

# The Folk Club

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## January 14 Showcase - the Space Time Gourmets

by T. M. Hanna



photo: Pam Day

The Space Time Gourmets current line-up includes T.M. Hanna, Eric Forthman, and Fritzi. Their current repertoire is influenced by an amalgam of numerous American and European musical styles including Folk, Celtic, Bluegrass, Pop, Country, Rock, Gospel, Blues, and Jugband. Mixing originals with songs from traditional and modern sources, the Space Time Gourmets infuse each with a special vision and energy.

Eric Forthman grew up in the Northern Virginia area and is well known to local audiences for his abilities on several instruments, including guitar, bass, mandolin, and fiddle. A talented writer and arranger, Eric is proficient on keyboards and most stringed instruments in a variety of musical styles. He has honed his performance abilities by appearing solo, as well as with several different bands and musical line-ups.

Fritzi began her singing career with the school choir in Alaska. Since relocating to the greater Washington area she

has sung and played guitar in various nightclubs, restaurants, and folk clubs. She has recently expanded to the studio, having been called upon to add backing vocals to several projects.

T.M.Hanna is a self-taught musician and award winning songwriter, originally hailing from the hills of Western Pennsylvania. Heard mainly on mandolin and harmonica, he occasionally adds guitar, bass, banjo, or pennywhistle to STG arrangements.

The synergy of these three eclectic musicians makes any Space Time Gourmet performance a unique experience.

Congratulations  
to  
Joe and Tess Navarrette  
(who met at the Folk Club)

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Joseph Christian Navarrette, born October 17, 1996

### *Inside:*



*Sparky Rucker*

## SPARKY RUCKER

7:30 PM January 28, 1997

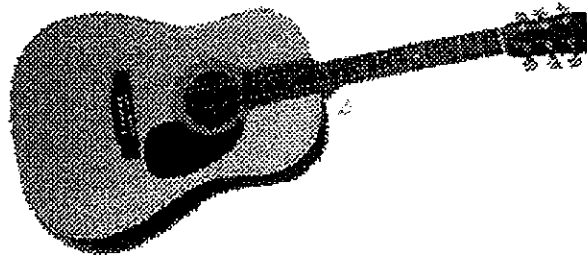
Tickets \$9 (\$8 members)



After thirty years of international touring, nine record releases, and main stage credits at every major folk festival in the United States and Canada, Sparky Rucker is now recognized as a leading performer and commentator on African-American folk culture. A Flying Fish recording artist, Sparky is known for his deft abilities as a singer, historian, folklorist, storyteller and down-home humorist. His Civil War and Genealogical research is especially notable, and he is on the Board of Directors and Activities Boards of organizations including the Southern Folk Cultural Revival Project, the John Henry Memorial Foundation, the Labor Heritage Foundation and Sing Out!, the national folk music magazine.

Sparky Rucker, formerly a Chattanooga school teacher, strongly bases his programs on folk history. According to him, "Folk history is the best way for people to learn their heritage because its written by the people that lived the experiences, and people have always been more real than the way they are portrayed in history books." Sparky is a Hurston-Hughes Award winner in folklore and a John Henry Award winner in black American heritage and ballads. In his study of the blues, he has learned so well from masters such as John Shines, Rev. Pearly Brown, Babe Stovall, and Buddy Moss that he was nominated twice for W.C. Handy Awards, and on banjo studied from Homer Walker, the legendary Virginia songster. Sparky has appeared in numerous television programs, such as "The Wild West" from Time-Warner and the "Carry It On" PBS series, and on radio programs such as "A Prairie Home Companion" and "Mountain Stage".

Join us for a rich evening of American folk. Bill Staines says, "You ABSOLUTELY MUST see Sparky Rucker."



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# IN CONCERT

(Folk Club members' local performances - send your schedule to the editor to be included)

## IONA

Jan 16, 8:00 PM, Folkal Point, Hobbits Glen Golf Course, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia MD, (301) 982-0686

## Kevin James

Jan 3-6 & 10-13, 8:00 PM (9:00 PM Fri. & Sat.), Murphy's of Alexandria, 713 King St., Alexandria VA, (703) 548-1717

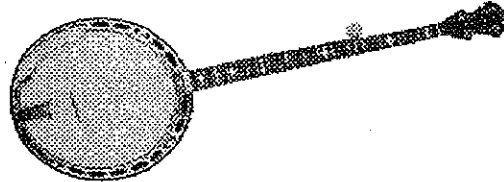
Jan 14-18, 9:00 PM, Flanagan's, 7637 Old Georgetown Rd. Bethesda MD, (301) 986-1007

Jan 21-25, 8:00 PM (9:00PM Fri. & Sat.), Murphy's of DC, 2605 24th St. NW DC, (202) 462-7171

Jan 26-27, 8:00 PM, Ireland's Own, 132 N. Royal St. Alexandria VA, (703) 549-4535

Jan 30-Feb 1, 8:00 PM (9:00PM Fri. & Sat.), Nickelby's, 156 Enterprise St., Sterling VA, (703) 444-2208

**Andrew McKnight** (see venues below)



# LOCAL VENUES

(Folk Club members are listed in boldface - *the Folk Club's events are listed on the back page*)

**Club Acoustic Productions House Concert Series** - Sundays in Herndon, 6:30 PM socializing, 7:00 PM Concert. For reservations (required) and directions call (703) 689-0444  
Jan. (dark) Feb 23 - Erica Wheeler

