



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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December 12 Showcase – Scott Malyszka

by Dan Grove

Scott Malyszka (pronounced Ma-lis-ka) lives in Reston near Trader Joe's, with his wife Robin and three big dogs. He's originally from Pennsylvania, where he grew up in a house full of music. The radio or stereo was always on, and he particularly remembers his parents' Elvis and Beatles records. Scott played flute and saxophone in the school band, then got a guitar at age 14 and was soon into a Bob Dylan phase. Over the years he's also listened to Woody Guthrie, Hank Williams, Pete Seeger, blues artists, Bill Monroe, Doc Watson, and many others.

Scott's first college career was in Biblical and ancient Near East studies. He has a BA and an MA in Theology, and has done research in the Akkadian, Aramaic, Greek, and Hebrew languages. He then got a BA in Information Systems at Penn State, became a software engineer, and currently works for the College Board in Reston Town Center. He codes in C, C++, HTML, Oracle SQL, and Java.

That's a lot of languages, ranging from ancient to cutting edge modern. But Scott also knows another notation system – braille. Yes, Scott is blind. You may have seen him at the Folk Club as a duo with **Harry Brooks**, a friend Scott met while working at Network Solutions a while ago. Harry will be there again on guitar for the showcase, and they'll be joined by **Bill Smoot** on mandolin and bass, and **Kathleen Farrar** on banjo. Scott will play fiddle and guitar, and handle the lead vocals on some bluegrass and old-time songs.

Scott's introduction to bluegrass music was in an unusual place – he was doing graduate studies in Jerusalem in 1993, and some neighbors asked him to form a trio. He didn't really know what bluegrass was then, but certainly picked it up, and his strong voice is perfect for it. Don't miss this showcase!



The Year In Review

2006 is almost over, and it's time once again to look back at some of the fun we've had here at the Folk Club this past year. Those who have attended the monthly concerts have enjoyed music by some of the finest national and international performers around. Many thanks again to our President, Ray Kaminsky for booking such wonderful musicians for our club.

The monthly showcases bring us enjoyment and deeper insight into the talents and interests of the Folk Club members who have entertained us during our regular weekly gatherings. Open mike nights have enjoyed such remarkable attendance over much of the past year that on most nights, the board was filled up well before the music began. Special thanks go out once again to Chuck Curcio for our home here at the Tortilla Factory.

Here is a brief list of the acts we've enjoyed at the club this past year:

January:	Concert – Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen.	Showcase – Laura Schier & Friends
February:	Concert – Dana & Susan Robinson	Showcase – Marjorie Myers
March:	Concert – Bryan Bowers	Showcase – Sue Schier
April:	Concert – Michael Smith	Showcase – Mike Haley
May:	Concert – Roy Book Binder	Showcase – Kathleen Farrar
June:	Concert – Chuck Brodsky	Showcase – Nancy Mitchell
July:	Concert – Magpie	Showcase – Dumb Muscle and the Divas
August:	Concert – Susan Greenbaum	Showcase – Larry Mediate
September:	Concert – Lee Murdock	Showcase – T.M. Hanna
October:	Concert – (no concert)	Showcase – Jim Nagle
November:	Concert – Bernice Lewis	Showcase – Todd Crowley

Thanks again to Armen Karimian for maintaining such a high-quality web site for The Club. Armen works as Office Manager and Tech Wizard at the Chamber of Commerce, and goes to George Mason University, where he is studying Internet Technology and Business. He creates websites on the side, and is open to requests for such work if anyone is in need of a great-looking website.

Special thanks to Bill Farrar and John McConnell for coming in every week to set up the sound system for us – you guys are the best! Thanks to Dave Hurd for the myriad tasks he performs to keep The Club running. My personal thanks to Dave, Ray, and Dan Grove for helping to get the newsletter out every month. Thanks also to all the volunteers who help setup, operate, and break down the equipment, and the performers who come in every week to entertain us. With your help we can all look forward to another year of enjoying music and laughter together in the best club in town.



