



# The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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## **THIS MONTH'S CONCERT – THE STRAY BIRDS**

NPR Top Ten Artists – see page 2 for details

## **February 12 Showcase – Larry Mediate**



**Larry Mediate** joined the Folk Club back about 1986, when it met at Jonathan's Keep in Reston. He'd heard about it from Mark Elliott and Marty Ottobre, two even earlier club members. Larry's was probably the first of what are now quite a few club marriages - he met his wife Beverly at one of those early sessions. Larry was club President for six years in the early 90's, and is on its current Board of Directors. He owned a music store many years ago, but has been working in telecommunications since.

Larry uses his soaring tenor voice to cover songs by various artists, channeling everything from John Gorka's Jersey desperation to Southwestern desperados, and is now writing his own material as well. He penned a song about the Madrid train bombings, and has one about rueing running with rodents, too. Larry joined the Board of Directors for the Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) several years ago, and is a former Vice President of the group, as well.

From January 13 through 20 Larry was one of many Folk Club people on the Cayamo Cruise, a maritime musical bash that meandered from Miami to San Juan, Antigua, and Tortola. On board and performing were Lyle Lovett, Richard Thompson, Brandi Carlile, Buddy Miller, Keb' Mo', Rodney Crowell, and many others. Yup, probably some stories from that...

In earlier showcases Larry has been joined by many former and current Folk Club members. This time **Jim Pilgrim** will be on stage with him, plus some surprise guests. Expect the usual wry humor and focus, an occasional high-body-count song, and a good night!

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## **THE STRAY BIRDS**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2013**

*Show starts at 7:15 p.m.*

*Requested Donation* **\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)**

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When **THE STRAY BIRDS** take the stage, the spotlight falls on three voices raised in harmony above the raw resonance of wood and strings. It is a sound drawn from the richness of American folk music traditions, spun with a stirring subtlety and grace. From bustling street corners to silent halls, their performances speak to an uncompromising reverence for songs. Raised within a few miles of farmland from each other in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, their flight began when Maya de Vitry and Oliver Craven first shared a song in January 2010. A snowy Pennsylvania winter welcomed collaboration between the two creative flames—inspiring the collection of seven songs found on the *Borderland* EP. Grounded in the unshakeable groove of bassist Charles Muench, the trio landed their signature sound. An ambitious touring schedule reflects their embrace of the experience of live music. "Music exists in a time and place, not just in a digital format," says Charles. Reveling in the energy of each room, a connection to the audience is the essence of their show.

Their tangible passion for acoustic music is rooted in their musically rich childhoods. Inspired by his bass-playing father, Charles started bass lessons in a public elementary school string program, culminating in a Music Education degree from West Chester University. Drawn to a region saturated by traditional music, Maya began at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, but left after one restless semester, later enrolling at Berklee College of Music in Boston. She has since received national recognition for her songwriting, including 4th place in the 2011 Telluride Troubadour Competition and 3rd place in the BMI/John Lennon Scholarship Awards. Oliver picked up the mandolin and guitar, and headed to Philadelphia to attend Temple University while writing songs, played a few open mics, and began recording his original music. After three years, he realized "...I can do my learning in the front seat of a Subaru while crossing state lines," Oliver says. "I listen to people I like, and then find the people they like, and then pay attention to that." Experience has served him well as he logged thousands of miles, playing in forty states and four countries for honky-tonks, folk festivals, and listening rooms. Along the way he spent two years as a harmony vocalist, fiddler, and guitarist for the Grammy-nominated Americana artist Adrienne Young, and one year as a member of the Virginia-based quartet The Steel Wheels. "I think music is the best thing about our country," Oliver insists. "It is undeniable that if nothing else, we sure figured out how to make good music." *The Stray Birds* released their wholly original debut full-length self-titled album on July 21, 2012, topping NPR's [Top 10 Americana/ Folk Albums of 2012](#)

*More information and discography on-line at: [thestraybirds.com](http://thestraybirds.com)*

*Seating:* Contact Dave Hurd Tuesdays at The Folk Club or by e-mailing - [DAHurdSr@cs.com](mailto:DAHurdSr@cs.com)

**UPCOMING CONCERTS include**

**[Eric Taylor](#) 3/19/2013 [Albert & Gage](#) 4/16/2013 [Danny Schmidt & Carrie Elkin](#) 5/14/2013...and more**



## MUSICAL NOTES

### Samedi Gras – February 9<sup>th</sup>

Can't make it to Mardi Gras? Well, come out to Samedi Gras (Fat Saturday) at Breaux Vineyards in Purcellville for an early celebration. Enjoy wine samples, dancing, king cake samples, and live Zydeco music by **Jamnation** in the decorated new Acadia room! There will also be Cajun fare for sale as well. Festive Mardi Gras-style dress is encouraged - wear your favorite beads and masks, if you have them. This one is a 21-and-over event, folks, so leave the kids at home and come have some fun with us! Tickets: \$20 (plus tax) Cellar Club Members: \$15 (plus tax). [breauxvineyards.com](http://breauxvineyards.com)

### WFMA Sunday Showcases are Back

(from [WFMA.net](http://WFMA.net))

WFMA is once again hosting monthly showcases in the DC area. Plan to join us on the second Sunday of each month for our "WFMA Showcase at El Golfo." El Golfo is a Latin American restaurant, located at 8739 Flower Avenue, in Silver Spring, MD. Our goal will be to bring you performers who have been favorites at our events over the years and introduce new performers to you as well.

