



# The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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## March 17 Concert – Brooks Williams

Solo 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary USA Tour – the songwriter, singer, and guitarist excels in blues, folk, jazz, roots, etc.  
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## March 10 Showcase – Jeff Smith

by Jeff



I'm bringing some new songs and songs that haven't been out for awhile to my member showcase and enlisting my music pals Marcy, Niels and Ron to accompany me. We will rehearse twice before the show and we will have fun doing that. Then we will perform at the Folk Club with the wonderful audience and that will be a fun for all. I lean toward the blues but have been dented by folk country blues rock, jazz, and pop. See you soon.

Country, blues and rock roots. No hat. No boots.



*of Reston & Herndon*

Proudly Presents

# Brooks Williams



**TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

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

Requested Donation

**AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE-HERNDON**

1151 Elden St - Herndon, VA 20170

*Purchase tickets in advance Tuesday evenings at the Folk Club's open mic at The Amphora Diner or by email at [dahurdsr@cs.com](mailto:dahurdsr@cs.com)*

*Tickets may also be purchased at the door dependent on availability*

<https://brookswilliams.com>

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

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon is a non-profit organization

Master guitarist-singer-songwriter Brooks Williams released his first album early in 1990. The *Washington Post* wrote a glowing review which prompted National Public Radio's invitation for Williams to appear on *All Things Considered* with Noah Adams. And that's where it all began. The tours followed and so did the albums. Counting the new one, he has done twenty-nine in all and has never looked back.

A Statesboro, Georgia native now living in England, Brooks Williams seamlessly brings together Americana and country blues in a style that is unmistakably his own. A flashy fingerpicker, soaring bottleneck slide

player and a soulful singer, Brooks Williams "is at the top of his game," says *Blues In Britain...*

For his *30th Anniversary Tour*, Williams has recorded an album of his favorite songs from his back catalogue. Called *Work My Claim*, the songs reach across the span of years and are as relevant now as they were when released.

Williams is a consummate artist, performing hundreds of shows every year and recording at a dizzying pace. *WUMB-Boston* named him one of their *Top 100 All-Time Artists*. He's also listed in the *Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists*. *Brooks' Blues* (2017) is listed in *Down at The Crossroads' Top 20 Blues Albums of All-Time*.

**UPCOMING CONCERTS:**

**Toby Walker 4/21/2020**

**Adam Hurt & Beth Williams Hartness 5/19/2020**

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT OFFER**

The Folk Club membership has been \$15 a year for some time now. One of our members asked Dave Hurd to consider a lifetime membership option. He and Ben thought about it but didn't think it would be very popular. However, we decided to try a discounted multi-year membership. We think it will benefit members who might forget to renew on time - and also those volunteers who maintain the member list (guess who? Ben and Dave). So for a trial period - until the end of May - current, renewing, and new members can renew or join for 5 years for \$55 (the Five for Fifty-Five plan) if they wish. Note that any current member can extend their membership by 5 years during the trial period regardless of their current expiration date. Also, we do not plan to give refunds for any reason. If you do this, you'll be making a commitment to the longevity of The Folk Club.

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **Focus Music**

- Anne Hills - Sat Mar 14, 7 PM, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308
- Scott Cook, Sat Mar 28, 7:30 PM, Community Lutheran Church of Sterling, 21014 Whitfield Place, Sterling, VA 20165
- David Mallett, Sun Apr 5, 7:30 PM, Gaithersburg Art Barn, 311 Kent Square Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
- Go to [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more information.

### **World Folk Music Association (WFMA)**

- Showcase Series: Lynn Hollyfield, South for Winter, and Kate Todd - Sun Mar 8, 7 PM, Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, MD
- Go to [www.wfma.net/index.htm](http://www.wfma.net/index.htm) for more information.

### **Institute of Musical Traditions**

- Orchestra Prazevica and the Yehla Collective - Fri Mar 13, 7:30 PM
- Celtic Duo Seán Heely and Kevin Elam - Mon Mar 16, 7:30 PM
- The Bumper Jacksons Duo - Mon Mar 30, 7:30 PM
- Vance Gilbert - Mon Apr 6, 7:30 PM
- All above concerts at St Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD, 20852
- Go to [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org) for more information.

### **The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)**

- Trio Trela - Fri Mar 13, 6 PM, The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Castlebay - Sat Mar 14, 8 PM, house concert in Takoma Park, MD (see website)
- Go to [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org) for more information.

