



# 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: January 19 – SMALL POTATOES**

Chicago-based folk music duo back by popular demand.

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## **January 12 Showcase – TM Hanna**

by TM

Wow, it's 2016 already. It seems like just last month it was only 2015.

Looking back on the 25 or so years that I've been a member of the Folk Club, I can't imagine what else I could have done on Tuesday nights that would have been as musically rewarding. I've heard over a hundred great concerts and probably ten times that many open mic performers.

Some of the best music (and some of the worst music) that I've ever heard was at the Folk Club on Tuesday nights. Much of the best music (and a lot of the worst music) that I've ever played was at the Folk Club on Tuesday nights.

I feel very fortunate that I've had the opportunity to play with so many good musicians, often on songs that I'd never heard before. Many of the bands that I've performed with at other venues over the years included musicians I met on a Tuesday night, including but not limited to: Pete Brown and the Mad Cows, Somos El Mar, Bill Davis, The Wild Hamsters, The Porch Monkeys, Don Bridges and Friends, and of course The Space Time Gourmets.

Enough looking back though. For this showcase I will be joined by everybody's favorite sidemen, percussionist Ron Goad and bassman Niels Jonker. We hope to make it the best showcase of the year, so far anyway.





Proudly presents

# SMALL POTATOES



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

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

**\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)**

*Requested Donation*

**AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE-  
HERNDON**

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

*The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon is a non-profit organization*

Back again at the Folk Club by popular demand, the Chicago-based duo **Small Potatoes** has been touring on the folk circuit since 1993. In that time Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso have become sought-after regulars at clubs and coffeehouses across the U.S. More than two decades later, they have made repeat appearances at major folk festivals, including the Kerrville Folk Festival, the Walnut Valley Folk Festival, and Philadelphia Folk Festival. They were one of the "most requested" acts at the 1999 Falcon Ridge New Artist Showcase. Jacquie is also a past winner of the Kerrville New Folk Songwriting Contest.

They call themselves eclectic-maniacs, describing their music as "Celtic to Cowboy." They claim it has taken them "years of careful indecision" to come up with a mix of music that ranges from country, blues, and swing to Irish, with songwriting that touches on all of those styles and more. Their five recordings, *Alive!*, *Waltz of the Wallflowers*, *Time Flies*, *Raw* and *Christmas in the Cabin* cover all these styles. They both sing, they both play guitars and an array of other instruments ... can you say glockenspiel? ... And they even yodel!

*"Behind the humble name hides a creative couple of singer-songwriters who know a thing or two about keeping a crowd laughing, smiling, and occasionally crying."*

- Bill Lynch, Charleston Gazette, Charleston, WV

*"Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso combine cleverly witty with powerfully poignant songs, along with well chosen covers to present an unusually entertaining and involving repertoire engagingly delivered. Prezioso's song "1000 Candles, 1000 Cranes" is one of the most outstanding songs of the past 50 years."*

- Rich Warren, The Midnight Special – WFMT Radio

More information about Small Potatoes can be found at:  
[www.smallpotatoesmusic.com](http://www.smallpotatoesmusic.com)

*UPCOMING CONCERTS include:*

**Lulu's Fate (2/16/2016); SAW 32<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Winners (3/22/2016)**

## **Time is Running Out! - Volunteer Needed for Folk Club Publicity**

The Folk Club needs a member to take over publicizing our monthly concerts. It only takes about one hour per month to draft and send a brief email to the Folklore Society of Greater Washington and to send another email to a list of local news contacts. The concert information will be provided by our bookings volunteer, so it only needs to be reformatted a bit.

Amy Lowenstein will not be able to do this after this month since she is leaving the area, so we need a member to take it over now, so that she can explain what needs to be done. It is not much work, but it's crucial that we get the word out about our concerts. If you want to help your Folk Club, please talk to Amy, Ben, or Dave.

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **World Folk Music Association Third Anniversary Showcase with Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen**

Steve & Cindy have been performing together for 25 years, bringing together their love of traditional music and their wealth of original songs, and accompanying themselves with guitars and concertinas. They are performing Sunday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Tickets are \$25, call 301-608-2121 for more information or go to wfma.net.

### **The Classics: Melissa Chavez, Soprano, and David Chavez, Composer**

Melissa Chávez has been acclaimed by the Washington Post for her "voluptuous voice" and "cooly exemplary production" and has performed at the Castleton Festival and other opera companies. David Chavez is a composer who is always trying to find new ways to combine classical training and real-world music-making, holds several professional positions, and has been in residency at Penn State's Institute for the Arts and Humanities (where he composed his first opera). Their concert is Sunday, January 24, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Stillwaters, 4279 Janes Ln, Marshall, VA 20115. "Sunday Snacks and Songs" (please bring your favorite finger foods and drinks to share, as well as songs and stories for the open mic).

### **"Rain Follows the Plow" at NextStop Theater, Herndon**

Monday, January 25, 7:30pm - First theatrical performance of Steve Coffee's original folk opera about the Dust Bowl, featuring the entire original cast and more, including many Folk Club members. Directed by Bill Davis. Tickets (\$15) and more information at RainFollowsThePlow.com.

## **"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:**

1/2/1952 – Christine Lavin  
1/6/1924 – Earl Scruggs  
1/9/1941 – Joan Baez  
1/10/1956 – Shawn Colvin  
1/10/1943 – Jim Croce  
1/17/1955 – Steve Earle  
1/19/1885 – Leadbelly (Huddie Ledbetter)  
1/19/1946 – Dolly Parton  
1/21/1941 – Richie Havens  
1/28/1968 – Sarah McLachlan

## **MONTHLY MUSICAL QUOTE**

"Boys, look like you're having fun, but don't have any."  
- Lawrence Welk (to his band just before going on the air)

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

**T.M Hanna** [tmhanna.net](http://tmhanna.net)

**Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)**  
[schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://schoolshows.com/somoselmar)

**Chris Anderson** <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](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)

- Note: The Monday night songwriter's showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD are off until further notice, due to restaurant renovations.

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 7:30 to ? p.m. (open mic at 10 p.m.), SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA [Epicurecafe.org](http://Epicurecafe.org)

**Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee)** [www.harleystringband.com](http://www.harleystringband.com)

**The Aloha Boys** (Glen Hirabayashi and Isaac Ho'opi'i)  
[alohaboys.com](http://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](http://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

**Publicity:** Amy Lowenstein, Sue Schier

**Bookings:** Steve Potter (concert flyers by Jim Clark)

**Newsletter:** Ben Hamblin, Dan Grove, Jim Clark, Dave Hurd

**Website:** Cheryl Hennessy

**Facebook:** Cheryl Hennessy

**Lifetime Members:** Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Dave 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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: [ecfmn@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!