Upcoming Performers

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

Garnet Rogers – January 23, 2007 – Garnet Rogers may be the greatest male interpreter and vocalist performing in the contemporary folk scene... *Sing Out Magazine*

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker – February 13, 2007, \$12/\$11 – Sparky Rucker is an internationally recognized folklorist, musician, historian, storyteller, and author. Rhonda Rucker is an accomplished harmonica, piano player and vocalist.

MUSICAL NOTES



AtLantis House Concerts

The next Atlantis house concert will be coming up early in the year. Make plans with Bob and Nina in advance, and don't miss out on these great shows!

Saturday, Feb 17, 2007: Nancy Moran & Fett. An evening of "contemporary folk with a rock-n-roll edge" with one of the Four Bitchin' Babes, and her very talented husband, Fett.

All shows begin at 7:30, unless otherwise noted. Reservations are required and a suggested minimum donation of \$15 is requested. Seating is limited, so contact them at: HouseConcerts@Lantis.us or call 571-333-7222

SAW West Market Concert – December 10

This month's concert features **Laura Baron** and **Jean Bayou**. Jean is the current president of SAW, and writes wonderfully witty and meaningful songs. Laura is an award-winning songwriter with a tremendous voice, who blends jazz, blues and folk in her music. Also coming up in the next year:

Jan. 7, 2007: Jeff Talmadge and Pat Wictor
Feb. 4, 2007: David Kitchen and Daniel Lee
Mar. 4, 2007: Susan Greenbaum and Andrew McKnight
Apr. 1, 2007: Greg Vickers and Greg Trafidlo

Concerts are the 1st Sunday of each month, 7:00pm, at the West Market Clubhouse, 1901 Logan Manor Drive, Reston, VA. Donations of up to \$10 per person are encouraged, to help support the functions of SAW and the West Market Association. Contact Greg Vickers or Ron Goad for further info, or call the clubhouse at (703) 435-3777.

WFMA Benefit Concert 2007 – Tribute to Odetta

Mark your calendars now for March 24, 2007. That's the date of the 22nd Annual WFMA Benefit Concert. This year's show will return to the beautiful Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, where some of the country's greatest folk performers will pay tribute to folk legend **Odetta**. This concert has been rescheduled from January 20 to March 24 due to scheduling conflicts. "Because of WFMA's desire to make this concert and tribute to Odetta a truly special event," says WFMA president Dick Cerri, "we needed a little more time to talk further with some of the performers who we feel would make the concert an extraordinary evening but because of scheduling problems could not commit to a January date." There will be no WFMA concert in January.

As more information becomes available about the concert it will be posted on the WFMA web site at: <http://www.wfma.net/>

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

Miles In Trail (Demetrios Liadis and Bo Carneal)
www.milesintrail.com

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

Steve Key Music Showcases www.stevekey.com
Sundays: 7:30-10pm, Westside Cafe, Frederick, MD

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

12/5/1938 – J.J. Cale
12/7/1942 – Harry Chapin
12/7/1949 – Tom Waits
12/15/1891 – Alvin Pleasant (A.P.) Carter
12/19/1940 – Phil Ochs
12/25/1908 – Alton Dalmore
12/30/1937 – John Hartford
12/30/1937 – Paul Stookey
12/30/1938 – Mike Aldridge
12/31/1943 – John Denver

And In Passing:

12/1/1966 – Carter Stanley
12/4/1952 – Rabon Delmore
12/6/1949 – Huddie Ledbetter (aka 'Leadbelly')
12/8/1980 – John Lennon

Quote for The Month

"I often think in music, live my daydreams in music, and see my life in terms of music. I get most joy in life out of music." ~ Albert Einstein



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



Folk Club Members: Advertise Here!

SEEKING MUSICIANS: Cornet and harmonica player, experienced, seeks working performer, group, or band based in NoVA (Vienna). Jazz, rock, blues, folk, pop, country. david@savageheart.com

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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