



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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October 16 Showcase T M Hanna with Grandpa & Gaven

TM will be joined for this showcase by Max and Gaven Largent. Most of the Folk Club members have not had an opportunity to hear these two fine musicians. Grandpa Max lives in Clarke County. Gaven lives near Winchester. Gaven grew up listening to his Grandpa play music and took some guitar lessons when he was younger. For the last two years or so he has been teaching himself to play Dobro and banjo and recently began playing lap steel guitar as well. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear this trio playing together for the first time right here at the Folk Club and be sure to ask Gaven who scribbled on his hat.



Mark Elliot

Tickets \$12 (\$11 Members)

**The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:15 PM – October 9, 2007
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA**



Mark Elliott's acoustic roots run deep. As a teenager, Mark immersed himself in the vibrant bluegrass and folk music scene in Washington, D.C. One of his earliest guitar teachers and mentors was Phil Rosenthal, from the famed bluegrass band, The Seldom Scene. A debut album (Common Ground 1988) and a last minute opening act for Tom Paxton lit the fire of the young writer, leading him to Nashville and a publishing deal with Cherry Lane Music. Independent and major artists, receiving airplay on radio and TV in the United States and abroad, have recorded Mark's songs. His songs have hit the Billboard Top Forty charts, highlighted by the hit single by Neal McCoy, "Every Man for Himself." Billboard Magazine called it "a song with rare lyrical and musical edge and the best cut on the album". Winning the Kerrville New Folk Award in 1993 that really put Mark on the map and on the road. As one-half of the duo Culley & Elliott, Mark toured extensively in support of their acclaimed CD,

"Flight of Dreams" (1993). The year 2000 brought Mark back to a solo career and a successful new CD. "My Great Escape," featuring a duet with Tom Paxton (Stars in Their Eyes), was an Americana Chart's top 70 CD. It was played on commercial and public radio programs across the United States and abroad. It generated a #2 song (She Rode Horses) on the independent country chart. Mark's 2004 release, "American Road," captures the characters, towns and stories from his well-traveled past. "American Road" attracted vocal collaborations from luminaries Don Henry and Jonell Mosser (renowned vocalist who has sung with the likes of Bonnie Raitt, B.B. King and Ringo Starr). Now in 2006, Mark's road has led back to his Folk and Bluegrass beginnings. The new CD, "Pickin' Blackberries", shares 12 new songs with some of the most respected names in acoustic music. Mark's guitar and voice, coupled with the likes of IBMA winner Jim Hurst, National finger-picking champion/John Denver guitarist Pete Huttlinger and Americana divas The McCrary Sisters, make for a strong and genuine delivery of captivating stories!



Upcoming Performers

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

Erik Balkey – November 27, 2007, \$12/\$11 – With a voice like a soft wind through the trees, Erik spins tales from all walks of life.

Franklin & Harpe – January 22, 2008 – An evening of great blues with guitar duets.

Small Potatoes – February 19, 2008 – Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso perform "celtic to cowboy" Superb musicianship and showmanship, and award-winning songwriting

MUSICAL NOTES



69th National Folk Festival – October 12-14

The National Folk Festival is the oldest traditional arts festival in the country, celebrating the roots, richness and variety of American culture through music, dance, traditional craft, storytelling and food. This "moveable feast of deeply traditional folk arts" regularly attracts more than 100,000 people each year. It's been held in 27 communities around the country, and 2007 is the last year of its three-year stint on Richmond's historic downtown riverfront.

Next year Richmond will start hosting its own similar festival with assistance from the same people who organize the National Folk Festival – the National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA).

For additional information, call (804) 788-6466 or visit the web site at <http://www.nationalfolkfestival.com>

Special Request

By popular demand, and with the permission of its author, here is a transcript of Jim Clark's catchy homage to The Folk Club, as performed at our gala 20th anniversary party in August. With any luck, I will try to get an audio file posted sometime soon so that all may enjoy it again. Thanks, Jim!

They Say It Costs A Dollar - by Jim Clark

Tuesday night was dragging; my girlfriend out on strike
I headed out to Herndon to play the open mike
But when I finally got there my stomach tied in knots
I found that T. M. Hanna had taken all the slots

He graciously provided some time for just one song,
But then he quickly added I get to play along;
And adding all the others it was looking very dire,
My song was bound to sound like the Tabernacle Choir

Chorus:

They say it costs a dollar; it's the cheapest gig in town
Don't take no wooden nickels, you'll find them all around.
I'll know my life is over, I'll know my life's complete
When I hear the guitar playing of Acapella Pete

The freezer hummed out gently in the green room as I tuned;

The smell of fresh tortillas and papaya filled the room;
Half a crate of lettuce blocked my entrance to the stage,
But I remained undaunted in my culinary cage

The Professor started singing, he brought them to their feet;

Goaded by the banging of Ron's incessant beat;
Sue sat through the chaos wanting nothing more;
Stoic as a statue anchored to the floor

(Chorus)

I swaggered with my six-string, I took my rightful place;
I knew I was the best thing this group would ever face;
The crowd began to heckle, I was looking for the door;
My cell phone started ringing, the crowd began to roar

They say it costs a dollar; it's the cheapest gig in town
But when you hear that ringing it's the costliest around;

So when you hear that ringing you'd better find the door
Or you'll be spending money buying drinks until you're poor.

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

Check on line at www.myspace.com/demetriosjam, or call him at 571-247-8969

Tomy Wright

Contact Tomy at tomy@tomywright.com, 301-637-5707
www.tomywright.com

Ron Goad – hosting the following SAW events:

- Every Monday 8pm, showcase at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. <http://www.Brewers-Alley.com>
- Third Thursday each month 6-10pm at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA. <http://www.bangkokblues.com>
- Last Saturday each month 12:30-4:30pm, theme shows at Red Rocks Café, Centreville, VA. <http://www.restaurant.com/redrocks>

Contact Ron directly for info on attending and/or signing up for any events: MisterGoad@aol.com, 703.266-7060

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

"Uncle" Dave Macon – 10/7/1870
John Lennon – 10/9/1940
John Prine – 10/10/1946
Paul Simon – 10/13/1942
Victoria Spivey – 10/15/1906
Laura Nyro – 10/18/1947
Louis Marshall "Grandpa" Jones – 10/20/1913
Dale Evans – 10/31/1912
Tom Paxton – 10/31/1937

And In Passing:

Gene Autry – 10/2/1998
Woody Guthrie – 10/3/1967
Victoria Spivey – 10/3/1976
Smiley Lewis – 10/7/1966
John Denver – 10/12/1997
"Tennessee" Ernie Ford – 10/17/1991
Eddie James "Son" House – 10/19/1988
Merle Travis – 10/20/1983
Hank Snow – 10/20/1999
Robert "Barbecue Bob" Hicks – 10/21/1931
"Mother Maybelle" Carter – 10/23/1978
Roger Miller – 10/25/1992
Hoyt Axton – 10/26/1999

Quote for the Month

"Alas for those who never sing, but die with all their music in them"

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

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, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton

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

INFO LINE

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



Classifieds



Folk Club Members: Advertise Here!

FOR SALE: Fender Acoustasonic 30 Acoustic Amplifier - barely used \$225.00 Contact Demetrios 571-247-8969 or meetro@msn.com

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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