

The Folk Club

of Reston
Herndon

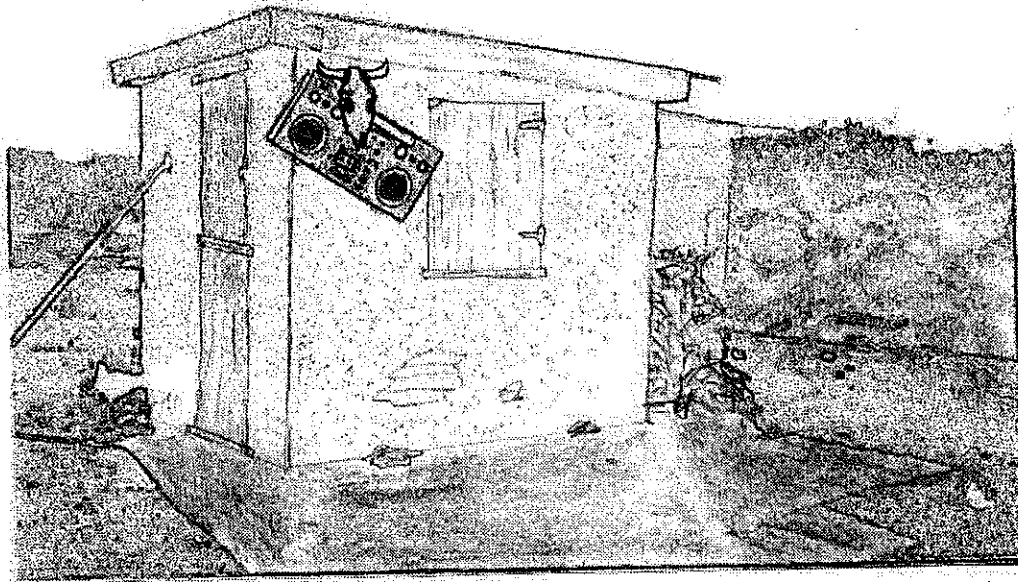
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Preserving Folk Traditions



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Evolution was Inevitable

After barely escaping justice and the riotous aftermath of their last reunion, those miscast malcontents, the last purple shoe and string tie band of the twentieth century, have drifted off like deflating helium balloons from a used car lot. One time watermelon farmer TM Hoochkiss lost everything in the flood of '85 and has since become a purveyor of uncertified imported red meat for a greasy spoon chain. Capt'n Jack wandered out to California as a dealer in government seized smuggler boats. When he tried to double cross the Carlos gang, their goons snapped his humerus like a voodoo doll. Harny & Fang got tired of winter after their West Virginia cabin roof collapsed during the blizzard of the century. They hopped a mail boat to a small windward island way down south and are now training West Nile mosquitoes to deliver vaccines to the natives. Ol' Jelly Roller had retained the trademark to "Porch Monkeys" and was trying to use the moniker with his

touring band but ran into legal trouble. Seems that Spanky goaded his newest attorney bride, (one of Screamin' Jay Hawkins' granddaughters) into seeking an injunction as his group was appearing as the Portico Primates at the same time across town. Since then, three more misfits have crossed paths with the old bunch. "Chimp" was supplying stimulating substances to the Amish when Spanky discovered he could play lead guitar. And Wyn-o the slippery slider was running a roadside filling station in South Carolina selling fireworks and pecan logs when Harny and JellyRoll gave him a lift north where they all met up with a Trappist dopple bock brewer during Lent; Mickey plays fiddle and guitar. So there's never any telling who will show up and what they will play or what they call themselves. But the one thing that's for sure is the unexpected fun time will have a money back guarantee.

Seamus Kennedy

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:30 PM
May 22, 2001
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



Seamus Kennedy, originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, has been entertaining audiences all over the United States since 1971. With a ready wit and a vast store of songs, he travels the country performing for thousands of people each year. His musical career started when he provided guitar accompaniment at singalongs at a Bronx pub after Gaelic football and hurling action in the local park. The sing-along became so popular that the bar owner offered to pay Seamus to do it on a regular basis. So he turned pro. As he says: "I was getting paid for doing something I loved, and I wasn't getting knocked about on the field. It was a lot easier on my body." Seamus migrated to Boston playing in a duo with Tom O'Carroll called the Beggarmen, then started appearing in D.C. and relocated.

Seamus began regular performances at Matt Kane's Bit o' Ireland and The Dubliner, then was the "house band" for Pat Troy's Ireland's Own Pub in Alexandria. In 1979, Seamus played for Pope John Paul II with Paddy Reilly and the Celtic Folk. In 1988, President Reagan stopped in to catch Seamus' act at Ireland's Own, and when Seamus called him up on stage he did ten minutes of Irish stories for a very surprised packed house. As you can see, Seamus is a long time veteran of the Irish pub scene, and has the repertoire and ability to make folks forget their cares for a while. His audience participation songs and tongue twisters have amazed and amused the ablest of participants and the nimblest of tongues. Kennedy has seven recordings to his credit, most of them taped before a live audience, with something for everyone on each. From the silly to the serious, from instrumentals to unaccompanied vocals, and with a healthy dose of humor thrown in, Seamus' recordings capture the fun he brings to his audiences.

In Concert

Local performances by members of The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon:

Acoustic Jam: 3rd Sunday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. at Frying Pan Park Country Store in Herndon. Call Yvonne Johnson at 703-437-9101 for details.

Where? House Concerts: doors open at 7, music begins at 7:30. Call Kim Kaplan (301-588-5314) or email her (jkkaplan@erols.com) for reservations and directions.

