

# The Folk Club

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## March 11 Showcase - Todd Crowley

In the year since Todd Crowley's February 1996 showcase, he has continued collecting instruments (his Centerville house contains at least twelve autoharps, plus piano, Appalachian dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, fiddle, banjo, bouzouki, mandolin, concertina, flutes, recorders, Celtic harp, and more); has been influenced by Georgia singer and songwriter Pierce Pettis, adding to earlier influences from Burl Ives, the New Christy Minstrels, Jackson Brown, James Taylor, John McCutcheon, Si Kahn, Stan and Garnet Rogers, James Keelaghan, and various Celtic traditions; and has gotten a new dog!

Originally from New England, Todd moved with his parents to Hawaii and Illinois before settling in this area. He graduated from Mount Vernon High School, went to Boston to attend Tufts University, then came back and has taught English in Fairfax County for 22 years. He currently teaches at Centerville High School, but has also taught at Mount Vernon and Herndon. While in high school and college Todd played basketball, and then coached for 20 years. He retired from coaching in 1995, and the additional free time has allowed him to pursue his musical interests. He's also the co-chair of the school's diversity committee, helping to plan a multicultural music and dance event coming up on May 14. One of the people he's approached to perform is Sparky Rucker, who appeared here at the Folk Club in January.

Joining Todd for his showcase will be his 14-year-old son **Christopher**, playing clarinet, recorder and whistle. Todd will be playing several of his autoharps, each one dedicated to a specific key in diatonic tuning. This tuning provides a full sound, allowing many strings to be ringing at once, but limits the chords that can be played to one key. Normal chromatic tuning allows an autoharp to play in multiple keys, but has a much thinner sound. It was traditional Appalachian musician Bryan Bowers who first taught Todd the intricacies of autoharps in the early 80's, when Todd was coaching Bryan's son in basketball.

Todd would like to express his gratitude to the people who come to the Folk Club each week to listen to the performers and make it all possible. Come hear his rich baritone and deft touch with a song to find out why we keep coming back!

### Deirdre Murphy and Lou Ruffino

Deirdre Murphy (who will continue to perform with that name) officially became Deirdre Teresa Ruffino on January 25, 1997. She and Lou Ruffino, who met at the Folk Club, honeymooned in an attic in Yonkers, New York.

Photos of the wedding can be viewed on the internet at <http://www.kentcounty.com/wedding>, but unfortunately no further information about the choice of honeymoon destinations is available there.

The bride is one of the most popular and talented of our members, and the groom is being congratulated upon his good judgment.

### Inside:

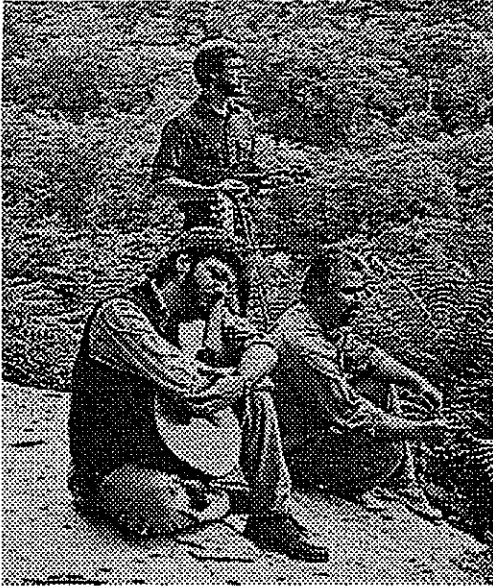


*The Unfortunate Rakes*

# THE UNFORTUNATE RAKES

7:30 PM March 18, 1997

Tickets \$11 (\$10 members)



Jigs, reels and waltzes. Songs of false love, far away places and fierce pride. The Unfortunate Rakes will bring all of these and more to their concert. The trio performs traditional music from Ireland, Scotland, England, Brittany, and even Canada, tracing the far-reaching influences of Celtic music. They have appeared at festivals, concerts, and pubs throughout the mid-Atlantic region. The Rakes have steadily become one of the premier Celtic groups in the region. Besides being a major concert attraction, they are much in demand for their workshops on a variety of topics concerning Celtic music. This past spring, their "Celtic Suite," a collaboration with choreographer Erica Helm, premiered at Washington's Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Their debut recording, "Banish Misfortune," was released in the summer of 1994. In 1995, the Rakes appeared on "There Is One Story And Only One Story," a Christmas sampler from the Falling Mountain label, performing music from Ireland, Brittany, and the Shetlands. A new release, "The Strayaway Child," is in the works for spring of 1997. Amidst their busy recording and performing schedule, they have appeared as guest artists on a number of other recordings.

Michael DeLalla on guitars, bodhran, and vocals, Chas Fowler on pennywhistle and various pipes, and Bruce Wilkin on fiddle and tenor banjo make up this dynamic trio. Come share this special concert on St. Patrick's day plus one.

