



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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January 9 Showcase – Keltish

by Dan Grove



Keltish is a fun, energetic quartet of professional musicians who are all of Celtic descent. They have widely varied musical backgrounds, but have joined together to play traditional Celtic tunes with their own modern and humorous twist.

Chelle Fulk owns and operates Music by Anthem (www.musicbyanthem.com), where she provides ensembles of musicians for any function or any reason. She plays violin, viola, and various electric fiddles with groups ranging from classical string quartet to latin, jazz, and rock bands, and any other group you can imagine a fiddle in. Her solo recordings include "2 Do Beatles" and "Island Time".

Lynn Cunningham's passion is singing, which she's been doing professionally for over twenty years. She has performed with the Pyrates Royale, a rowdy lot that frequents the Renaissance Festival, and the world-beat folk band Kiva. Lynn also plays the bodhran, or Irish frame drum, and loves to re-write lyrics to songs, making them more her own.

Kim Davidson is a professional harpist who also plays pennywhistle, small pipes (bagpipes that have learned to play well with others, not the highland bullies), and melodica (a kind of reed wind piano). She sometimes even plays all of them in the same song! To maintain her aerobic capacity for the pipes, she competes in running races of up to 50 miles and also does triathlons (swimming, biking, and running).

Glen McCarthy, Keltish's token male, is a long-time music educator and guitar instructor at the high school and college level. He adds bass and vocals, as well as guitar, to the group. A graduate of West Virginia University, he's toured with bluegrass recording artist Hickory Wind and appeared with many of the area's best rock, jazz, and big bands.

You can find Keltish online at www.keltish.com. Their music can be previewed and purchased at cdbaby.com/cd/keltish, and their current activities can be found at www.livejournal.com (under "Keltish," natch). But there is another place to find them on the internet, and that's in a 3-D virtual world, built and owned by its residents, called Second Life (secondlife.com). In this world, you are represented by an avatar, can look like anyone you want, and do things impossible in the physical world. There is a real economy there – you can own land, and run a business using the site's "play" money. But then you can exchange the play money for real-world dollars, for which there is a floating exchange rate. For more info, look up Second Life in Wikipedia, but for now, remember hearing earlier that Keltish does traditional Celtic music with a modern twist? Well, they were the first band to perform live in this new world, and they continue to do it monthly. They appear to the online denizens to be in the "Blarney Stone," a fun little bar in Dublin, while in reality are broadcasting from Lynn's living room. They'll do it again on Friday, January 12 (check Livejournal, above, for the time), and you can tune in from the real world by plugging the URL <http://66.34.54.162:8000> into your browser.

Now, *that's* a modern twist done right!

Garnet Rogers

Tickets \$15 (\$14 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:15 PM – January 23, 2007
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



Garnet is one of Canada's most acclaimed singer-songwriters. He has been called one of the major talents of our time. His music, like the man himself, is literate, passionate, highly sensitive, with deep purpose. Garnet writes extraordinary songs about the everyday struggles of ordinary people and their "small victories" - deeply moving tributes in song to love, courage, faith and dreams. As memorable as his songs, his over the top humor and lightning-quick wit moves his audience from tears to laughter and back again. His critical and popular acclaim comes not from huge advertising dollars, but, quite simply, from word of mouth, and the "word" is great. Garnet has been the featured performer on numerous television and radio programs, including *Much Music*, *The Country Beat*, *Listen Up*, *Morningside*, **Mountain Stage** and **All Things Considered**. He has been a headliner at concert venues such as **Wolf Trap** and **Lincoln Centre**, sharing the stage with performers such as **Mary Chapin Carpenter**, **Billy Bragg**, **Bill Monroe**, **Ferron** and **Guy Clark**. Red House Records is excited to announce the release of *all that is: The Songs of Garnet Rogers*. Garnet just released his 10th solo CD, *Shining Thing*, and appears on several recordings with Archie Fisher and Doug McArthur. Garnet was also appeared on all

of his legendary brother Stan Roger's recordings, having toured with Stan from the time Garnet left high school, and who called Garnet "the world's greatest sideman" - would probably have now dropped the "sideman." **Mary Cliff** of WETA's Traditions has called Garnet "her favorite performer" and described his music as "so powerful its eerie". Garnet was the headliner at Herndon Folk Festival in 1994. You better **get your tickets early!!!**



Upcoming Performers

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

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.

Chuck Pyle – March 27, 2007, \$12/\$11 – Pyle's songs have been recorded by John Denver, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Suzy Bogguss

Iona – April 17, 2007m \$12/\$11 – Iona's music is a unique, acoustic weave of the traditional music of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany (France), the Isle of Man and Galicia (Spain)

MUSICAL NOTES



AtLantis House Concerts

The next AtLantis house concert will be on Saturday, February 17, featuring 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 Series

The following is a list of the next upcoming performances for the SAW West Market Concert Series:

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.

BlueHighwaysTV.com on Broadband

BlueHighways TV is a satellite and broadband television network that celebrates the music, folklore, people and traditions of America. In October they announced a deal with Narrowstep to deliver streaming content from their web site. In mid-November they unveiled a new partnership with the Mansion America Theater in Branson, MO. Mansion America's owner, Gene Bicknell, will both invest financially in BlueHighways TV and make the production facilities of the theater available to the network.

BlueHighways TV is operated by Ronnie Reno, son of bluegrass legend Don Reno, and Stan Hitchcock, who was among the founders of Country Music Television (CMT) when it launched in the early days of cable TV. You can find them on the web at:

www.BlueHighwaysTV.com

MerleFest Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets for what many consider to be the U.S.'s premiere bluegrass and traditional music festival went on sale Nov. 14. MerleFest 2007 is the 20th annual event (launched at Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro, North Carolina in honor of the late Merle Watson, son and musical partner of Doc Watson) and will be held on April 26-29. Among the many luminaries lending their talents this year: Sam Bush, Cherryholmes, Elvis

Costello, Donna the Buffalo, Jerry Douglas, the Duhks, Bela Fleck, Uncle Earl, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Earl Scruggs, Marty Stuart, Pam Tillis, the Infamous Stringdusters, Jim Lauderdale, Robinella, the Waybacks, and lots more. Camping is available. Entries to the Chris Austin Songwriting Contest must be received by March 4, 2007.

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

Demetrios Liadis

Go to Myspace.com and select Search. Then select "Search by E-mail" meetmetro@msn.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:

1/2/1936 - Roger Miller
1/3/1945 - Stephen Stills
1/6/1924 - Earl Scruggs
1/9/1942 - Joan Baez
1/10/1943 - Jim Croce
1/12/1905 - Woodrow Maurice "Tex" Ritter
1/15/1915 - Alan Lomax
1/19/1939 - Phil Everly
1/20/1889 - Huddie Ledbetter a.k.a. "Leadbelly"
1/21/1941 - Richie Havens
1/27/1930 - Bobbie "Blue" Bland
1/31/1796 - Christian Frederick Martin

And In Passing:

1/1/1953 - Hank Williams
1/2/1974 - Woodrow Maurice "Tex" Ritter
1/13/1864 - Stephen Foster
1/20/2002 - John Jackson

Quote for The Month

"Sometimes when I play the guitar, I feel like I am dancing with God. And although I step on her toes from time to time, she is content to let me lead" ~ Anonymous

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

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

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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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