

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON—HERNDON

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*Preserving the traditions of
Folk Music, Folklore, and Gentle Folk Ways*

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May 10 Showcase – Jean Bayou

By Dan Grove

Jean Bayou is the director of the Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Contest (MASC), sponsored by the Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW). This is her third year as director, and she definitely feels the pulse of the local songwriting community. Her showcase will feature her own songs, one of which – The Mammogram – is already “famous at the Folk Club.”

Jean started playing piano at age five, sitting at the keyboard with her grandmother. She lived in an old farmhouse in upstate New York, where her father worked for a small company called IBM. In high school Jean played percussion and vibes in a jazz band, and then went to the University of Arizona. It was there that she met her husband, Yousef, with whom she has three children. They lived in his native Libya for a couple of years, and then came to this area in 1981. He’s now the Director of International Development at Deltek Systems, and she works part-time at a patent law office. It was when her children were small that Jean began writing songs, and now that they’re older she’s devoting more time to it. Her debut CD, produced by Gary Jaffee with Daniel Lee, is in the works, and she’s returned to jazz lately - after an improvisation class at NoVA, she’s now looking for a vibraphone. If anyone has vibes for sale, let her know!

Jean plays guitar in a variety of tunings – DADDEAD, DADDAD, and Open D as well as standard, and will bring her piano to the showcase, too. Songwriters tend to be “words first” or “music first” in their writing habits, but Jean does both, and has about twenty completed songs (plus fifty-odd unfinished). This is a busy week for her – she’s playing Mamapalooza at Ned Devine’s on May 7, and then has Mother’s Day May 8, this showcase May 10, and her birthday May 11!

For the Folk Club gig, Jean will be accompanied by **Ron Goad** on percussion and **TM Hanna** on mandolin. Don’t miss her performance, which promises to be highly literate, frequently humorous, and unique!



Bill Staines

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

**The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:30 PM - May 24, 2005
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA**



Anyone not familiar with the music of **Bill Staines** is in for a special treat. For over 25 years, Bill has traveled back and forth across North America, singing his songs and delighting audiences at festivals, folksong societies, colleges, concerts, clubs and coffeehouses. A New England native, Bill became involved with the Boston-Cambridge folk scene in the early 1960's and, for a time, emceed the Sunday hootenanny at the renowned Club 47 in Cambridge. Bill quickly became a popular performer in the Boston area. In 1971, after one of his acts, a reviewer for **The Phoenix** stated that Bill was "simply Boston's best performer." A decade later, both in 1980 and 1981, the annual Readers' Poll of **The Boston Globe** selected him as a favorite performer. In 1991, Bill entered his fourth decade as a folk performer with an international reputation as an artist. Singing mostly his

own songs, he has become one of the most popular singers on the folk music circuit, averaging 200 concerts per year.

Bill weaves a magical blend of wit and gentle humor into his performances, and as one reviewer wrote, "he has a sense of timing to match the best stand-up comic." His music is a slice of Americana, reflecting with the same ease, his feelings about the prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers of the Yukon. Interspersed between original songs, Bill also includes songs ranging from traditional folk tunes to more contemporary country ballads and delights in having the audience participate in many of his numbers. He may even do a yodeling tune or two - having won the National Yodeling Championship in 1975 at the Kerrville Folk Festival.

A number of Bill's songs have been recorded by other artists including: Makem and Clancey, Nanci Griffith, Mason Williams, Glen Yarborough, Jerry Jeff Walker, Grandpa Jones, Priscilla Herdman and others. Bill has recorded 18 of his own albums and his songs have been published in 4 available songbooks. Radio and TV appearances have included "A Prairie Home Companion", "Mountain Stage", "The Good Evening Show" and a host of local programs on network and PBS.



Upcoming Performers

<http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=venue&value=Folk+Club+of+Reston+Herndon>

Lou & Peter Berryman – June 28, \$10/\$9 – The epitome of zany, comedic folk duos - about as much fun as you can have with the lights on!

Ed Miller – July 19, \$10/\$9 - One of the finest singers to come out of the Scottish folksong revival, and an academic folklorist of some note.

Anne Hills – August 30, \$10/\$9 – An award-winning contemporary folksinger renowned as one of the folk music's finest vocalists.

MUSICAL NOTES



Memorial Day Campout – Yep, it's that time of year again. Dave & Beth will be hosting the Spring Folk Club Campout this month. See Dave for details and make plans to be there!

Common Ground On The Hill will be hosting its 11th annual music & arts camps from July 3rd thru the 15th at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. Music classes slated for the week of July 10-15 will have a special focus on songwriting. **Folk Club member Richard Broadbent** is the coordinator for this year's annual gathering, and has helped put together a great program of teachers and classes. For more information, contact Richard at browoowho@aol.com, and check out the website at www.commongroundonthehill.com

Arlo Guthrie, anyone?

