



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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April 8 Showcase – T.M. Hanna

by Dan Grove

Thomas Michael Hanna has done more showcases than any other Folk Club member. He always re-invents his performances, and usually brings a kaleidoscope of co-conspirators on stage with him. For this showcase, he'll be accompanied by **Kathleen Farrar, Sue Schier, Lisa Cobb, and Loralyn Coles**. They'll do a variety of songs, including "Northern Lights," one of Loralyn's originals.



TM has tinkered at playing almost every instrument imaginable, but has settled on the mandolin as his ace axe. His musical tastes are comprehensive, too - he's got a remarkable knowledge of pop and folk musicology, especially about American songwriters of the last 200 years. Mention a song, and he'll know all about its writer and recording history. To top it off, he's a witty stand-up comedian for the patter between songs.

TM works at Melody Music in Sterling, teaching harmonica, banjo, and mandolin as well as guiding customers through sundry musical paraphernalia. Over the years, he's also performed with a variety of groups, like the Justis League, the Space Time Gourmets, the Mad Cows, and the Porch Monkeys. He's played all over, including the Avalon, Country Roads, and Cherry Blossom Festivals, but keeps coming back to the Folk Club because it's the only place where his eccentricities are overshadowed by everyone else's, and the challenge to rise to our level of quirky charm inspires him.

As always at a TM Hanna showcase, the provocative refinement and gentility on display may inspire the distaff members of the audience to lapses of discretion. Gentlemen escorting ladies of a delicate constitution are advised to bring revivifying elixirs, tinctures, and unguents, the better to assist the dear lady should she swoon with the vapors after tossing unmentionables, motel keys, and large denomination currency onto the stage.

Just another day of what passes for normal at the Folk Club.



Siobhan Quinn & Michael Bowers

Tickets \$12 (\$11 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:15 PM – April 29, 2008
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



Brimming with compelling songs and seamless harmonies, a performance by **Siobhán Quinn** and **Michael Bowers** is as comfortable as hanging out with your best friends and as much fun as backyard fireworks. They don't play it safe and they never create the same show twice. She blows you away with her vocals. He draws you in with his warmth. Together Siobhan and Michael paint dynamic and colorful stories with rich original, contemporary and traditional music. Like their performances, Siobhan (pronounced shhh-vawn) and Michael's first recording together, "*Dreamers, Lovers & Outlaws*" (DLO), is filled with gracious and gritty stories and observations of the human experience.

Both Michael and Siobhan have individual reputations earned from five collective recordings, national touring and radio play reaching international levels prior to their partnership; their collaboration brings out the best in each. Upon the release of DLO they were immediately awarded spots at the prestigious **2007 Kerrville New Folk Competition** and **2007 Falcon Ridge Emerging Artist Showcase**, along with multiple regional, national and international main stage showcases. One audience member approached them saying "how on earth did you write MY song ...not once: but again, and again!?" Simply put: Siobhan Quinn & Michael Bowers sing and create songs with an intimacy and universality that truly resonate with persons of all experiences in life.

Siobhán Quinn is originally from Berkeley, California, & upstate New York, and was born of immigrant parents. With a voice of powerful texture and variety, some refer to her as a "pyrotechnic folk & blues diva." She can rip into exuberant blues, bring tears to your eyes with a soulful ballad, or bring an audience to complete stillness with a centuries old folk song. Siobhan's English and Irish family experience comes out in her songwriting, along with that occasional twist into the Chicago & Louisiana blues roots she loves so much.

When he witnessed history growing up in Selma, Alabama, **Michael Bowers** realized that his most prized possessions were not in boxes or on paper, but in his mind and his voice. He's known for his strong, sophisticated lyrics as well as cut-to-the-chase songs. The lessons of his storied southern roots sometimes surface in live performance and his lyrics range from the heartfelt to humorous. To add even more spice to his vocals and guitar, Michael often uses resonator and high-strung guitars to create different approaches amidst of the duo's material.

In addition to touring and writing, they are both arts education teachers. Michael's unique perspective on songwriting and the music business, and Siobhan's expertise in grant writing, arts administration, and her master vocal class "**The Flexible Voice**," are draws at esteemed music workshops and retreats throughout the U.S.