**Potomac Overlook Coffee House Concert Series** - 3rd Saturday monthly, 7:30 PM. At the Potomac Overlook Park Nature Center Auditorium in north Arlington, Va. Bring a flashlight to make your way down the park road. (703) 528-5406. **Red Leaf** is the host band, with the following guests: Jan 18 - Jan Edmondson (classical guitar) Feb 15 - Blues Works Mar 15 - Barb Martin

**Shenandoah Coffeehouse Reston** - 2nd Sunday monthly, 7:00 PM, Reston Community Center, 2300 Colts Neck Rd., Reston VA (at the back of the Hunters Woods Shopping Center), (703) 476-4500  
Jan 12 - Al Petteway, Venus Rising, Sue Trainor Feb 9 - **Andrew McKnight**, Jerry Bresee, John Rickard

**Shenandoah Coffeehouse Shepherdstown** - 3rd Saturday monthly, 8:00 PM, War Memorial Building, corner of King and German Streets, Shepherdstown WV, (540) 687-6759  
Jan 18 - Barb Martin, Deborah Levoy, Bill Parsons Feb 15 - **Andrew McKnight**, Randy Barrett, and another TBA

**The Americana Stage** - every Thursday, 8:00 PM, in the storefront adjacent to the Leesburg Restaurant, 9 South King St., Old Town Leesburg, (703) 777-3292 (Concert info hotline (703) 777-3523)  
Jan 02 - Martin Sexton w/Dana Robinson Jan 9 - Tim O'Brien of Hot Rize w/Sandy Mitchell Jan 16 - Magraw Gap  
Jan 23 - **Andrew McKnight** & Barb Martin Jan 25 - Wyatt Rice & Santa Cruz Jan 30 - Michael Fath w/Gary Smallwood  
Feb 6 - TBA Feb 8 (Saturday) - Claire Lynch & the Front Porch String Band Feb 13 - Larry Keel Experience & Furnace Mtn Band

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Cascades** - every Wednesday & Thursday, 7:00 PM, 21021 Southbank St. Sterling VA, (703) 421-0932  
Jan 2 - Dave Alberding, Chet Lowther, & Bob Gramann Jan 8 - **Andrew McKnight** Jan 9 - Erin Mckeown Jan 15 - TBA  
Jan 16 - Venus Rising Jan 22 & 23 - TBA Jan 29 - Doris Justice Jan 30 - Bill Parsons

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Northpoint Village** - every Wednesday, 7:00 PM, 1444 Northpoint Village, Reston VA (703) 787-9341  
Jan 8 - Erin Mckeown Jan 15 - Bill Parsons Jan 22 - Venus Rising Jan 29 - **Andrew McKnight**, Karen Nash, & Christopher Williams

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Burke Center Plaza** - every Wednesday, 7:00 PM, 6003-A Burke Ctr. Pkwy, VA (703) 250-2292  
Jan 8 - Steve Hudson Jan 15 - Erin Mckeown Jan 22 - **Andrew McKnight**, Bill Parsons, & Deborah Levoy Jan 29 - TBA

**Stringfellows** - every Saturday, 6:00 PM, 201 Union St., Occoquan, VA (703) 494-3755  
Jan 11 - Joe Potente Jan 18 - Silver Lining Jan 25 - Dave Goodrich Feb 1 - Anthony Gergosian  
Feb 8 - Joe Potente Feb 15 - Kevin Artz & Tim Noone Feb 22 - Frank Donlan

# Folk Club Guest Artists,

## Showcases, and Special Events

prices are for nonmembers/members - it pays to join!  
all times are 7:30 PM

Jan. 14	Space Time Gourmets Showcase	n/a
Jan. 28	Sparky Rucker	\$9/8
Feb. 18	Lucy Kaplansky	\$9/8
Mar. 18	The Unfortunate Rakes	\$11/10
Apr. 29	Garnet Rogers	\$10/9
May 20	Bruce Davies	\$9/8

## Folk Club Format

On most nights, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer gets 12 minutes (or 3 songs, whichever comes first). A \$1 donation is requested.

## Showcase Performances

On the second Tuesday of each month, we feature a Folk Club member in a two set (25-minute) "Showcase" performance. To be in a showcase all you have to do is:

- be a Folk Club member (who hasn't done a showcase in 6 months)
- fill out a lottery slip any time in the month before the drawing
- win the drawing (held on the night of the previous month's showcase); and
- practice, practice, practice!

## Newsletter Submissions

Club members' performances will be listed in the club calendar, and members' music-related notices (instruction, equipment for sale, etc.) will be listed free of charge.

Articles, reviews, artwork, and other items related to music are welcome, although publication can't be guaranteed.

Contact the editor, Dan Grove, at (703) 742-7993 or <dangrove@erols.com> with submissions or for more information.

## The Folk Club

Tuesday nights, 7:30 PM  
at The Tortilla Factory  
648 Elden St., Herndon, VA  
471-1156

President: Larry Mediate  
Treasurer: Richard Flinchbaugh  
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## Board Members:

Ray Kaminsky, Ellen Kaminsky, Lynn Jordan, Bill Davis, Dave Hurd, Jim Rosenkrans, T.M. Hanna

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## MEMBERSHIP · ADDRESS CHANGES · RENEWAL

Check your mail label - your membership expiration date (in Year-Month-Day format, YYYYMMDD) is there. To renew, or to join for the first time, please send your check for \$12, payable to The Folk Club, to membership chair Dave Hurd at the return address below.

He's the one to send any address changes to as well.

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