Our second showcase will be February 10, at 8 pm, and will feature Kensington Station, Aca-Perco and the very funny, Rob Carlson (from Modern Man). Admission for WFMA members will be \$10, while non-members will be admitted for \$15.

### DC Bluegrass Festival – February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tickets are on sale for the DCBU-hosted 4<sup>th</sup> Annual DC Bluegrass Festival, at the Holiday Inn in College Park, MD. Performers include **Larry Sparks & The Lonesome Ramblers**, Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie, Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass, and many others. Additional info, including how to purchase tickets can be found on the DCBU website: [DCBU.org](http://DCBU.org)

### Work o' the Weavers Benefit Concert – March 2<sup>nd</sup>

The **Work o' the Weavers** will bring the sounds of the Pete Seeger and the Weavers to the halls of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church for a special concert to benefit the Montgomery County Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Unity Build. Religious and interfaith organizations throughout Montgomery County will form a partnership to help build 19 low-income townhouses in Gaithersburg. The concert will be held at the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD.

Tickets will be available through the Habitat website, [www.habitat-mc.org/faith](http://www.habitat-mc.org/faith).

Visit the Folk Club website to view the full concert flyer.

### ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

#### Doris Justis

[dorisjustis.com](http://dorisjustis.com) - Folk, original, and contemporary music

**T.M Hanna**, [tmhanna.net](http://tmhanna.net)

**Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)**

[schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://schoolshows.com/somoselmar)

#### Chris Anderson

<http://chris-anderson.info/>

#### Scott Malyszka

[cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka](http://cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka)

[feelthewag.com](http://feelthewag.com)

**Dulcie Taylor** - [www.dulcietaylor.com](http://www.dulcietaylor.com)

#### Ron Goad – [MisterGoad@aol.com](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)

- Mondays 7:30pm, F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. [FrederickAcoustic.org](http://FrederickAcoustic.org)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 8-10:30pm, SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA [Epicurecafe.org](http://Epicurecafe.org)

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

[NVFAA.org](http://NVFAA.org)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 7-10pm, SAW Concerts at Surge Community Church, 1988 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA. Tickets \$10. [Saw.org](http://Saw.org)

#### Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee)

[www.harleystringband.com](http://www.harleystringband.com)

#### Bo Carneal

[myspace.com/bocarneal](http://myspace.com/bocarneal)

#### Demetrios Liadis

[www.myspace.com/DEMETRIOSJAM](http://www.myspace.com/DEMETRIOSJAM)

#### Chatham Street (Christal and Peter Prout)

[chathamstreetmusic.com](http://chathamstreetmusic.com)

#### The Bull Run String Band (Roger Johnson)

[facebook.com/TheBullRunStringBand](https://facebook.com/TheBullRunStringBand)

#### Richard White

[diviningsage.com](http://diviningsage.com)

## MONTHLY MILESTONES

### Born This Month:

2/2/1942 – Graham Nash

2/3/1916 – Rabon Delmore

2/7/1920 – Oscar Brand

2/8/1941 – Tom Rush

2/10/1937 – Don Everly

2/13/1919 – "Tennessee" Ernie Ford

2/14/1943 – Eric Andersen

2/21/1958 – Mary Chapin Carpenter

2/24/1927 – Ralph Stanley

2/25/1924 – John Jackson

2/25/1943 – George Harrison

2/26/1932 – Johnny Cash

### *Quote for the Month*

*"And the night shall be filled with music,  
And the cares that infest the day  
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs  
And as silently steal away."*

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15pm at Amphora Diner Deluxe  
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

**President:** Ben Hamblin

**Treasurer:** Dave Hurd

**Board of Directors:** Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton, Laura Kelmelis, Bill Farrar

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**Newsgroup:** Dianne Lafleur

**Website:** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

#### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club:

Website: [www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com](http://www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com)

FaceBook: Search for "Folk Club of Reston Herndon"

Yahoo Newsgroup:

<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHerndon/>

General Info: Contact **Sue Schier** at (703) 435-2402



## Classifieds



**FOR SALE:** Large Dura loudspeaker/stage monitor \$100. Electric 6 string Guitar dual pickup with pods and input jack \$20. 540-349-2938

**FOR SALE:** Archtop Guitar Kalamazoo by Gibson 1930 model FK-360 low action \$1000. Crate G40XL Guitar Amp \$40. 540-349-2938

**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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