

# The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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### THIS MONTH'S CONCERT - ARI & MIA FRIEDMAN

Boston's Soulful and Spirited Americana Sister Act – see page 2 for details

# September 11 Showcase – MC Williams and Friends

(AKA Dumb Muscle & the "Reston Station" Divas)



Mary Catherine ("MC") Williams has put together a combination of two groups she has performed with in the past, **Dumb Muscle and The Divas** and **Reston Station**. The first group includes two other vocalizing Divas – "C" Culpepper and **Ann Granger**, and **Dan "Dumb Muscle" Grove** on guitar, bass, and vocals. From Reston Station, **Dave Law** will be joining them.

Dumb Muscle and The Divas are harmonizing singers with talent, attitude, and charm that formed at the Folk Club in 2005. MC met Dan and Ann, and later introduced her neighbor C. They didn't know what to call themselves, but when Nina Anmahian Lantis heard Dan say "You divas will have to figure it out, I'm just dumb muscle," she said, "That's it!"

All three Divas have been singing their whole lives. MC sang in school and church groups all over the world, from Japan to the Ivory Coast and from Lebanon to Norway. C sang in bands as well as school and church groups, and met her husband in a choir while in college. MC and C also perform with Herndon's Towne Square Singers. Ann sang to her kids and for herself, but hadn't performed in public before her Folk Club debut (which is probably why she's the only member of the group without a nickname – the audience is welcome to supply her with one!). Dan has been a Folk Club irregular for many years. He occasionally commits songwriting, and is on the board of the Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW). His job with the group is to inject some testosterone into the act, and generally make sure that things don't get too dignified.

**Dave Law** is the Senior Safety Manager for Virginia MegaProjects, which includes the new "Reston Station" at Wiehle Avenue (and the whole Metro/Hot Lanes/I95 big dig extravapalooza!). Music helps to keep him centered in the midst of all that – he's been playing since his "Hippie" days in Montana a few decades ago. He'll do a song or two with MC, and join in with the full Divas for one song, too.

So, how many Divas does it take to screw in a light bulb, you may ask? Three, of course – one to climb the ladder with the new bulb, the second to kick the ladder out from under her, and a third to say, "I knew that was too high for you, dear." <*rimshot>* 

You can expect songs ranging from gospel shouts to boogie-woogie bop. Dumb Muscle & the "Reston Station" Divas cordially invite you to a refined evening of musical gentility, interspersed with radical tag-team vocal aerobatics, collaborative chaotic choruses,

and bumptious fun!





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# ARI & MIA FRIEDMAN

Tuesday, September 18th, 2012

Requested Donation

\$12 (\$11 MEMBERS)

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

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Ari & Mia Friedman, Boston's Americana sister act, are a soulful and spirited acoustic accompanied duo exploring the traditions of Southern Appalachia, Northeastern fiddle music, and the realm where their own compositions cross paths with older traditions. Their hearts also lie with early American swing and jazz music. Combine this with their bold approach to song and tune-writing and their interpretations of traditional music and the result will open hearts and dance floors. Their recent album, "Unruly Heart," ranked high on the national folk radio charts for 2011.

Born into a musical family, Ari, a classically trained cellist, is one of few musicians to be challenging the boundaries of celloplaying. She graduated from Northwestern University in 2008 where she studied cello performance with Hans Jorgen Jensen, and received a masters of music in Contemporary Improvisation from New England Conservatory in 2011. A winner of ASTA's 2009 Alternative Styles Award, she is in current exploration of American roots traditions, early jazz and standards, and in composing songs and pieces influenced by her diverse



musical tastes. She tours internationally with Scottish National Fiddle champion Hanneke Cassel,& plays with New England's highly acclaimed fiddle band, Childsplay

Mia started playing violin and singing at an early age. She has her roots in Americana and old-time Appalachian traditions, and blends this with contemporary experimental music in her compositions. Now in her final year at New England Conservatory, she studies with Anthony Coleman and Carla Kihlstedt, and is an active composer and performer. Her song "Across the Water" won the 2011 John Lennon Songwriting Contest in the folk category. She tours around the United States with Ari & Mia, performs with Merryville Grammar School, and has her own solo act.