Upcoming Performers

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

Hot Soup – May 29, \$15/\$14 – This trio simmers with intelligent lyrics, zany humor, spirited musicality and scrumptious three-part harmony performed by Sue Trainor, Christina Muir and Jennie Avila

Jim Henry – June 24, \$12/\$11 – A true guitar wizard with fabulous songwriting on 5 albums.

MUSICAL NOTES

Special Folk Club Showcase – April 15th

Grab your sandals and dulcimer and get ready to take a trip back to Greenwich Village in the 60's as **Ralph Lee Smith** and **Maddy McNeill** unveil their latest book collaboration from Mel Bay books: *Greenwich Village - The Happy Folk Singing Days 1950s & 1960s*. Filled with pictures and info from the crossroads of the great folk music revival, it's sure to bring back fond memories for those who were around, and enlightenment for those who were less fortunate.

Ralph and Maddy will perform during a special 2-set showcase at the end of the first half of the open mike, and will likely have copies of the new book on hand for those who are interested.

DCBU Spring Concert – April 12

The DC Bluegrass Union's Spring Concert will be held April 12th, 7:00pm at the James Lee Community Center Theater in Falls Church, VA. Tickets will be \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. This year's show features **David Parmley & Continental Divide**, and **Good Deale Bluegrass w/Mike Aldridge**. Call (703) 916-0655 or visit the website for more information. <http://www.dcbu.org>

WFMA Tribute to Tom Paxton – May 3rd

The **World Folk Music Association** has updated info on the **Tom Paxton Tribute Concert** available online. Along with live performers, such as **The Chad Mitchell Trio**, **Noel Paul Stookey** and **Peter Yarrow** (not to mention Tom Paxton), there will be a large TV screen for performers who are unable to attend in person, but wish to be involved in the tribute. On-screen performers will include **Tom Rush**, **Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen**, **The Kennedys**, and others. Call (866) 412-5943 to order tickets, or go online for further information at: <http://wfma.net>

SAW West Market Concert Series – April 13th

This month's concert will feature **Bob Sima**. A former member of the acoustic power trio **StereoPool**, Bob branched out on his own in 2006 with his first solo CD, *Pour it On*. A star performer in the SAW pantheon, Bob has garnered accolades everywhere he performs, from house concerts to folk festivals.

Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. Concerts are at the West Market Clubhouse, 1901 Logan Manor Drive, Reston, VA. Call (703) 435-3777 for info, or talk to Ron Goad or Greg Vickers at the Folk Club.

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

Beth Benedetto

April 23, 7:30 – Singer's Circle - upstairs at The Irish Inn, Glen Echo, MD

Beth is also online at www.cookstudios.com. Click on Celtic Juice, then click on YouTube, selection #1: "Sean-nós singing with Beth Benedetto".

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:

- 4/1/1908 – Bob Nolan
- 4/4/1915 – Muddy Waters (McKinley Morganfield)
- 4/7/1915 – Billie Holiday
- 4/9/1928 – Tom Lehrer
- 4/12/1932 – Herbert Khaury (a.k.a. Tiny Tim)
- 4/15/1933 – Roy Clark
- 4/15/1894 – Bessie Smith
- 4/18/1924 – Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown
- 4/22/1936 – Glen Campbell
- 4/25/1928 – Vassar Clements
- 4/25/1915 – Johnny Shines
- 4/26/1886 – Gertrude "Ma" Rainey
- 4/29/1931 – Lonnie Donnegan
- 4/30/1986 – Reverend Gary Davis
- 4/30/1933 – Willie Nelson

And In Passing:

- 4/8/1997 – Laura Nyro
- 4/9/1976 – Phil Ochs
- 4/14/1995 – Burl Ives
- 4/20/1992 – Johnny Shines
- 4/28/1934 – Charlie Patton
- 4/30/1983 – Muddy Waters (McKinley Morganfield)

Quote for The Month

"I worry that the person who thought up Muzak may be thinking up something else"

~ Lily Tomlin

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:30pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ray Kaminsky

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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



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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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