



The Folk Club of Reston- Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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August 8 Showcase – Larry Mediate with Ray Kaminsky by Dan Grove

Larry Mediate joined the Folk Club back about 1986, when it met at Jonathan's Keep in Reston. He'd heard about it from Mark Elliott and Marty Ottobre, two even earlier club members. Larry's probably the first of what are now quite a few club marriages - he met his wife Beverly at one of those early sessions. Larry was club President for six years in the early 90's, and owned a music store back then, too. His tenor voice was a fixture at our gatherings during those early years.

A new career in telecom demanded more time, though, and Larry became less active. He worked at UUNet, which changed into Worldcom, then MCI, and now Verizon, where he manages internet technical support. We hope Verizon internet connections don't suffer, but we're more than happy to see Larry back with us regularly on Tuesdays!

For the showcase, Larry will do an original, about the Madrid bombings, and other songs that he says may surprise us. Accompanying him will be his successor as club President, Ray Kaminsky. Ray also does the booking for the club, is the founder of the Herndon Blues Festival, and has several recordings out, one of which won a 2001 Wammie award as best blues recording.

Larry's songs frequently have a Southwestern flavor to them, while Ray usually mines the Delta/Chicago vein, so perhaps the two together will create a new genre – let's call it Blue Adobe. Come to think of it, that wouldn't be so shabby as a band name, either!

Susan Greenbaum

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:15 PM – August 15, 2006
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



The Susan Greenbaum Band recently won a national competition to be the opening act for international superstar Jewel. Susan's band was selected by industry professionals and over 100,000 internet voters. As Jewel played solo, Susan also performed solo and enjoyed overwhelming success for the duration of the ten-show tour across the Northeast, selling almost 1,000 CDs and welcoming thousands of new fans. Susan released her third independent CD, "Hey, Hey, Hey!" in September '02 to rave reviews. The disc is a 13-song collection of intelligent lyrics, beautiful melodies, catchy hooks and always Susan's mellifluous and versatile voice. Within every song and performance are the artist's sincerity and boundless energy.

Billboard Magazine has reviewed two songs from "Hey, Hey, Hey!" in the "Singles" column. "Spin Like a Top" has "hooks that drill into your brain; smart, organic production; and lyrical substance to make the music an interactive experience." "Everything but You" received a

glowing review in Billboard when released as a single in 2000, and it was also added to commercial radio station WMXB-103.7 FM. The Richmond Times-Dispatch called "Hey, Hey, Hey!" the best local release of 2002. During MP3.com's heyday, Susan Greenbaum was one of the site's most popular artists, famous or unknown. She held impressive positions on several charts and garnered over 180,000 downloads of her songs, which were frequently #1 or in the Top Ten of the Acoustic Rock and Pop charts. Susan draws big, enthusiastic audiences who delight in her lively, diverse and powerful performances. Thanks to the internet, she has fans on every continent. She performs solo and with her band and has appeared at such venues as The Bottom Line in NYC, The Birchmere, and Rams Head Tavern. In addition to touring with Jewel, Susan's credits include performing an acoustic set with Dave Matthews Band violinist Boyd Tinsley; sharing bills with Jill Sobule; and opening for Kenny Loggins, Patty Griffin, Dar Williams, Janis Ian, Todd Snider, Tuck and Patti, Iris DeMent, Lucy Kaplansky, Lloyd Cole and Catie Curtis. Susan also endorses W.L Gore's Elixir Strings. The most frequently heard comment at her gigs is, "Great songs--and how does all that big, beautiful sound come out of someone under five feet tall?"



Upcoming Performers

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

Lee Murdock – September 19, 2006, \$10/\$9 – a talented performer of Great Lakes and maritime music spanning 15 generations of musical influences.

John Stewart – October 10, 2006 \$16/\$15 – The legendary folk singer and former Kingston Trio member will no doubt play a sold-out show. Get your tickets early!

MUSICAL NOTES



Folk Club Anniversary Party! – August 22nd

Come out on Tuesday, August 22 to help the Folk Club celebrate 19 years of making our home at **The Tortilla Factory**. There's no \$1 cover for this special party, and door prizes will be awarded (as usual) to almost everyone who shows up. Bring yourself, your friends, and your appetite and get ready for a good time!

Labor Day Campout at the Double Trouble Estate

Dave and Beth will once again be hosting their annual Labor Day campout for the Folk Club. Early indications are that this may be one of the biggest they've held to date, so make your meal reservations early. See Dave or Beth for additional info then pack up your tents, sleeping bags and instruments and head out for our own little 'Music in the Mountains' festival!

Philadelphia Folk Festival – August 18-20

For those not averse to a little traveling, the 45th edition of one of the nation's oldest and most revered music festivals is set for August 18-20 at the Old Pool Farm near Schwenksville, Pennsylvania.

More than 50 Folk, Blues, old-time, Bluegrass, World, and Roots artists will provide over 55 hours of new and traditional music.

This year's lineup features **Jackson Brown & David Lindley, Hot Tuna, David Jacobs-Strain** and many others. For more info, check out the website at <http://www.folkfest.org>

Massanutten Resort Music Festivals

Located just 10 miles east of Harrisonburg, VA, the Massanutten Resort will be hosting 2 upcoming music festivals of interest.

The 7th Annual Great Eastern Blues Festival will be held on August 5th and 6th. This year's artists include **Michael Burks, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Chris Beard**, the **Deb Callahan Band**, and **Mikey Jr. and The Stone Cold Blues**.

The *Mountain Bluegrass Festival* being held at the resort on September 2. For a complete list of artists and events, or to order tickets online, visit the web site at: <http://www.massresort.com/2003/Events/concerts.htm> or call 1-800-207-6277.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

That's right – they don't just play at The Folk Club!

Ray Kaminsky

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

Somos El Mar, www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Ron Goad

Last Sat. monthly, SAW Showcase Night at Red Rocks Cafe and Tequila Bar, 13850-F Braddock Road, Centreville, Va. 20121, (703) 266 7060

First Thur. Monthly, SAW presents Ron Goad's Upstairs at The Firehouse, 3988 University Dr., Fairfax, VA, 22030, (703) 383-1030

Miles In Trail (Demetrios Liadis and Bo Carneal)

www.milesintrail.com

Steve Key Music Showcases www.stevekey.com

Sundays: 7:30-10pm, Westside Cafe, Frederick, MD

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

8/1/1931 – "Ramblin" Jack Elliot

8/1/1942 – Jerry Garcia

8/4/1901 – Louis Armstrong

8/8/1944 – John Renbourn

8/12/1929 – Alvis Edgar Owens, Jr. ("Buck" Owens)

8/14/1941 – David Crosby

8/22/1917 – John Lee Hooker

8/27/1925 – Carter Stanley

And In Passing:

8/6/1973 – Lizzie Douglas (a.k.a. 'Memphis Minnie')

8/9/1995 – Jerry Garcia

8/15/1958 – "Big" Bill Broonzy

8/16/2005 – Vassar Clements

8/19/1959 – "Blind" Willie McTell

8/21/1918 – Orville Gibson

Quote for The Month

"The Mandolin is the bottom four strings of the guitar, backwards...so a person with dyslexia has no problem learning to play the Mandolin."

~ Steve Goodman

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 Porter, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier

Publicity: Sue Schier

Bookings: Ray Kaminsky

Newsletter: Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Ray Kaminsky, Dave Hurd

Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Website: Armen Karimian

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 \$15 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. Just go to: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/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.

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