Ray Kaminsky: www.earbuzz.com/raykiminsky

- 5/2 Starbuck's, Hyattsville (6:30pm)
- 5/10 Starbuck's, Sterling (w/Jack Fretwell)
- 5/11 Medium Rare Café/Manassas (w/Bill Staines)
- 5/12 Medium Rare Café/Fredricksburg (w/Bill Staines)
- 5/18 Border's Books, Falls Church (w/Jack Fretwell)
- 6/2 Festival of the Arts/Frederick (w/Jack Fretwell)

Dulcie Taylor

- 5/11 Border's Books, Bowie (7:30pm)
- 5/19 NOVA Fine Arts Festival, Reston
- 5/19 49 West, Annapolis (9pm)
- 5/20 River Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda (7pm)
- 5/25 Reston Used Book Shop, Reston (7:30pm)

Lori Kelley

- 5/4 Starbucks, Franklin Farm
- 5/5 Starbuck's, Centreville
- 5/8 Starbuck's, Chevy Chase (w/Steve Key & David A. Alberding)

Pete Brown and the Mad Cows

featuring T.M. Hanna and Mike Wilkinson

- 5/11 Ledo's Pizza, Falls Church (9pm-12)
- 5/26 Revolution Coffee Lounge, Herndon (9pm-1am)

2001 Guest Artists & Special Events

Most tickets for Guest Artists are \$10 Non-member, \$9 Members. It pays to be a Folk Club member!

- 5/22/01 — Seamus Kennedy
- 6/19/01 — Side By Side
- 7/17/01 — Carolyn Hester
- 8/21/01 — Donal Leace
- 11/14/01 — Small Potatoes

Other Venues & Artists of Interest

Kim Kaplan's Where? House Concerts

www.fsgw.org/where?

5/19 The Kennedys

Doors open at 7 pm, music at 7:30.

Suggested donation \$10 includes light refreshments

Vic's Music Corner

This is a concert series held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of each month at O'Brien's in Rockville and is dedicated to introducing outstanding acoustic singer/songwriters from across the country. Showtime is 8:00 pm, advance tickets are \$12 (\$15 at the door). Call or e-mail Reba Heyman for tickets and information (301-984-1897; rebaheyman@compuserve.com). O'Brien's is at 387 E. Gude Drive. Upcoming concerts:

5/9 Tanya Savory w/Sarah Pesker

5/25 Bob Franke w/Eleni Kelakos

Medium Rare Café — Burke — Fridays 8pm

Accotink Unitarian Univ. Ch., 10125 Lakehaven Court
5/4 Doug Clegg w/Eleni Kelakos

Medium Rare Café — Oakton — Fridays 8pm

Unitarian Univ. Congregation, 2709 Hunter Mill Road
5/25 Erica Wheeler w/Ron Fetner

Medium Rare Café — Manassas — Saturdays 7:30pm

Bull Run Unitarian Univ. Fellowship, 9400 Main St.
5/11 Bill Staines w/Ray Kaminsky (8pm)

Medium Rare Café, PO Box 2939, Springfield, VA 22152-0939. Advance tickets are \$10 by mail (checks only, no Visa or MasterCard). Or contact John Sneed at fuzzy@mediumrarecafe.com.

NOVA Fine Arts Festival

May 19-20

Music starts at 10:20 a.m. each day, and concerts continue until 6:00 p.m. This year's artists include: Mac Walter & Steve Wolf, Dulcie Taylor, Scott Ainslie, Lena & Sanford Markley, Carey Colvin Band, Randy Barrett Trio, Steve Wolf & Swing Speak, Da Vinci's Notebook, Hot Soup, The Kennedys, Al Petteway & Amy White, and Songwriters in the Round: Lea, Eleni Kelakos, and Leigh Hilger.

GET YOUR TICKETS!!

Advance purchase of tickets to concerts by Guest Artists (*see page 2 every month except December*) can be made at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact:

Dave Hurd
110 Devil's Backbone Overlook
Stephenson, VA 22656
540-722-0146

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Tuesday nights, 7:30 p.m.

The Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA
703-471-1156

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Publicity: Sue Schier

Info Line: 703-435-2402

Bookings: Ray Kaminsky, 703-689-0444

Membership is \$12 per year.

Classifieds

Classified ads and performance listings will be published if received the 3rd week of the month before publication from members whose dues are current.

Email your dates to irene@caboyer.com.

Still Available through **Birdphluph Music:**

“Good Things Take Time” by TM Hanna & “Bare Facts” by Bill Davis, recorded live at Avalon Folk Festival. Contact Birdphluph Music, PO Box 131, Sterling, VA 20167 or www.birdphluph@pressroom.com.

Sound Design 12-Channel Powered Mixer - Folk Club board. Two 9-band graphic Equalizers. Stereo Mono/Monitor switchable output. 200 Watts per channel @ 8-ohms. Best offer over \$500. Contact Ray Kaminsky at 703-689-0444.

Folk Club Format

On most Tuesday evenings, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, including setup time. This allows three songs if you set up FAST and the songs are of moderate length.

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 you must:

- be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in 6 months
- fill out a lottery slip any time in the month before the drawing
- win the drawing on the night of the current month’s showcase
- prepare to be featured in the next newsletter!

Newsletter Publication

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified advertisements, articles, reviews, artwork and other music related items to Irene Boyer at irene@caboyer.com. All items must be emailed in MSWord, WordPerfect, or ASCII text format. Information must be received one week before the first day of the month in which you want it published. Items will be printed on the basis of music related interest, timeliness and space available with club information being the first priority.

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