



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 – ROUND MOUNTAIN

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June 11 Showcase – Ben Hamblin

By Dan Grove and Ben



It's been five long years since Ben's last showcase, and he's been entering the drawing consistently for quite a while – proof of no Folk Club presidential perks. He thought about having **TM Hanna**, the biggest showcase winner of all time, fill out the entry for him to increase his chances. He was filling out his entry last time, but Beth told him his name was already entered. He thought maybe his wife Gail put one in 'cause she was so tired of hearing him complain. But no, it was **Barb Keeler** whose mojo got working this time – she filled out the form for Ben and as luck would have it TM was the one who drew his winning entry from the bucket.

As luck would have it, after winning the showcase Ben's team at work got a Request for Proposal (RFP), due June 4th, which means he's been working very long hours. He's not sure at this point if he'll be solo or have musical support on June 11, but there's sure to be a variety of song styles, including a song written by Bonnie Raitt, another from a Renee Fleming album, a song in praise of music, and an instrumental written by a traveling Spanish guitarist. Oh, and “one song...for the heck of it,” which adds mystery (and a hint of danger?). He believes in eclecticism in music, that the more different juxtapositions the better. If you don't like what he's playing, wait a few minutes. ☺

Ben loves to sing, but is aware that his voice is undergoing a natural changing process (NOT a natural aging process – he's in denial). So he cannot soar quite as high as he could once, but believes you will enjoy the flight if you can make it.

Ben and his wife **Gail** left New England in 1996, eager to escape the winters. They chose this area, and now live in Reston. Ben works at General Dynamics IT, and is using his technical skills at the Folk Club, too, where he's one of our top sound engineers. He is very glad to have discovered the Folk Club, a group of free spirits who love music, support each other, and love to share it with each other.

Ben also has a challenge for us, asking:

What musician said (and don't Google it):

1) *"Wrong is right!"*

2) *"But the pauses between the notes - ah, that is where the art resides!"*

(The editor's non-Google'd best guess is Yogi Berra and Sherlock Holmes.)

Don't miss Ben's first showcase in years – I don't know if he's taking requests, but here's one for Elvis' “One Night!”

THE FOLK CLUB
of Reston & Herndon

Preserving Folk Traditions since 1985



ROUND MOUNTAIN

Tuesday, June 25th, 2013

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

Requested Donation \$14 (\$13 MEMBERS)

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ROUND MOUNTAIN, the two-man folk singing orchestra based in Santa Fe, is named after a mountain peak at the apex of the Pecos Valley, on whose grassy slopes brothers Char and Robby Rothschild played as children. The mountain is a gentle place of rest at the threshold of the high country of the Truchas peaks.

Elder brother Char studied music since age 8, eventually finding his own voice as he traveled from Egypt to Ireland in 1996, and to Tokyo in 1997 playing for the Old Moscow Circus. On stage, Char sings and plays accordion, guitar or dobro, together with trumpet or Bulgarian gaida, and also highland bagpipes. He has studied trumpet with Paul Yutaka Tobe of the Japan Philharmonic, and Zahir Ramadanov of Ansambl Teodosievski.

Younger brother Robby has also studied many forms of music with teachers around the world and has performed with Thomas Mapfumo, Guinean griot Prince Diabate, and Ottmar Liebert. He has a Masters Degree in Composition from the University of New Mexico. Onstage, he sings and plays percussion - the West African djembe and Peruvian cajon and also plays the West African harp known as the kora, as well as the Irish bouzouki.

Round Mountain exudes a lively mixture of ceremony and irreverence, of exuberance and reflection. In a time when most music has become so brightly polished that no one can see inside, Round Mountain is a rare authentic gem of music that glows from within. On this tour, the brothers celebrate the release of their fourth studio album, *The Goat*, which features folk legend Andy Irvine and Anais Mitchell among other guest musicians.

