



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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December 11 Showcase – Tomy Wright

by Dan Grove

"The type of music I play is finger-picked, acoustic guitar folk based on my own life experiences, inspired by the diverse people I've met and myriad of places I've been." This is how Tomy Wright welcomes people to his website (tomywright.com). And, yes, it's pronounced like "Tommy," but has only one "M" (in fact, the title of his 2004 CD, available on CD Baby, is *Tomy, One "M"*).



Tomy grew up in a house with music everywhere - from Puccini to Ray Charles, the Gershwins to the Ink Spots, and Mahalia Jackson to Lawrence Welk, his parents had the records. He played in a rhythm band in Kindergarten, then did 8 years of violin, followed by drums (he wanted to be Ringo after spending his haircut money on *Meet the Beatles*). Listening to Boston's WBZ and WBCN radio stations, he was immersed in the rock and folk of the Woodstock generation.

As a teen, Tomy borrowed a Gretsch electric guitar and began working through the Jimi Hendrix Electric Ladyland songbook. A few years later, he bought a classical guitar, and has been strumming and picking ever since. He's been writing songs for many years, and poems, too.

Tomy was a military intelligence officer until four years ago, when he transitioned to being a consultant with the Department of Homeland Security. With the Army, he was stationed at West Point, the Pentagon, and several other places stateside, plus Germany, Turkey, Hawaii, Korea, and Panama, with side trips to the Canary Islands, Australia, and the Galapagos Islands. Yes, he's seen a large part of the world! He's not automatically identified as an American in most places - guesses have been Panamanian, Yemeni, Middle Eastern, Ethiopian, and others - which has been fun at times, but has been problematic on occasion since 9/11. He has many stories, and they all tend to make their way into songs!

Tomy lives in Jefferson, Maryland, and is well known in the Frederick area – his image was used recently on one of 30 works of public art in the form of 6-foot fiberglass keys that have graced the city's streets. He's on the one titled "Music is the Key to Happiness," of course! You can also find him co-hosting the Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic at Caribou Coffee in Olney on the 3rd Friday evening of each month, and check his website for other gigs.

For his showcase, Tomy will do all original songs, and will be joined by **Brooke Robbins** on bass and **Dave Mays** on lead acoustic guitar, friends from Frederick. See you there!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Year In Review

With 2007 winding down to the New Year, it's time once again to look back at what we've done in the past year here at The Club. It was a year of changes and notable events, such as :

- In May, we celebrated the 22rd anniversary of the Folk Club's founding by Rose Haskell and friends.
- In August the Folk Club celebrated 20 years of gathering at the Tortilla Factory restaurant, where Chuck Curcio was presented with a new, original work of art. Thanks, Chuck – you're the best!
- In September, two new members were added to the Folk Club Board of Directors: Ron Goad and Bob Hampton. Both assured the board they would work diligently to enhance the Bahamas Junket Fund.

Many thanks again to our President, Ray Kaminsky for booking such wonderful musicians for our monthly concerts. Here are the concerts and showcases we enjoyed at the club this past year:

January:	Concert – Garnet Rogers	Showcase – Keltish
February:	Concert – Sparky & Rhonda Rucker	Showcase – Sue Schier
March:	Concert – Chuck Pyle	Showcase – Don Rembert
April:	Concert – Iona	Showcase – T.M. Hanna
May:	Concert – Terry Allard	Showcase – Tomy Wright
June:	Concert – (no concert)	Showcase – Todd Crowley
July:	Concert – (no concert)	Showcase – Jane Tatum
August:	Concert – Bill Staines	Showcase – Larry Mediate
September:	Concert – Laura Baron & Pat Victor	Showcase – Scott Malyszka
October:	Concert – Mark Elliot	Showcase – T.M. Hanna
November:	Concert – Erik Balkey	Showcase – Ron Goad

A farewell thanks goes to Armen Karimian for developing our great web site. Armen is moving into a new job, and we wish him luck in all his endeavors. Your newsletter editor will be the new webmaster, at least for the foreseeable future.

Special thanks to Bill Farrar and John McConnell for their weekly efforts in setting up our sound system. As I write this, we are following John's progress post-surgery, and hope he will recover quickly. Get well soon John! Thanks also to the folks who run the sound board for us – especially Harny and Ben Hamblin. We had a bit of a scare this past summer when Harny lost his ponytail in a swimming accident, but it appears that, unlike the biblical Samson, he did not lose his powers!

Thanks to Dave Hurd for the myriad tasks he performs to keep The Club running. My personal thanks as always to Dave, Ray, and Dan Grove for helping get the newsletter out each month. Thanks also to all the volunteers who help setup, operate, and break down the equipment, and the musicians who come in every week to perform. 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>

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



Folk Club Holiday Party and December Info

Come out and join us for the annual Folk Club holiday party on December 18th. The usual door prizes and holiday fun will be in abundance. Also, be aware that the Folk Club will be dark on Christmas and New Years Day this season, as they both fall on Tuesday. We'll get together in the new year starting January 8th.

WFMA Benefit Concert 2008, plus

There's still time to get tickets for the World Folk Music Association's 23rd annual Benefit Concert on January 19, 2008. Also just announced is a special WFMA tribute concert to be held May 3, 2008 at the Schlesinger Concert Hall to honor Tom Paxton. For more info about both concerts go to: <http://www.wfma.net>

DCBU Winter Concert – January 19th, 2008

The DC Bluegrass Union's winter concert will be held 7:00PM at the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA. This year's featured artists are **John Starling & Carolina Star**, and **The Lisa Kay Band**. For ticket info, call 703-916-0655 or visit the DCBU website at <http://www.dcbu.org>

Holiday Fruitcake Recipe

- 1 C Water
- 1 C Sugar
- 4 Large eggs
- 3 C dried fruit
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 C Brown sugar
- Lemon juice, nuts
- 1 FULL bottle of your favorite whiskey

Sample the whiskey to check for quality.
Take out a large bowl.
Check the whiskey again to be sure that it is of the highest quality.
Pour 1 level cup and drink. Repeat.
Turn on the electric mixer; beat 1 C of butter in a large fluffy bowl.
Add 1 tsp. sugar and beat again.
Make sure the whiskey is still OK.
Cry another cup. Turn off the mixer.
Break two eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit.
Mix on the burner.
If the dried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a screwdriver.
Sample the whiskey to check for toxicity.
Next, sift 2 cups of salt. Or something. Who cares?
Check the whiskey.
Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts.
Add one tablespoon of sugar or something...whatever you can find.
Grease the oven. Turn on the cake tin to 350 degrees.
Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window.
Check the whiskey again. Go to bed.
Who the heck likes fruit cake anyway???

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

T.M Hanna, www.birdphluph.com

Somos El Mar, www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Demetrios Liadis

www.myspace.com/demetriosjam or call 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 The Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. <http://www.Brewers-Alley.com>

- 3rd Thursday and 4th Tuesday each month 7:30-11pm, variety showcase 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 at MisterGoad@aol.com

Chelle Fulk (with Keltish)

Contact Chelle at 703-471-1968, or check out the website at: <http://www.keltish.com>

Doris Justis

<http://www.dorisjustis.com> - Folk, original, and contemporary music

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 Auldridge

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

“Talking about music is like dancing about architecture.”

~ Thelonius Monk



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

Webmaster: Bob Hampton

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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