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April Mae & The June Bugs – April 16

Americana under the influence of jump blues, swing, rockabilly, boogie, with N'awlins for extra spice!
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April 9 Showcase – Jeff Smith

by Jeff



With inspiration and influences from early classic country, blues, and pop, and from his beginnings in Huntington, West Virginia, Jeff Smith is a folk artist with blues, rock, and country rhythms. Jeff counts JJ Cale, Randy Newman, Raymond Carver, Lightnin' Hopkins, John Lee Hooker, and many other blues folks, poets, and local artists as spiritual mentors.

Jeff's bluesy drawl slips in and around his guitar playing that is a combination of fingerpicking, flat pick strumming, and banjo frailing. He tells elongated and elliptical stories about the songs, their characters, his family, and his life and how they are all connected. Smith says "on a good night the stories and songs ride on top of a funky kind of country blues pop stomp." In a recent interview, Smith says "I've never been one to be a genre slave. I like lots of styles of music and I record songs several

different ways to determine where that song might want to live."

Jeff's tune "I Never Wanted You to Go" from his *A Little Romance* CD was placed alongside Roy Orbison, Ellis Paul, and The Bacon Brothers on the Trinity Rose Foundation release *Vision, Hope, Love*. Mike Cotter, a Washington Area Music Association award winner, also covered one of the rockers from The Human Wilderness CD, "Hideaway Rockin," on his *Radio Saves* album. And Georgian country singer LeeSa Biddy-Lyons covered "Anybody Got a Heart" on her album *A Chance to Change the World*. Jeff's songs have also been featured on US television on the programs "The Young and the Restless," "Army Wives," the independent murder mystery "Teach Me Tonight," and in a European ad campaign for Opel automobiles.

Jeff created the character Junior Buggwater, a drifter and charlatan rainmaker, for the stage production of "Rain Follows the Plow." Jeff also co-wrote, with the show's creator, Steve Coffee, one of the highlighted songs, "Show You the Rain."

Jeff performs solo and with his band The Human Wilderness String Band in nightclubs, house concerts, and festivals across the Mid-Atlantic region. In February 2018, Jeff launched the weekly "Tunes at Noon," a Facebook Live event where he performs his songs and covers every Wednesday.

Jeff will be performing the showcase on April 9 with Ron Goad, Niels Jonker, Marcy Cochran, and maybe some other friends.

Jeff is on the web at: humanwilderness.com and jeffreysmith.bandcamp.com.



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April Mae & the June Bugs



TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2019

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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The Folk Club or e-mail – DAHurdSr@cs.com

“Real, raucous and righteous!”

-Big Jim Sikes, Sirius Radio

With a sound built on cigar-box guitar, slap bass and washboard, no trio is more fun than April Mae & the June Bugs. Taking familiar roots genres and twisting them around Mae’s elbow-gloved, gold capped fingers, they blend Americana, jump blues, rockabilly, and swing with smoke ‘n honey vocals backed by a variety of instruments. Serving up high-energy deep-vintage vibes is their specialty.

April Mae, the effervescent songstress serves as lead vocalist, washboard percussionist, and sometimes kazoozaphonist for the band. The trio also features instrumentalists ‘Catfish’ Dave Fecca on cigar-box guitar, banjo, and mandolin, and Topher Horner on upright bass. During their travels they’ve enjoyed sharing the stage with the likes of Pete Seeger, Washboard Chaz, Imelda May, and Michael Doucet, to name a few.

2016 marked the official release of April Mae & The June Bugs fourth CD *Sun Kissed! The Sun*

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Studio Sessions, recorded at the legendary Memphis studio where the tiles still vibrate with the reverberations of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash. Sirius Radio’s Big Jim Sykes (Elvis Radio) declared it “A re-envisioning of the past while innovative, and extremely fun.” Drawing inspiration from the exciting flux of roots genres that gave birth to rock n’ roll, *Sun Kissed* is true to form in its music and production, recorded by Grammy Award winning engineer Matt Ross-Spang.

The June Bugs’ varied mix of high-energy Americana, and expansive breadth of genre-bending styling has made them a beloved act along the Eastern seaboard and in the South. The music resonates with swing dancers, folkies, cigar-box guitar enthusiasts, and rockabillyies alike.

