



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: Nov 10 – DAVE GUNNING

Award-winning Canadian folk singer playing his fabulous story songs
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November 17 Showcase – Anna Keller

by Anna



Anna's love of piano started early. At five she began lessons and was soon passing up her older sister. In an effort to cut down on jealousy issues, Anna's parents forbade her to play, thinking she could take it up again later in life; so Anna would play at friends' houses, was drawn to any piano she could find, and thus became self-taught. The first thing she bought when she got an apartment was a piano, paying more for it than for her car, and never regretted doing so!

She started writing songs at a young age because she didn't read music and couldn't play by ear, so she wrote to have something to play. She LOVES piano, it's been her outlet for emotions. One of the things she does is play in the dark - when your sight is removed your ears focus more on the sounds. She's told she plays with great feeling, and that her songs could be themes for sad movies. Anna also frequently gets told that she moves in and out of major/minor like water and feels that the reason for this is because she does not differentiate the two. For Anna, looking at a piano she only sees notes - not chords - and all notes can go with any other note if timed right. This gives her songs a slightly haunting sound.

Anna's first performance was at age 47. She still struggles a bit with it, but has continued since she wrote many songs and has worked hard to get them to be repeatable and cohesive. She also loves to sing - doing both together was a hurdle, but in the past year she's learned to do it. "People can't remember the names of my songs when they have no lyrics to remember them by," she says.

Anna has learned a lot about performing by watching and listening to others at the Folk Club and other venues around the DC area. Her favorite composer is Beethoven. She loves the way

he gives a twist and dramatic effect by changing just one or two notes in a progression. She's not bound by "traditional" chords since she was never formally taught, and therefore her songs are somewhat unique.

She also plays drums, but says her playing resembles the sound of sneakers in the dryer. She loves "tom rolls down the line" on her enormous kit. She put two drum sets together, and tunes the toms to different pitches so she can play melodies on them!

Anna has just completed her first CD! Recorded and mixed by Allan Harrington, it includes great musicians such as Holly Towne, Mark Johnson, Cristian Perez, Doris MacDonald, Sharon Dennis, Ron Goad, and John Werntz. The CD is available on CD Baby and at shows.

Recent back surgery to straighten out her spine has Anna walking a bit differently now, but it hasn't affected her playing. She loves people and loves to play, and is looking forward to doing a showcase-length set. Ron Goad will "tap along" for a few songs, and perhaps others will make it out to play along with her too. Anna is very grateful to Malinda Joyce Sutcliffe for introducing her to the Folk Club of Reston/Herndon.



Proudly presents

DAVE GUNNING



"Dave Gunning is the next big thing in the True North of Song, an artist as compelling, as assured and attentive to every nuance of the writing process as Lightfoot, Cockburn and Stan Rogers before him." — Greg Quill, The Toronto Star

There are stories that wash over you like a tide, and then there are stories that grab you by the heart. Dave Gunning has made a point of finding the latter and wrapping them up in song since he broke upon the East Coast music scene in Canada back in 1997. The Pictou County, Nova Scotia born and bred singer-songwriter and working class hero has built up from humble beginnings to a point where his name is regularly included in conversation with artists such as David Francey, James Keelaghan, Ron Hynes, Stan Rogers, Bruce Cockburn and Gordon Lightfoot. Writing from a sonic menu that includes flavors of Irish, Scottish, folk, and country music styles, Dave transcends genres with songs that fill your senses and touch your soul.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

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

\$10 (\$9 MEMBERS)

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

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Dave has ten critically acclaimed CD's to his credit. His previous release, "... a tribute to John Allan Cameron," was honored with a prestigious 2012 Canadian Juno Award nomination and was the winner of two 2011 Canadian Folk Music Awards and two East Coast Music Association ("ECMA") Awards. He was the winner of the Indie International Song Contest (for his song, "Hard Workin' Hands," co-written with Ron Hynes) and a finalist in the Great American Song Contest, the USA Songwriting Competition, the John Lennon Songwriting Contest and the International Songwriting Contest.

A seasoned performer and entertainer, Dave has toured extensively both solo and with his band, performing to sold-out venues, festivals, house concerts and theatres throughout Canada, the U.S., the U.K., Ireland, Denmark and recently in Afghanistan, entertaining the troops.

Check Dave out at www.davegunning.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Marcy Marxer & Rolly Brown 12/8/2015; Small Potatoes 1/19/2016

MUSICAL NOTES



Frank and Vinny - Guitar Wizards

Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo are some of the most extraordinary guitarists performing before the public today. Frank's stunning virtuosity has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians, including Ringo Starr, Madonna, Donald Fagen, and Wynton Marsalis, among others. Vinny Raniolo, at the age of 28, has already proved himself to be among the elite having performed and recorded with Bucky Pizzarelli, Tommy Emmanuel, and David Grisman, to name a few. Their jaw dropping technique and incredible showmanship explains why the New York Times deemed them, "...stars of guitar." Sunday, November 8th at 8:00 p.m. at the Franklin Park Arts Center in Purcellville, VA. Tickets: \$20 reserved seating. Visit www.franklinparkartscenter.org or call 540-338-7973 for advance tickets.

The Brothers Four

Multiple million sellers, The Brothers Four have delighted audiences for five decades. The Brothers Four have played thousands of college concerts, serenaded four U.S. presidents at the White House, performed with symphony orchestras around the world. Hits include "Greenfields," "Yellow Bird," "Try to Remember," and "Across the Wide Missouri." Thursday, November 12, 2015, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.). Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814. \$40 general admission, bethesdabluesjazz.com, 240-330-4500. Information: wfma.net.

CyberTrad with Matthew Olwell

CyberTrad is a musical experiment that combines melodic sensibilities from traditional Irish and Breton music, and blends them with rhythmic elements of contemporary Quebecois, funk, and hip hop. The project features Matthew Olwell on flute, vocals, and percussion, Dominic "Shodekeh" Talifero on human beatbox, and Aimee Curl on upright bass and vocals. Original compositions and arrangements by Matthew Olwell make CyberTrad both familiar and intriguing. Saturday, November 21 at 8 p.m. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012. \$10 for FSGW members; \$20 for non-members. More info at fsgw.org or 443-786-0463.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

11/5/1911 - Leonard Slye (a.k.a. Roy Rogers)
11/5/1941 - Art Garfunkel
11/7/1937 - Mary Travers
11/7/1943 - Joni Mitchell
11/12/1945 - Neil Young
11/17/1938 - Gordon Lightfoot
11/23/1947 - Jack Hardy
11/27/1917 - Merle Travis

MONTHLY MUSICAL QUOTE

"Recording is God's way of telling you that you suck."
- *Bob Brozman*

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



of Reston & Herndon

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, Laura Kelmelis, Bill Farrar, Jim Clark

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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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c/o Dave Hurd

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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

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.

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.

LAST CHANCE FOR FOLK CLUB MUGS

- Did you get your 30th anniversary gift? All who were paid-up members of the Folk Club in May 2015 are entitled to the free gift mug. If you believe you have been missed, contact Dave Hurd (dahurdsr@cs.com) to arrange getting your mug. Also, there are a small number of mugs which can be purchased for the Folk Club cost amount of \$5 each, again, contact Dave. Thanks!