More information and discography on-line at: roundmountainmusic.com

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

UPCOMING CONCERTS this fall include

[Dave Nachmanoff](#) - 9/17 [Mark Elliott & Runaway Home](#) - 10/22 [Lou & Peter Berryman](#) - 11/12/2013

MUSICAL NOTES

Folk Club gets a new Booking Agent

After 5 years of tremendous work as our procurer of concert performers, we all bid a VERY fond farewell to **Chris "Fang" Harnage** for her remarkable efforts. We now welcome **Jim Clark** as the new impresario for our monthly concert nights. Jim brings with him an eclectic and sometimes humorous appreciation of music, and is known as one of the founding members of the **Harley String Band** (perhaps they'll get a concert night now!).

Jim gained some notoriety at The Club a few years back, when he wrote a tune called "They Say it Cost a Dollar", a delightful and inventive homage lampooning our Tortilla Factory environment, and some of our most notable (or notorious) regulars. Jim says he's thinking about updating the tune for our new home.

Read more about Jim on the Club Info page of our web site, and get ready for more great concert performances here at the Amphora!

Celebrate Fairfax! June 8th – 10th

This year marks the 30th year of an annual festival that is a favorite with everyone. Held at the Fairfax County Government Center, it provides world-class entertainment on seven stages. Concerts on the main stage this year will feature **Everclear**, the **B-52s**, and the **Spin Doctors**. Six additional stages will feature a variety of music throughout the weekend. Advance tickets (through June 6th) are \$9 for adults (\$12 at the gate), and \$4 for children age 3-10 (\$5 at the gate, children under 3 are free). For more details, visit the website at: celebratefairfax.org

Common Ground on the Hill – Traditions Weeks

Common Ground on the Hill will be hosting its 19th annual music & arts camps from June 30th thru July 12th at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. Both weeks 1 and 2 will have classes from Beginner to Master level in a variety of subjects from Musical Instruments to Drama to Broadcasting and much more. The **D.C. Bluegrass Union** will be holding their Bluegrass camp June 1st thru 5th, and featuring **Tim O'Brien** for the songwriting and mandolin camp.

Don't forget the 16th annual festival on the weekend of July 13-14 at the Carroll County Farm Museum with 4 stages of roots music, this year featuring a Zydeco weekend. With **Buckwheat Zydeco**, **Little Queenie**, **C.J. Chenier**, and many others.

For more info check the following websites: dcbu.org and commongroundonthehill.org

Fairfax County Summer Entertainment Series

Enjoy the 19th season of this series of free concerts and other entertainments held at parks throughout the county. Bring your own picnic, blankets and/or lawn chairs, and get ready for a good time.

This year's featured performances include: **Seldom Scene** at Nottoway Park in Vienna; **Robin and Linda Williams** at the Lee District Park Amphitheater; **The Aloha Boys** at Frying Pan Farm Park; **Tom Principato** at Royal Lake Park; **John McCutcheon** at Grist Mill Park, and many, many more wonderful performances.

Check the website for all the entertainment you need to fill a summer.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

Doris Justis

dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

T.M Hanna, tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

schoolshows.com/somoselmar

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

Ron Goad – MisterGoad@aol.com

- Mondays 7:30pm, F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. FrederickAcoustic.org

- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8-10:30pm, SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA Epicurecafe.org

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

NVFAA.org

- 3rd Saturdays 7-10pm, SAW Concerts at Surge Community Church, 1988 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA. Tickets \$10. Saw.org

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

www.harleystringband.com

Chatham Street (Christal and Peter Prout)

chathamstreetmusic.com

The Bull Run String Band (Roger Johnson)

facebook.com/TheBullRunStringBand

Richard White diviningsage.com

Crys Matthews crysmatthews.com

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

6/3/1897 – Lizzie Douglas (a.k.a. "Memphis Minnie")

6/9/1902 – Nehemiah "Skip" James

6/10/1910 – Chester Arthur Burnett (aka "Howlin' Wolf")

6/14/1909 – Burl Ives

6/18/1942 – Sir Paul McCartney

6/19/1914 – Lester Flatt

6/22/1936 – Kris Kristofferson

6/23/1929 – June Carter Cash

6/26/1893 – "Big" Bill Broonzy

Quote for the Month

"Just because you're not a drummer doesn't mean you don't have to keep time"

- Thelonius Monk



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

President: Ben Hamblin

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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.

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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

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 "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