Judith Plummer has two tickets available for Arlo Guthrie /Dave Bromberg at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, DE. The show is Friday, May 18 at 8pm. There is (1) adult ticket and (1) senior ticket, priced \$30 below cost at \$45 for the pair. Contact Jean at 703-435-3467 (work), or email her at: jeplum@patriot.net

Acoustic "Open Jam" - Reston Community Center at Lake Anne - Sunday May 15, 2005 - 7:00-9:00pm

Love to play with other folks, but don't really have enough other folks to play with? Don't have a venue at which to jam? Come to the Open Jam and join with other like-minded people. There will be a couple of professional session musicians to help keep things moving along, but the evening is largely up to you. This is your chance to join in the playing! What genre of music? Depends on who shows up. Gather anyone you know who loves to play and come to the Jam. Or come by yourself--you'll meet new folks with whom to play. Don't play an instrument? Come join us anyway. See you there! Free Admission; Free Parking. Light refreshments will be served. Driving Directions: 703-689-3550.

Haymaker Music Festival – May 20 & 21 – Oakley Farm, Spotsylvania, VA

Bringing 30 bands together on 3 stages, the festival carries on its tradition of bringing you best live music, with the joint mission of helping to keep the family farm in the family. This year's festival features great acts such as Keller Williams, Victor Wooten, Cephas & Wiggins, and many others. For more information, call 804-673-2817, or go online at www.haymaker.net

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

You'll find Folk Club members in every joint in town!

Pretty Ugly (You know'em, you luv'em)

5/14: 9pm-1am, Mark's Pub, 2190 Pimmit Dr., Falls Church, VA (703) 356-3822

TM Hanna

5/7: Late afternoon, Mamapalooza at Ned Devines w.Jean Bayou

5/7: Daniels, Hanna & Brown, 9pm-1am, Mark's Pub, 2190 Pimmit Dr., Falls Church, VA (703) 356-3822.

5/13: w/Don Bridges & Friends, 8-10pm, Market Street Café, Leesburg, VA

5/14: w/Don Bridges & Friends, 7-9:30pm, Robinette's Coffee, 20693 Ashburn Rd. unit 130, Ashburn, VA

5/14: w/Only Restin' (Greg Vickers & friends), 11am-1:30pm, Wine & Wind Festival, Tarara Winery, www.tarara.com

Ray Kaminsky

<http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=performers&value=Ray+Kaminsky>

Somos El Mar, www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Steve Key Music Showcases www.stevekey.com

Mondays: 7-10pm, The Frederick Coffee Company, 100 N. East St. @Church, Frederick MD 301.698.0039

Wednesdays: 7-10pm, Stella's, 1725 Duke St., Alexandria VA, 703-519-1946

Sundays: 7-10pm, Austin Grill, 919 Ellsworth Dr. @Georgia Ave., Silver Spring MD, 240-247-8969

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

5/1/1939 – Judi Collins

5/2/1924 – Theodore Bikel

5/3/1919 – Pete Seeger

5/5/1901 – "Blind" Willie McTell

5/9/1914 – Clarence Eugene "Hank" Snow

5/10/1909 – "Mother" Maybelle Carter

5/10/1946 – Donovan Leitch

5/17/1942 – Henry St. Clair Fredericks (a.k.a. Taj Mahal)

5/24/1941 – Bob Dylan

5/25/1938 – Hoyt Axton

5/31/1938 – Peter Yarrow

And In Passing:

5/7/1972 – Rev. Gary Davis

5/11/1979 – Lester Flatt

5/11/1999 – Shel Silverstein

5/13/1979 – Bob Wills

5/14/1997 – Mel Bay

5/15/2003 – June Carter Cash

5/26/1933 – Jimmy Rodgers

Quote for The Month

"Jazz is not dead – it just smells funny."

~ Frank Zappa

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:30pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ray Kaminsky

Treasurer: Dave Hurd

Board of Directors: Sue Porter, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier

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Newsletter: Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Ray Kaminsky, Dave Hurd

Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Website: Tom Shabala

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 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.

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Advance ticket purchases for Guest Artist concert performances can be made on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

TUNE-IN TO THE FOLK CLUB

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 ticket price of guest artist concerts (up to 2 tickets per show). Buy 2 tickets to every show and you've

saved a bundle! 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. Find it at www.groups.yahoo.com by doing a search for **FolkClubofRestonHerndon**

WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at:

www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

Hop online and keep up with the latest happenings!

INFO LINE

For general folk club information contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402



Classifieds



Cabin Studios Open For Business

Let Folk Club member Les Thompson help you with your next recording project. Record your CD in a relaxed but professional environment. Cabin Studios is located near Leesburg Virginia. Take a visual tour of the studio at WWW.Cabinstudios.com. Visit the web site for equipment and rates. We are experienced in all music genres, but we specialize in acoustic music. Studio phone number is: 1-703-777-7770. Just leave a message and number.

FOR SALE: Whirlwind IMP2 Direct Boxes. These boxes accept a high-Z, 1/4" phone input, and output low-Z XLR. They also have a ground lift switch, and allow for a 1/4" pass-through. All units are used but in good condition. \$20 each. Call Marjorie Myers at 703-450-2393.

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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