

The Folk Club

of Reston-Herndon

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Proudly Presents its

Monthly Showcase

on the 8th of March, 2005, featuring the
splendor, **MUSICAL TALENTS**, and *serendipity* of

MR. T. M. HANNA

Mr. Hanna, whose *modesty* and *notable erudition* have graced this stage on many occasions, will be assisted and accompanied by the *rarely heard autodidactic acoustic Acadian*

MR. ALBERNIER

Together they will perform a **PROGRAM** of **MUSICAL DELIGHTS** and *finger dances* unmatched in *improbability* since the *Moulin Rouge* hosted

"Le Pétomane" JOSEPH PUJOLS

Also appearing will be eight other acts of mostly musical diversity, the exact identities, demeanors, and suitability of which, are, regrettably, unknown and unknowable, since all manner of

RUFFIANS *may be drawn by our featured act's provocative refinement and gentility*

Gentlemen escorting ladies of a "delicate" constitution are hereby advised to bring revivifying elixirs, tinctures, and unguents, the better to assist the dear lady should she swoon with the vapors at any absences, or excesses, of taste.

Bruce Davies

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:30 PM
March 29, 2005
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



Bruce Davies lives in Glenrothes in Fife, on the east coast of Scotland, about 20 miles from St. Andrews, the "Home of Golf." He is a singer whose style is very accessible, yet unique, blending the words and melodies of Scotland and beyond with harmonic influences that betray his Welsh ancestry. His love of the great folk songwriters of the 60's to the present day is also apparent in his presentation and choice of music and his warm, rich voice and sympathetic 6 & 12 string acoustic guitar technique have received much critical acclaim. A former **winner** of the prestigious **Edinburgh Folk Club Song-writing** competition, Bruce was known for many years as an interpreter of great songs by great writers. However, his own songs now sit happily alongside those of "the greats" in his performances. His enthusiasm for the works of **Robert Burns**, his knowledge and ability to express the history and music of Scotland as it relates to the rest of the world (particularly North America), combined with his witty introductions and friendly manner, make him a complete performer.

Audiences as diverse as Burns Suppers, Folk Clubs, Highland Games, Coffeehouses, Hospitals, Churches, Schools, Colleges and Retirement Homes/Villages have all enjoyed his music and style during his, more than, 20 years as a professional performer. Repeat visits are the norm, not the exception. Of the many highlights in his career, he regards his two concerts at the **United Nations**, New York as particularly special. "It's best to light a candle, than stand and curse the dark," words from

Canadian singer-songwriter, James Keelaghan's song, "**Hold Your Ground**", sum up Bruce's attitude to life and to his craft. He sings songs that move him, and passionately wants his audiences to find the same "magic" as he has found in them. He has made many TV appearances at home and abroad (including half hour "specials" in California and Washington DC). Prior to engaging in such a busy schedule as a performer, he was the presenter of 2 weekly shows on local radio. He has six albums currently available, including the recently released "**Songs We Used To Sing**", which is a celebration of his musical roots. He also has two which showcase songs of Scotland, one compilation featuring his versions of great lyric songs from the folk field and beyond, which he recorded in the 1990s, one compilation of his original songs, also recorded in the 1990s and "**Somewhere Down The Road**", which features 7 of his original songs and seven written by his friends and heroes.



Upcoming Performers

<http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=venue&value=Folk+Club+of+Reston-Herndon>

James Keelaghan – April 19, 7:30pm, \$10/\$9 - Juno award winner and author of 8 albums, one of Canada's finest folk artists

Bill Staines – May 24, 7:30pm, \$10/\$9 - Bill Staines has performed his original and traditional folk songs for over 35 years, recording 22 albums and 2 song books.

Lou & Peter Berryman – June 28, 7:30pm, \$10/\$9 – The epitome of zany, comedic folk duos - about as much fun as you can have in a room with the lights on!

MUSICAL NOTES



ATTENTION, ATTENTION:

After 15 years of holding the line on membership prices, The Folk Club finds it necessary to increase membership to \$15 per year. This new rate will go into effect on April 1, 2005. We will accept renewals at the \$12 rate for anyone who wishes to extend their current membership for another year and who does so before April first.

Membership in the Folk Club is still a bargain, though. Remember, it can more than pay for itself through discounts to concerts offered to members only.

