



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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September 14 Showcase – Larry Mediate



Music, dance and meditation are three things that are done for the “doing”. One doesn’t perform or compose music to “get it over with”. The enjoyment is in the performance and listening. If the point of music were to get to the end of a piece, then the best composers would be those who wrote the shortest songs or in the case of symphonic music, the best crescendos. Likewise in dance, you don’t set out on the dance floor to waltz around to a specific place, you go round and round and when the music’s over, you end up wherever you happen to be in the ballroom. (Unless you’re Jim Morrison, who in the same situation would simply turn out the lights.) But I digress. Lastly, meditation is done for basically the same reasons. You want to center yourself or relax or try out that new crystal you bought on Ebay. Life is also a song or a dance that is to be “lived”, you certainly don’t do it to get to the “end”. The greatest blessing and curse mankind has been given is that of self consciousness. Not only do we know, but we know that we know. We can even know that we know that we know. What’s the curse? We understand that we are mortal and the song and dance will only last so long.

Of course all of the above has very little to do with my showcase September 14th. I’ll be performing solo this time. I’ve had many good friends join me for a showcase performance, but this time I’m going back to my fingerpickin’ roots. I have new material from Lyle Lovett, Eric Taylor, Bruce Springsteen and myself. I hope to see you there!

P.S.

One might pose the question will performing solo make me self conscious, and I would answer “I certainly hope so”.



Happy Oktoberfest!





Preserving Folk Traditions since 1985

proudly presents



TRENT WAGLER & THE STEEL WHEELS

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 - Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$12 (\$11 MEMBERS) *Requested Donation*

Back Room of The Tortilla Factory

648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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Unlike his Amish grandfather who had to form a string band on the sly, **TRENT WAGLER** is anything but shy about making music with **THE STEEL WHEELS**. But like that harmonica-playing grandpa, the band both respects and breaks tradition with every note. Take the title track of the band's newest album, *Red Wing*. When Wagler, the band's primary songwriter, heard the tune throughout his childhood while visiting family in Bean Blossom, Indiana, it was always played as an upbeat reel. He thought it was better as a slow, melancholy

song, so he reinvented it with his own words recording it in a Shenandoah Valley cabin hideaway with internationally known folk harmonizers Robin and Linda Williams. **THE STEEL WHEELS** are truly an Americana band, rooted in musical styles that explore the territories between blues and bluegrass, old-time sing-alongs and foot-stompin' fiddle tunes. They are subtle innovators who respect the past but whistle their own tunes, layering in rich textures and decidedly modern energy to forge a new sound.

Read more and listen to a sampling of their tunes on-line at: <http://www.thesteelwheels.com>

Seating: Contact Dave Hurd Tuesdays at The Folk Club or by e-mailing - DAHurdSr@cs.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include "**Alt-Nashville Writers-in-the-Round** –
Don Henry, Sally Barris and Craig Carothers" – 10/12/10

MUSICAL NOTES

Bluemont Fair – September 19th and 20th

Come join the fun at the 40th annual celebration of this terrific country fair. The fair will host lots of great entertainment on four stages, including many **Folk Club** members like **TM Hanna**, **Scott Malyszka**, The **Harley String Band**, and **Ric Sweeney**. Food, crafts, and fun for the whole family.

For a complete listing and further details, visit the website at: bluemontfair.com

NERFA Enrollment Extended

Enrollment for showcases at the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance conference has been extended to midnight, September 11th due to the Labor Day holiday. The annual conference will be held November 11-14 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa in Kerhonkson, NY. This conference is one of the foremost events for folk musicians to get together and network with other musicians, agents, DJs and performance organizers. Showcase opportunities abound, along with workshops, panel discussions, seminars, and good, old-fashioned jam sessions. More information can be found on their website at NERFA.org

Mid-Atlantic Song Contest (MASC)

The Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) is hosting the 27th annual MASC, and this year there is a new prize – the \$300 BMI Songwriters Award, to be awarded to a MASC Gold or Silver winner who is also a member of BMI. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th. Visit SAW.org for more details.

DCBU Pickin' Party – November 7th

The DC Bluegrass Union will be hosting 'The Great Pickin' Party' Sunday, November 7th from 2-6pm at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, VA. Featured entertainer will be Claire Lynch. And more info on entertainment will be available soon on the DCBU website.

DCBU.org

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

Larry Mediate larry-mediate.com

T.M Hanna, birdphluph.com

Ric Sweeney (a.k.a. – 'Mr. Rain')

9/16 – 7pm, Jammin' Java, Vienna, VA

9/19 – 1-2pm, Bluemont Fair, Village Center

myspace.com/ricsweeneysilverlinings

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Scott Malyszka

9/19 – Bluemont Fair

11:45am-12:45pm, Stone's Field Stage

2-4pm, Winery Stage (w/Feel the Wag)

cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka

feelthewag.com

Doris Justis

dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

Ron Goad – MisterGoad@aol.com

- Non-concert Mondays, 7-10pm at **Jammin' Java** (see JamminJava.com for schedule), hosting showcases

- Mondays 7:30pm, SAW-BSA-BMI Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. (when not at Jammin' Java) myspace.com/roddeacey

- 2nd Thursday each month 7:00pm, SAW-BMI concerts at The Athenaeum, Old Town Alexandria.

NVFAA.org

- 3rd Thursdays, 7:00-11pm, SAW-BMI Variety Showcase at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA. bangkokblues.com

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Bo Carneal

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MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

9/?/1893 – "Blind" Lemon Jefferson

9/5/1930 – Shel Silverstein

9/5/1946 – Loudon Wainwright III

9/8/1897 – Jimmie Rodgers

9/10/1945 – Jose Feliciano

9/11/1945 – Leo Kottke

9/13/1911 – Bill Monroe

9/17/1923 – Hank Williams

9/19/1941 – Ellen Naomi Cohen ("Mama" Cass Elliot)

9/21/1934 – Leonard Cohen

9/27/1928 – "Uncle" Josh Graves

And In Passing:

9/1/2008 – Jerry Reed

9/9/1996 – Bill Monroe

9/12/2003 – Johnny Cash

9/20/1973 – Jim Croce

9/26/1937 – Bessie Smith

Noteworthy Events:

9/5/1955 – Fan mail inundates Tennessee Ernie Ford after he sings "Sixteen Tons" on his daytime variety show. He records the song two weeks later.

9/11/2001 – May they rest in peace...

9/14/1814 – Francis Scott Key pens the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner"

9/17/1931 – RCA introduces the first 33-1/3 rpm LP players at the Savoy Plaza Hotel in New York

Quote for the Month

"A jazz musician is a juggler who uses harmonies instead of oranges"

~ Benny Green



of Reston & Herndon

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA

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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 newsletter editor 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.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS IN ADVANCE

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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 recommended donation for guest artist concerts (up to 2 donations per show). 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



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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