"Ari & Mia's "intricate arrangements, soaring harmonies, infectious grooves and intuitive improvisations combine an old-time sensibility with a truly adventurous spirit."

Hankus Netsky
New England Conservatory

More information and discography on-line at: http://ariandmiafriedman.com

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

UPCOMING CONCERTS include Pint & Dale (Herndon Arts Week) 10/9/2012 AND Bryan Bowers - 11/13/2012



#### Mid-Atlantic Song Contest (MASC)

The Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) is hosting the 29th annual MASC. Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by September 15th. Visit SAW.org for more details.

#### Bluemont Fair - September 15th and 16th

Come join the fun at the 43<sup>nd</sup> annual celebration of this terrific country fair. The fair will host lots of great entertainment on four stages. Food, crafts, and fun for the whole family.

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

#### **Musicians Requested for Tall Oaks Center**

The Tall Oaks Assisted Living center in Reston is asking for volunteers who would be willing to come perform for the residents. Scheduling is flexible. There is a small sound system, but most performers may be best served by providing their own.

If you are able and interested, you can inquire of Jocelyn Jackson (the activities coordinator) regarding additional information. Jocelyn can be reached by phone at (703) 834-3630, or by email at jjacksonn@talloaksal.com

#### Clifton Day - October 7th (rain date Oct. 14th)

The 44<sup>th</sup> annual Clifton Day Festival is a non-profit event, raising funds for a variety of local organizations. The festival includes arts and crafts, demonstrations, the Town Market, live music, children's activities and lots of good food. Musical entertainment this year includes Steve Hudson, The Rebels, and The City-Dwelling Nature Seekers. Visit the website for more information and directions. http://www.cliftonday.com/

#### **NERFA Conference**

The annual Northeast Regional Folk Alliance conference will be held November 8-11 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

#### **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, birdphluph.com

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

schoolshows.com/somoselmar

#### **Chris Anderson**

http://chris-anderson.info/

#### Scott Malyszka

cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka feelthewag.com

#### **Dulcie Taylor** - www.dulcietaylor.com

#### Ron Goad - MisterGoad@aol.com

- Mondays 7:30pm, F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. FrederickAcoustic.org
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 8-10:30pm, SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA Epicurecafe.org
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month 7:00pm, SAW-BMI concerts at The Athenaeum, Old Town Alexandria. **NVFAA.org**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 7-10pm, SAW Free Concerts at Surge Community Church, 1988 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA Saw.org

#### **Bo Carneal**

myspace.com/bocarneal

#### **Demetrios Liadis**

www.myspace.com/DEMETRIOSJAM

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

9/15 - The Birchmere. Alexandria, VA (opening for **Don** McLean!)

birchmere.com chathamstreetmusic.com

#### Jane Tatum

9/14, 7-9pm - Washington Plaza Baptist Church, Lake Anne Center, Reston, VA (w/Laurel Branch) washingtonplazachurch.com

9/15, 12pm - The Bluemont Fair, Village Center-Flea Market Stage (w/Laurel Branch) bluemontfair.com

#### Roger Allen 'Tex' Johnson

9/16 - The Bluemont Fair (w/ The Bull Run String Band) bluemontfair.com

#### **Chrys Matthews**

9/22, 8:30pm - Franklin Park Arts Center, 36441 Blueridge View Lane Purcellville, VA 20132 (540) 338-7973

10/7 - Takoma Park Street Festival takomafestival.com/

#### **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

### *Quote for the Month*

"An intellectual snob is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture and not think of The Lone Ranger"

~ Dan Rather



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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Harnage, Dave Hurd **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 <a href="mailto:bhampton@ossva.com">bhampton@ossva.com</a>. 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



FOR SALE: Marshall Valvestate tube amp AVT-50H with twin 15 speaker cab \$150. Large Dura loudspeaker/stage monitor \$100. Zoom PS-04 Palmtop Studio Digital Recorder with power supply, manual and mic \$40. Electric 6 string Guitar 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 \$80. 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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