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This Month's Concert: Oct 13 – BEPPE GAMBETTA

Italian master acoustic guitar flatpicker and singer plays American roots music and more
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October 20 Showcase / Pre-CD Release Party – The Stewart Sisters

by Dan Grove and The Stewart Sisters

Jim Nagle was the lucky winner of the showcase drawing for October, and knew right away that he wanted to make the event a Stewart Sisters showcase. The Stewart Sisters are Valeria and Sherry Stewart, who sing and play guitars, mandolin, and flute. The band is rounded out by Jim's lap-slide on Dobro and Weissenborn, and Annie Jones' bass and harmonies. Sherry and Valeria provide the majority of the lead vocals, but everyone sings!

The "Sisters" are not actual sisters, but sisters-in-law - married to guys who are brothers, so that's close enough! Valeria was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Sherry in Virginia. Val has played guitar for many years, and provides the foundation of the group. She honed her finger picking and rhythm guitar skills while attending the Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-time Music Association (CABOMA) jams.

Sherry has always been a music lover, learning lyrics and singing along with the radio. Guitar came quite a bit later, when Valeria taught Sherry her first guitar chords and tabbed out Blackbird for her during a summer visit to the Tetons. After Valeria's visit, Sherry began to make friends with other like-minded musicians, and was soon playing at the Jackson Hole Hootenanny, a listening club remarkably similar to Folk Club. When Sherry moved back to Virginia, she and Valeria began harmonizing together - and something magical happened!

They share a love of Americana, Indie Folk, and Alt Country music that includes rich harmony with a taste of the blues. Among their musical influences they count Bob Dylan, Emmylou Harris, Rodney Crowell, Bonnie Raitt, Gram Parsons, The Be Good Tanyas, Bob Dylan, The Wailin' Jennys, The Greencards, Crooked Still, Ralph Stanley, Gillian Welch, Anne and Pete Sibley, Levon Helm, and Bob Dylan (Jim says he is familiar with maybe half of these names, LOL).

Annie Jones came to know Jim through her adventures playing bluegrass and country music. Jim put his matchmaker skills to work and encouraged Annie to sit in with the Sisters. It was perfect chemistry from the get-go. Her low harmony adds another layer of sweetness, and her Big Bass "Bert" keeps everyone in time.

Jim Nagle is well known to Folk Club regulars having done eight showcases in the past. Jim began playing guitar at an early age and soon after developed a love for the sound of 'slidey' guitar stuff, but it took decades before he felt he could take on the challenge of the open tunings with which these instruments are typically played. He's now been playing dobro 15 years. He's also an accomplished athlete, with many endurance events on the books, including triathlons, marathons, and 100-mile runs.

In the past Jim has tended to use his showcases as an opportunity for learning new songs that he's wanted to play. This had been a challenging and worthy exercise but a time-consuming one as well. This time around, Jim proposed the idea of a Pre-CD Release party, since the band has been hard at work recording their first CD at Les Thompson's Cabin Studios. The project is not quite finished, but this will be a chance to hear a sampling of tunes that will be on the CD, including originals penned by Sherry and Valeria, along with some favorite covers and traditional songs.

To keep in touch, visit The Stewart Sisters on the web - Like Us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheStewartSisters>, Upcoming Performances: <http://www.thestewartsisters.com>.

See you on the 20th!





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BEPPE GAMBETTA



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

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

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Beppe Gambetta ... *his fingers speak a language all their own ...*

Beppe Gambetta is an Italian musician in love with American roots music as well as the music of his native country. He has traveled the world and even crossed the "Iron Curtain" to dazzle and charm audiences everywhere. After eleven CDs, DVDs, teaching books and collaborations with many other world-renown musicians, Beppe is increasingly known as one of the true innovators on the acoustic guitar.

Although Beppe still lives in his native Genova, he travels to North America at least three times each year. His reputation in the U.S. and Canada is reinforced by his participation in prestigious festivals like the Walnut Valley Festival in

Winfield, Kansas, Merlefest in North Carolina, the Four Corners Festival in Colorado, and Canadian Folk Festivals in Winnipeg and Edmonton. He has also appeared as a guest on radio shows such as "All Things Considered" and "E-Town". Beppe has performed in prestigious music venues such as the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He has performed with some of the great heroes of the folk scene such as David Grisman, Gene Parsons, Doc Watson and Norman Blake. Beppe's playing and singing stand out for their emotional impact and reveal the innermost feelings of a brilliant and playful mind that is exploring and innovating while staying firmly rooted in the tradition.

Appreciation to the COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS OF HERNDON for their generous support of this concert during Herndon Arts Week

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

[Dave Gunning](#) - 11/10/2015; [Marcy Marxer & Rolly Brown](#) - 12/8/2015

MUSICAL NOTES



Folklore Society of Greater Washington Monthly Program - Low Lily

Saturday, October 17th at Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012. The string and vocal trio Low Lily (formerly Annalivia) weaves together a unique brand of acoustic music. Liz Simmons (vocals and guitar), Flynn Cohen (vocals, guitar, and mandolin), and Lissa Schneckenburger (vocals and fiddle) are masterful players with deep relationships to traditional music styles ranging from bluegrass, to Irish, Scottish, New England, and Old Time Appalachian sounds. More info at fsgw.org/myorgnet/public.php?Org=fsgw&EventID=4812.

Stillwater Supper and Songs - LEA

Saturday October 24th. Potluck supper at 6 pm, followed by an informal open mic (a chance to share your stories and songs). Then at 8 PM, LEA will take the stage. She is a DC-based singer/songwriter, and describes her music as SoulFolk, a seamless blend of gospel, jazz, country, R&B and contemporary folk. At Stillwaters, 4279 Janes Lane, Marshall, Virginia 20115. More info at stillwaterssupperandsongs.eventbrite.com.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

10/7/1870 – “Uncle” Dave Macon
10/9/1940 – John Lennon
10/10/1946 – John Prine
10/13/1942 – Paul Simon
10/15/1906 – Victoria Spivey
10/18/1947 – Laura Nyro
10/20/1913 – Louis Marshall “Grandpa” Jones
10/31/1912 – Dale Evans
10/31/1937 – Tom Paxton

Monthly Musical Quote

“Music gives a soul to the universe,
Wings to the mind,
Flight to the imagination,
And life to everything”
- *Plato*

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

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

Chris Anderson Performance schedule and downloads at <http://chris-anderson.info>
- Monthly, 2nd Saturday, Harried Americans Happy Hour, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Epicure Cafe, Fairfax, VA. <http://harriedamericans.com> The show includes comedy, poetry, and music, geared to adults - and is free, with a suggested donation of \$10.

Ron Goad MisterGoad@aol.com
- Mondays 7:15 p.m., F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer’s Alley, Frederick, MD. FrederickAcoustic.org
- 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:30 to ? p.m. (open mic at 10 p.m.), SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA Epicurecafe.org

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

The Aloha Boys (Glen Hirabayashi and Isaac Ho'opi'i)
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.

George Dacre
www.acousticayre.com
- Paradise Springs Winery, Clifton, VA
Saturday Oct 31st, 2-6



of Reston & Herndon

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

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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 "Folk Club of Reston Herndon"

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

Classifieds

SERVICES

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

WANTED

Dave Law (Reston Station) is looking to create a lasting folk/folk-rock trio for fun and profit. If interested, please call him at 703-200-1733 or email David.Law@DullesMetro.com.

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.