



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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May 8 Showcase – Tomy Wright

by Dan Grove



"The type of music I play is finger-picked, acoustic guitar folk based on my own life experiences, inspired by the diverse people I've met and myriad of places I've been." This is how Tomy Wright welcomes people to his website (tomywright.com). And, yes, it's pronounced like "Tommy," but has only one "M" (in fact, the title of his 2004 CD, available on CD Baby, is ***Tomy, One "M"***).

Tomy grew up in a house with music everywhere - from Puccini to Ray Charles, the Gershwins to the Ink Spots, and Mahalia Jackson to Lawrence Welk, his parents had the records. He played in a rhythm band in Kindergarten, then did 8 years of violin, followed by drums (he wanted to be Ringo after spending his haircut money on ***Meet the Beatles***). Listening to

Boston's WBZ and WBCN radio stations, he was immersed in the rock and folk of the Woodstock generation.

As a teen, Tomy borrowed a Gretsch electric guitar and began working through the Jimi Hendrix Electric Ladyland songbook. A few years later, he bought a classical guitar, and has been strumming and picking ever since. He's been writing songs for many years, and poems, too.

Tomy was a military intelligence officer until four years ago, when he transitioned to being a consultant with the Department of Homeland Security. With the Army, he was stationed at West Point, the Pentagon, and several other places stateside, plus Germany, Turkey, Hawaii, Korea, and Panama, with side trips to the Canary Islands, Australia, and the Galapagos Islands. Yes, he's seen a large part of the world! He's not automatically identified as an American in most places - guesses have been Panamanian, Yemeni, Middle Eastern, Ethiopian, and others - which has been fun at times, but has been problematic on occasion since 9/11. He has many stories, and they all tend to make their way into songs!

For his showcase, Tomy will do several originals in differing styles, plus some covers. He'll play 6 and 12 string guitars, and will be joined by **Doug Alan Wilcox** on percussion. See you there!

Terry Allard

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:15 PM – May 22, 2007
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



Terri Allard has an extraordinary talent for capturing the human spirit in her songs. With power-packed vocals and infectious energy she has the uncanny ability of moving her audiences to pin-drop silence. The Virginia based singer-songwriter has taken her rootsy blend of folk, country, and acoustic pop to countless clubs, coffeehouses and festivals throughout the U.S. Terri was a finalist in the 1994 and 1997 Kerrville, Texas New Folk Festival Showcase, the 1997 Telluride Festival Troubadour Showcase, the 1997 Rocky Mountain Folks Festival Showcase and a the 1995 and 1998 Emerging Singer-Songwriter Showcase at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in New York.

Terri performed at the 1996 Olympic Village Coffeehouse, at Nashville's 1997 and 1998 Extravaganza and at the 1998 AM JAM Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. She has joined the ranks of artists who have performed on popular festival stages including the Philadelphia Folk Festival, the Rocky Mountain Folks Festival, and the Bridgeton Folk Festival. In 1999 Terri was selected as a Main Stage Showcase Artist at the 1999 North American Folk and Dance Alliance

Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Terri has received nominations for **seven WAMMIES** (Washington Area Music Association Awards), winning **Best Female Country Vocalist** in 1999.

Makes No Sense, Terri's fourth recording, was produced by Bruce Hornsby sideman, Bobby Read. The CD is a collection of Terri's country-folk originals, including Anna Carolyn, written with **Mary Chapin Carpenter**. Rootsy instrumentation and tight harmonies tastefully support Terri's signature smoky alto on songs about love, hope, good times, and sadness. She rounds out the recording by putting her stamp on Johnny Cash's rockabilly classic, *Get Rhythm*.



Upcoming Performers

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

Bill Staines – August 14, 2007, \$12/11 – Bill has become one of the most popular singers on the folk music circuit today and averages around 200 concert dates a year.

Laura Baron/Pat Wictor – September 18, 2007, \$12/11 – A great special pairing of bluesy folk artists/songwriters with wonderful vocals and musicianship.

MUSICAL NOTES



Northern VA Fine Arts Festival – May 19 & 20

The 16th annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival will be held at the Reston Town Center on the weekend of May 19/20. This year's musical talent includes: **Al Petteway & Amy White; Laura Baron, David Kitchen, Randy Barrett**, and many others. The festival also includes an exhibition of arts and crafts by more than 180 exhibitors from across the country. There is also a **Children's Art Tent**, so families can get in on the action.

The art festival is produced by the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), a non-profit organization that was founded in 1974 to enrich community life by promoting involvement and excellence in the visual arts.

For more information, including a complete list of entertainers and exhibitors, check out the web site at: <http://restonarts.org/Festival/FestivalWelcome.htm>

Folk Club Campout – May 26th thru 28th

Come out and celebrate with Dave and Beth (and everyone else!) at the annual Memorial Day Folk Club Campout. Meals are provided (for a small contribution charge), so pack up your tents, drinks, and instruments and come on out to the beautiful Double Trouble Estate in Stephenson, VA. See Dave or Beth at The Club for more info, and be sure to make your reservations by May 24.

Herndon Festival

The 27th annual Herndon Festival will be held May 27th through June 3rd this year. Along with the carnival, arts & crafts, and food vendors, there will be 3 stages of entertainment of all varieties. Musical guests this year will include **Fairport Convention, Magpie, Doug Alan Wilcox, Scythian**, and many other local and national acts. For further info call (703) 787-7300, or visit the website at: <http://www.herndon-va.gov/festival/>

Down, Down, Down...

On April 10th, a fire destroyed the former home of Johnny Cash, where he and his wife, June had lived from 1967 until their deaths in 2003. In January, 2006 the house had been purchased by ex-Bee Gee Barry Gibb and his wife, Linda. They had planned to restore the home in order to live and write music there, but had not yet moved in. The cause was unknown, though the construction crew doing the restoration had recently applied a flammable wood preservative to both the interior and exterior of the home. Fire trucks arrived promptly, but within a few hours there was nothing left but the stone chimneys.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

That's right – they don't just play at The Folk Club!

Ray Kaminsky

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

Somos El Mar, www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Demetrios Liadis

Contact Demetrios on line:

www.myspace.com/demetriosjam or call him at 571-247-8969

Tomy Wright

Contact Tomy at tomy@tomywright.com, 301-637-5707
www.tomywright.com

Ron Goad – hosting the following SAW events:

- Every Monday 8pm, showcase at The Westside Café, Frederick, MD. <http://www.westside-cafe.com>
- First Sunday each month 7:30pm, West Market Concert Series, West Market Clubhouse, 1901 Logan Manor Drive, Reston, VA.
- Third Thursday each month 6-10pm, open mike and showcase at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA.
<http://www.bangkokblues.com>
- Last Saturday each month 12:30-4:30pm, theme shows at Red Rocks Café, Centreville, VA.
<http://www.restaurant.com/redrocks>

Contact Ron directly for info on attending and/or signing up for any events: MisterGoad@aol.com, 703.266-7060

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

“There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats” ~ Albert Schweitzer

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

Publicity: Sue Schier

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

Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Website: Armen Karimian

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@ossya.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. Just go to: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/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



Folk Club Members: Advertise Here!

FOR SALE: Fender Acoustasonic 30 Acoustic Amplifier - barely used \$225.00 Contact Demetrios 571-247-8969 or meetoo@msn.com

SEEKING MUSICIANS: Cornet and harmonica player, experienced, seeks working performer, group, or band based in NoVA (Vienna). Jazz, rock, blues, folk, pop, country. david@savageheart.com

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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