As their biodiesel Boogie Bus proclaims, it really is “All about the Boogie!”

aprilmaeandthejunebugs.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

The MSG Acoustic Trio 05/21/2019

The Andrew Collins Trio 06/11/2019

MUSICAL NOTES



Siobhan O'Brien

Limerick native/Alexandria resident Siobhan O'Brien will be performing in Reston Saturday April 6th, 7:00 pm, at Blue Melody House Concerts. RSVP to Rick Landers at rlandersmg@gmail.com or see www.siobhanobrien.com for more details.

Jammin Java

- The Nields, Sat Apr 6th at 7 PM
- David Wilcox, Sun Apr 14th at 7 PM

JamminJava.com

Focus Music

- Small Potatoes, Sun Apr 7th, 7 PM
- Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

- David Mallett, Sun Apr 14th, 7:30 PM
- Go to www.wfma.net/index.htm for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

- Robin Bullock, Mon Apr 29th, 7:30 PM
- For more information, go to www.imtfolk.org.

Fifth Tuesday This Month

Tuesday, April 30th is the 5th Tuesday of the month, so The Folk Club will be unplugged, with no sound system support. Twelve 12-minute slots available. Open mic performers, please plan to play all-acoustic.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

Go to fsgw.org/ for more information.

Lloyd/Martin/Vox Trio

2019 Bernard Ebb Songwriter Award Grand Prize Winner Heather Aubrey Lloyd joins Kipyn Martin and Victoria Vox, Fri May 3rd at the Barns of Rose Hill in Berryville and Sun May 5th at the GW Masonic Memorial in Alexandria. The Lloyd/Martin/Vox trio describes their performances as fierce/funky/folk. Shanna in a Dress (www.shannainadress.com) opens both shows. See www.barnsofrosehill.org and www.focusmusic.org for additional information.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

- 4/4/1915 - Muddy Waters (McKinley Morganfield)
- 4/7/1915 - Billie Holiday
- 4/9/1928 - Tom Lehrer
- 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
- 4/30/1896 - Reverend Gary Davis
- 4/30/1933 - Willie Nelson

MUSICAL QUOTE

"It appeared that nobody ever said a thing they meant, or ever talked of a feeling they felt, but that was what music was for." – Virginia Woolf in *The Voyage Out*

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)
schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Chris Anderson - chris-anderson.info

- Check online calendar for upcoming performances. Also producing shows for the Harried Americans Band.
- Harried Americans Roadshow at Café Montmartre with Kipyn Martin, comedian Adam Belcher, poet Rod Deacey. Fri Apr 26th at 7 PM. harriedamericans.com/events

Ron Goad MisterGoad@aol.com

- 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:00 to ? PM, SAW Variety Showcases at Café Montmartre, Reston, VA. cafemontmartre.com
- Monthly, 2nd Monday at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD.

Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee) www.harleystringband.com

The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)
www.alohaboys.com

Jan Gillies

- 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)

- On log cabin front porch for Walk on the Hill in Vienna, VA, Sun Apr 28, 2-5 PM
- Part of Bluegrass Festival at Auld Shebeen Irish Pub in Fairfax, VA, Sun Apr 28, 7:30-9 PM www.hickoryg.com

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician

- With John Georgiou at Naked Mountain Winery in Markham, VA, Sun Apr 14, 12-4 PM
- www.steviewademusic.com

The Stewart Sisters (with Valeria Stewart, Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle)

- Sat Apr 6, 7:30-10:30 PM, Tanger Kabob House Café, Alexandria
- Sun Apr 14, 10 AM-5 PM, Fairfax Veg Fest, Herndon
- Fri Apr 19, 8-10:15 PM, Cowork Café Clarendon, Arlington

www.thestewartsisters.com

Richard Weil

www.facebook.com/Silver-Strings-MD-1603491063211121

J. Michael Henry MIKELHENRY@live.com

- 2nd Saturday, 7:30 PM. Host of Acoustic Night at Jirani Coffeehouse, Manassas, VA - free admission.

Song Garden (Tom Bodine & Kathleen Huber)

www.songgardenmusic.org



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

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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 2nd 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, artwork and other music-related items to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at

newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.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.

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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.

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

Facebook: Search for “The Folk Club of Reston Herndon”

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

CLASSIFIEDS

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: ecfmm@verizon.net; 703-400-7264.

- Fiddle/violin/viola lessons - adults only, in Reston. Perhaps you play another instrument and want to add fiddling to your skill set, or you want to have more fun with the instrument you know and love. Contact Chelle Fulk at 301-366-5579 or info@musicbyanthem.com.