

The Folk Club

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August 11 Showcase - Mike Ball

(editor's note: Mike is a systems analyst and guitar instructor. He wrote the following article just before going to the Swannanoa Gathering's Performance Lab in July.)

I have just completed my second year as a folk club member (I'm paid up for my 3rd year) and with the exception of my seven month exile to Cleveland, I try to get to the Tortilla Factory at least three times per month. This will be my third showcase and my previous showcase bio's were full of typical showcase information: how long I have played, early influences, etc. I thought I would take a different approach to this 15 minutes of fame and say a few things about the Reston-Herndon Folk Club.

I don't know of any other organizations or venues in the area that offer as much as the Reston-Herndon Folk Club does for people who enjoy listening to and performing folk (well, mostly folk) music. The club is always supportive of the member performers, the folk community, the Herndon community and to strangers who wander in off of the street (like I once did). So, I would like to thank the club for just being there, to thank everyone in the club who volunteers to help make it a success and to congratulate the club on being able to pull the whole thing off without a lot of rules and regulations. You can't go anywhere else on a Tuesday night and have as good a time for a dollar.

Inside:
***The Kennedys return to the
Folk Club, Aug 25th***



Having such a great place to play on a regular basis has been a real incentive for me to keep playing, to learn new material and to keep learning more about the guitar to try to improve my playing. Having such a great place to listen on a regular basis has given me the opportunity to hear new material and licks that I keep adding to my ever growing 'To Learn' lists.

When I first heard of the clubs 'showcase' feature I thought it was a great idea. I would like to encourage any member who has performed or has considered performing in one of the weekly 12 minute slots to put their name in the bucket to win a showcase slot. From personal experience I know that it is an incentive to learn and present new material; having a showcase performance staring me in the face makes me 'really practice'; it gives me a chance to perform a few songs after I have gotten warmed up (it usually takes me one or two songs) and helps me get used to performing and organizing longer sets.

Hope to see you on August 11th .

The Kennedys

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)



**The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:30 PM
August 25, 1998
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA**

Pete & Maura - The Kennedys, have carved out their own musical niche. Comfortably ensconced between contemporary folk and classic jangle-pop, their world is a landscape where postmodern modalities and golden era pop mix effortlessly, and where the challenge of the new somehow has a warm, familiar ring. The duo's efforts have not gone unnoticed. Their first CD, *River of Fallen Stars*, won the National Association of Independent Record Distributors (NAIRD) Indie award for best contemporary adult album of 1995, and their second, *Life is Large*, was nominated for the same honor in 1996. Back home in Virginia, they proudly display over 30 Washington Area Music Awards, including **Artist of the Year**. They have become favorites on adult radio, appearing on **Mountain Stage**, **World Cafe'** and **Acoustic Cafe'**, as well as on NPR's **All Things Considered**. The New Yorker calls The Kennedys, "The best kept secret in folk rock".

The Kennedys third CD effort, *Angel Fire*, is an irresistible brew of warm sonics, intimate vocals, hooky melodies and sparkling guitars emblematic of classic pop and should be available by the time of the concert. Meanwhile, the Kennedys cite a teaching residency at Manhattan College and an appointment as artists in residence at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Come in for a great evening of high energy, superb music and a lot of fun!

IN CONCERT

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

Ray Kaminsky

Thu 08/13/98 VA Rosemary's Thyme/Clifton (703) 502-1084
 Fri 08/14/98 7:30-9:30 pm Borders Books, 5871 Leesburg Pike/Falls Church, VA Info: (703) 998-0121
 Fri 09/11/98 MD 49 West Coffeehouse/Annapolis (410) 626-9796
 Sat 09/19/98 MD Frederick Coffee Company/ Frederick (301) 698-0039

Julia Rose

sat. aug. 8 Barnes and Noble, Reston, 8-10 pm
 fri. aug. 21 Coffeehouse 333 333 DuBois Road, Annapolis, Baltimore 410.266.8044

Bridges to Bliss (Don Bridges, Bobbi Bliss, David Scales)

8/15 Sat 11 am-12 noon Kids* show at E.C. Lawrence Park, Walney Visitor Center, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. FREE. 703/631-0013.
 8/22 Sat 11 am-12 noon Kids* show at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Cool amphitheater! FREE. 703/941-1730.
 8/22 Sat 2:30 & 3:30 pm Kids* shows at the Virginia Wine Festival, Great Meadow, The Plains. \$15 adults/\$5 under 21. 410/267-6711.
 8/23 Sun 11:30, 1:00, 2:30 & 3:30 Kids* shows at the Virginia Wine Festival, Great Meadow, The Plains. \$15 adults/\$5 under 21.
 9/05 Sat 3-4 pm Kids* show at Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, municipal center, 1 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt. FREE. 301/397-2208

Pete Brown and the Mad Cows (Pete Brown, Brad Cooper & TM Hanna)

8/5 Wed 9pm -12 On The Border, Tysons Corner
 8/15 Sat 10pm-1am TGIF, Tysons Corner
 8/29 Sat 8:30pm - 12 Marks Pub, Falls Church
 9/12 Sat 8:30pm - 12 Mckeever's Pub, Mclean

Bill Davis

8/21 Fri 2nd Annual Avalon Folk Festival See ad below for details

LOCAL VENUES

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

Arts and Crafts show at Stewart Woods Apartments, Sat 8/22 from noon to 7pm. Open mic performers are invited to play from noon to 5, 5pm BluesWorks, 6pm-Three Sense Shy

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Festival

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include:

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Sue Trainor & Christina Muir

Bill Davis

and others

Open Mic on Sun.

Info or reservations:

304-947-5600

Folk Club Guest Artists,

Showcases, and Special Events

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

Aug 11	Mike Ball Showcase	N/C
Aug. 18	11th Anniversary Party	Free
Aug. 25	The Kennedys	\$10/9
Sep. 15	Bill Staines	\$10/9
Oct. 13	Mike Seeger	\$12/9
Nov 17	Anne Hills	\$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, including setup time (about 3 songs, usually). 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.

You may contact T.M.Hanna at < tm.hanna@pressroom.com > or (703) 430-3497 with submissions or for more information. Anyone wishing to help with the newsletter or volunteer for a term as Newsletter Editor please contact TM.

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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