
(or see Don Bridges at the Folk Club)

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IN CONCERT

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

Hickory Grove

Oct 4 & 5, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Schooley Mill Barn, Waterford Festival, Waterford, VA (540) 882-3018

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Oct 25 - 11:30 AM, Channel 10 Coffeehouse (TV taping), Fairfax Cable Access,
2929 Eskridge Rd. Suite S, Fairfax VA (703) 979-2198

Oct 26 - 6:30 PM, Cate's Bistro, 715 King St., Alexandria, VA (703) 549-0533

Ray Kaminsky

Oct 3, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Waterford Festival, Waterford, VA (540) 882-3018

Oct 8, 6:30 PM, Burke Starbucks (see venue listing below)

Oct 12, noon, Herndon Folk Festival Roots Stage (see article in this issue)

Oct 22, 7:00 PM, Bailey's Crossroads Starbucks (see venue listing below)

Oct 26, 1:00 PM, Sully Plantation Harvest Days, Rt 28 north of Rt 50, (703) 437-1794

Tony Trischka October 25

Banjo Workshop 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
(\$60 registration, 301/274-3441)

Concert 8:00 PM
(\$10, 703/938-5796)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA

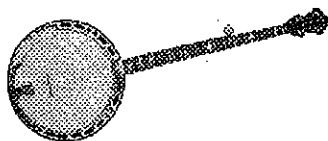
Julia Rose

Oct 9, 10:00 PM, Mencken's Cultured Pearl Cafe, 1116 Hollins St., Baltimore, MD (410) 837-1947

Oct 31, 7:30 PM, Borders Books, 9051 Snowden Square Drive, Columbia, MD (410) 290-0062

Simple Gifts (Nina Anmahian & friends)

Oct 17, 7:30 PM, Borders Books, Tyson's Corner, VA



THE COURTYARD

6108 Arlington Bld., Falls Church, VA

In the Willston Center, across Rt. 50 from Seven Corners Center

(703) 533-2828

<http://door.net/courtyard>

Music 7 nights a week, see the Post's Weekend section for the schedule.

LOCAL VENUES

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

The Americana Stage - 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)

Frederick Folk Club - 8:00 PM, Brunswick City Park Building, 655 East Potomac St., Brunswick, MD (301) 834-4264

Starbucks Coffeehouse, Burke Center Plaza - every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM, 6003-A Burke Ctr. Pkwy, VA (703) 250-2292

Oct 1 - Mary Byrd Brown Oct 8 - **Ray Kaminsky** Oct 15 - Suzanne Michele Oct 22 - Dave Alberding Oct 29 - Doris Justis

Starbucks Coffeehouse, Bailey's Crossroads - every Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM, 3544 S. Jefferson St., VA (703) 845-0029

Oct 1 - Suzanne Michele Oct 8 - Chet Lowther Oct 15 - Anderson-Gram Oct 22 - **Ray Kaminsky** Oct 29 - Damion Wolfe

Starbucks Coffeehouse, Cascades - every Thursday, 7:00-9:00 PM, 21021 Southbank St., Sterling VA, (703) 421-0932

Oct 2 - Mary Byrd Brown Oct 9 - Chet Lowther Oct 16 - Suzanne Michele, Lisa Taylor, Annie Wenz Oct 23 - Lisa Moscatiello
Oct 30 - Dave Alberding

Acoustic Open Mike every other Wednesday in October. Signup at 6:00 PM.

Date/Host: Oct 1 - Andrew McKnight Oct 15 - Carey Colvin Oct 29 - Jerry Bresee

Cafe Florian - Saturdays, 8:00, 7400 Temple Hills Rd., Camp Springs, MD (301) 292-6482/(301) 856-2573

Oct 4 - Venus Rising

Folk Club Guest Artists,

Showcases, and Special Events

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

Oct. 7	Bryan Bowers	\$10/9
Oct. 14	Chris Ellinghaus & Rick Shiflett Showcase	n/a
Nov. 18	Harvey Reid	\$10/9
Dec. 16	Holiday Party!	Free
Jan. 27	Randy Barrett Trio	\$9/8

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 or <dangrove@erols.com> with submissions or for more information.

The Folk Club

Tuesday nights, 7:30 PM
at The Tortilla Factory
648 Elden St., Herndon, VA
(703) 471-1156

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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.

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon



c/o Dave Hurd

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