## **"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:**

- 3/1/1927 - Harry Belafonte
- 3/2/1923 - Artel "Doc" Watson
- 3/6/1905 - Bob Wills
- 3/7/1944 - Townes VanZandt
- 3/8/1954 - Bob Brozman
- 3/10/1938 - Norman Blake
- 3/15/1912 - Sam "Lightnin'" Hopkins
- 3/16/1954 - Tim O'Brien
- 3/20/1937 - Jerry Reed
- 3/21/1893 - Armenter Chatmon (aka Bo Carter)
- 3/21/1902 - Eddie James "Son" House
- 3/23/1945 - David Grisman
- 3/27/1905 - Leroy Carr
- 3/30/1913 - Frankie Laine
- 3/30/1914 - John Lee "Sonny Boy" Williamson

## **MUSICAL QUOTE**

"I love Beethoven, especially the poems." - Ringo Starr

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

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

**Bill Davis** [bil-davis@comcast.net](mailto:bill-davis@comcast.net)

**Chris Anderson** - [chris-anderson.info](http://chris-anderson.info)

- Chris with Niels Jonker, Fri Apr 3, 6:30 PM, Lake Anne Coffeehouse & Wine Bar, Reston, VA
- Check online calendar for upcoming performances. Also producing shows for the Harried Americans Band.

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

- Fri Mar 27, 7-10 PM - SAW Showcase with Mustangs of the West, southern California's original all-girl country band, at Café Montmartre, Reston, VA [cafemontmartre.com](http://cafemontmartre.com)

**Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee)** [www.harleystringband.com](http://www.harleystringband.com)

**The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)**

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

**Jan Gillies** [www.jangilliesmusic.com](http://www.jangilliesmusic.com)

- 3rd Friday, 8 to 10 p.m., Jan & Neil host an open mic at Lost River Grill/TK Lounge in Lost City, WV

**Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)**

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

**Stevie Wade Potter**, acoustic musician

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

**The Stewart Sisters (with Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle, Niels Jonker)** [www.thestewart SISTERS.com](http://www.thestewart SISTERS.com)

**Steven Cutts**

[ThePrimeCutts.com](http://ThePrimeCutts.com) - streaming and downloads

**Jeff Smith** [humanwilderness.com](http://humanwilderness.com)

- Wed Mar 4, 5:30 PM, Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA
- Wed Mar 11, 6 PM, Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA

**John DuRant**

[troubadourjohn.com/upcoming-performances/](http://troubadourjohn.com/upcoming-performances/)

- Sat Apr 4, 2 - 5 PM, Otium Cellars, Purcellville, VA



Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. 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, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton, Bill Farrar, Jim Clark  
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**Lifetime Members:** Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Dave Hurd

#### **FOLK CLUB FORMAT**

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time.

#### **SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance. 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, and other music-related items for the newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your input to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at [newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com](mailto:newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com).

#### **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, or [dahurdsr@cs.com](mailto:dahurdsr@cs.com).

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#### **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 "The Folk Club of Reston Herndon"  
**General Info:** Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **FOR SALE**

- Yamaha MOX-8 full size keyboard, weighted keys (nice!) with computer compatibility; includes stand, bench, cover, and case; also a Roland KC-150 4-channel mixing keyboard amplifier, \$2,000. 2 external Fender main speakers, \$100 each. Vintage Guild D-55 guitar with case, both in excellent condition; must see and play to appreciate, \$1,500. Call Dave Law: 703-200-1733.

- Banjos (and a guitar) for sale! I'm helping a friend sell her collection; 1) J. Reynolds JR500G 6-String Guitar Banjo/Banjitar - Mahogany Finish, \$200. 2) Yamaha guitar in cheap case, red interior, FG335 II, made in Taiwan, \$200. 3) 5-string Banjo, Blueridge, with new Roadrunner gig bag, \$300. 4) Gold Tone Dojo: Resonator Banjo, \$750. 5) Five-string Rover Banjo with Superior Case gig bag, \$200.

Call or text Chelle at 301-366-5579. Thank you!

#### **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 Second Strings, P.O. Box 234, Nederland, CO 80466.

#### **LESSONS**

- Private guitar lessons in Alexandria. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: [ecfnn@verizon.net](mailto:ecfnn@verizon.net); 703-400-7264.

- 5-string banjo. Scruggs and melodic. In Haymarket. Monday or Tuesday. \$25/hr. Age 8 and up. Contact Bruce Gair at [wbgair@gmail.com](mailto:wbgair@gmail.com). First lesson free as a sample. No obligation.