Acoustic "Open Jam" - Reston Community Center at Lake Anne - Sunday March 13, 2005 (and Sunday May 15, 2005) - 7:00-9:00pm

Love to play with other folks, but don't really have enough other folks to play with? Don't have a venue at which to jam? Come to the Open Jam and join with other like-minded people. There will be a couple of professional session musicians to help keep things moving along, but the evening is largely up to you. This is your chance to join in the playing! What genre of music? Depends on who shows up. Gather anyone you know who loves to play and come to the Jam. Or come by yourself--you'll meet new folks with whom to play. Don't play an instrument? Come join us anyway. See you there! Free Admission; Free Parking. Light refreshments will be served. Driving Directions: 703-689-3550.

Muscle Shoals Closes - The famous recording studio founded in Sheffield, Alabama in 1969 has closed its doors for good. In its heyday artists like **The Rolling Stones, Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson** and others recorded numerous hits there. The studio has been owned by Malaco Records since 1985, and Malaco has indicated that business there had dropped off dramatically over the past several years with the advent of better and cheaper hard disk recording systems. A film production company is currently in the final stages of purchasing the building, and studios in Detroit and Los Angeles have purchased their two Neve consoles.

The **Songwriters Hall of Fame** has announced its inductees for this year's ceremony. Songwriters **John Fogarty, Bill Withers** and **Steve Cropper** will be inducted along with the songwriting teams of **Isaac Hayes & David Porter**, and **Richard & Robert Sherman**. The 36th annual induction ceremony will be held on June 9th at the Marriot Marquis Hotel in New York.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

You'll find Folk Club members in every joint in town!

Ray Kaminsky

3/5: 6:30pm, Finewine.com, 20A Grand Corner Ave., Gaithersburg, MD, 301-987-5933

3/12: ~10am-4pm, Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Rd., 703-968-7444. 2 presentations, 2 instruction classes. Exact times TBD

3/12: 7pm, Robinette's Coffee, 20693 Ashburn Rd., Ashburn, VA 703-729-1050

<http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=performers&value=Ray+Kaminsky>

Somos El Mar, www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Steve Key Music Showcases www.stevekey.com

Mondays: 7-10pm, The Frederick Coffee Company, 100 N. East St. @Church, Frederick MD 301.698.0039

Wednesdays: 7-10pm, Stella's, 1725 Duke St., Alexandria VA, 703-519-1946

Sundays: 7-10pm, Austin Grill, 919 Ellsworth Dr. @Georgia Ave., Silver Spring MD, 240-247-8969

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

3/1/1927 - Harry Belafonte

3/2/1923 - Artel "Doc" Watson

3/6/1905 - Bob Wills

3/7/1944 - Townes VanZandt

3/8/1954 - Bob Brozman

3/10/1938 - Norman Blake

3/16/1954 - Tim O'Brien

3/21/1902 - Eddie James "Son" House

3/23/1945 - David Grisman

And In Passing:

3/22/1952 - "Uncle" Dave Macon

Quote for The Month

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent." ~ Victor Hugo

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:30pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ray Kaminsky

Treasurer: Dave Hurd

Board of Directors: Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier

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FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a signup board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time. On the 2nd Tuesday of the month, we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

To be in the Showcase you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months; 2) fill out a lottery slip and place it in the "drawing bucket"; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, artwork and other music-related items to Bob Hampton at bhampton@ossva.com. Information should be received 1 week prior to the end of the month for the next month's newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space.

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Advance ticket purchases for Guest Artist concert performances can be made on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

TUNE-IN TO THE FOLK CLUB

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The cost is nominal, just \$12 per year. Along with the opportunity to participate in Showcase drawings, you get a \$1 discount on the ticket price of guest artist concerts (up to 2 tickets per show). Buy 2 tickets to every show and you've

saved a bundle! Join up on Folk Club Tuesdays, or call a board member for info.

NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club newsgroup is a great way of keeping in touch with what's happening around town and beyond. Find it at www.groups.yahoo.com by doing a search for **FolkClubofRestonHerndon**

WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at:

www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

Hop online and keep up with the latest happenings!

INFO LINE

For general folk club information contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402



Classifieds



WANTED: Your old guitar strings! The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world's most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd, Ellington, CT 06029.

Cabin Studios Open For Business

Let Folk Club member Les Thompson help you with your next recording project. Record your CD in a relaxed but professional environment. Cabin Studios is located near Leesburg Virginia. Take a visual tour of the studio at WWW.Cabinstudios.com. Visit the web site for equipment and rates. We are experienced in all music genres, but we specialize in acoustic music. Studio phone number is: 1-703-777-7770. Just leave a message and number.



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