## IN CONCERT

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

### IONA

Mar 9, 5:00 & 7:00 PM, Winter Concerts at the Old Brogue, Great Falls, VA, (703) 759-3309 (reservations recommended)

Mar 28, 8:00 PM, Old Town Hall Performance Series, 3999 University Dr., Fairfax, VA (corner of Main St.), free, (703) 352-ARTS

Apr 5, 8:00 PM, John Addison Concert Hall, Harmony Hall Regional Ctr., 10701 Livingstone Rd., Ft. Washington, MD, (301) 292-8331

Apr 12, 7:30 PM, Evening of Scottish Entertainment (with Pipe Major), Hammond High School, Columbia, MD, (410) 381-4815

### Kevin James

Mar 1, 4-8, & 17, 9:00 PM (11:30 AM-2:30 PM the 17th), Flanagan's, 7637 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda MD, (301) 986-1007

Mar 9-10, 8:00 PM, Ireland's Own, 132 N. Royal St., Alexandria VA, (703) 549-4535

Mar 13, 6:00 PM, National Democratic Club, 30 Ivy St., SE, DC

Mar 17, 7:00 PM, Nickelby's, 156 Enterprise St., Sterling VA, (703) 444-2208

Mar 20, 9:30 PM, Quigleys, 3201 New Mexico Ave., DC, (202) 966-0500

### Ray Kaminsky

Mar 5, 7:00 PM, Northpoint Starbucks (see venue listing below)

Mar 8, 12:30 PM, Coffeehouse 10 (TV taping), Merrifield Multiplex, 2929 Eskridge Rd., Suite S, Merrifield, VA, (703) 573-1090

Mar 20, 7:00 PM, Worldgate Center, 13037 Worldgate Dr., Herndon (Herndon Arts Council Taste of the Town)

Mar 28, 7:30 PM, Borders Books, 8311 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA, (703) 556-7766

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Sound system and engineer, reasonable rates  
Richard Flinchbaugh - (703) 255-0112

Voice lessons are available from  
Barbara Ryan - (703) 451-4492

# IN CONCERT (CONTINUED)

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

## Lisa Taylor

Mar 12, 6:30 PM, Burke Starbucks (see venue listing below)

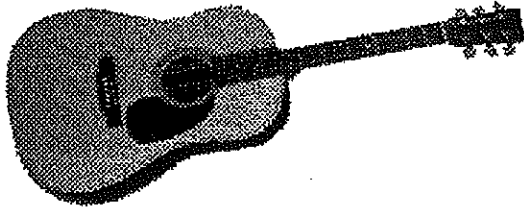
Mar 14, 7:00 PM, Borders Books and Music, Tyson's Corner, VA, (703) 556-7766

Mar 16, North Elk Coffee House, St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church, 315 S. Main St., North East, MD, (410) 287-5522

Mar 20, 8:00 PM, Americana Stage, Leesburg, VA (see venue listing below), opening for Ellis Paul

Mar 21, 9:00 PM, **The Courtyard\***, 6108 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA, (703) 533-2828

Mar 28, 7:30 PM, Borders Books and Music, White Flint Mall, Rockville, MD, (310) 816-1067



### \*New Venue - The Courtyard

A new, 140-seat venue has opened in Falls Church. It has a spacious stage and a 24-channel sound system, plus a full menu and plenty of parking. No performance schedule was in hand by press time, so call for info.

**The Courtyard**  
6108 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA  
(703) 533-2828

# 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  
Apr 20 - Maria Sangiolo    May 4 - Annie Gallop    May 25 - Pete Nelson

**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:    Mar 15 - Barb Martin    Apr 19 - Terra Nova

**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  
Mar 9 - Laurie Rose Griffith & Peter Mealy, Susan Graham White, Terry Gonda    Apr 13 - Amy & Jennie, Barb Martin, Frank Gotwals

**Shenandoah Coffeehouse Shepherdstown** - 3rd Saturday monthly, 8:00 PM, War Memorial Building, corner of King and German Streets, Shepherdstown WV, (540) 687-6759  
Mar 15 - Unfortunate Rakes, Jerry Bresee, Keith & Joan Pitzer    April 19 - Amy & Jennie, Doris Justis, Frank Gotwals

**The Americana Stage** - 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)

Mar 6 - Duck Baker    Mar 7 - Jay Armsworthy & Eastern Tradition    Mar 13 - Vickie Pratt Keating w/ Will Gravatt  
Mar 14 - Greg Greenway & Barbara Kessler    Mar 15 - Corey Harris    Mar 20 - Ellis Paul w/ **Lisa Taylor**    Mar 21 - Jones & Leva  
Apr 3 - Vance Gilbert (tentative) w/Bill Parsons    Apr 10 - Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen w/**Les & Stephanie**    Apr 11 - Terri Allard

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Cascades** - every Wednesday & Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM, 21021 Southbank St. Sterling VA, (703) 421-0932  
Mar 5 - Dave Alberding, Joe Carlson, Suzanne Michele    Mar 6 - Jeff Aug    Mar 12 - Christopher Russel    Mar 13 - Furnace Mtn Duo  
Mar 19 - Venus Rising    Mar 20 - Anni Clark, Jerry Bresee, Peg Loughran    Mar 26 - Carolyn Jane    Mar 27 - Steve Hudson

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Northpoint Village** - every Wednesday, 6:30 PM, 1444 Northpoint Village, Reston VA (703) 787-9341  
Mar 5 - Ray Kaminsky    Mar 12 - Christina Muir    Mar 19 - Jeff Aug    Mar 26 - Jon Carmen, Peg Loughran, Randy Barrett

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Burke Center Plaza** - every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM, 6003-A Burke Ctr. Pkwy, VA (703) 250-2292  
Mar 5 - Christopher Russel, Damian Wolfe, Carey Colvin    Mar 12 - **Lisa Taylor**    Mar 19 - Peg Loughran    Mar 26 - Steve Hudson

**Stringfellows** - every Saturday, 6:00 PM, 201 Union St., Occoquan, VA (703) 494-3755

Mar 1 - Matthew Smith    Mar 8 - Joe Potente    Mar 15 Jeff Stapleton    Mar 22 - Suzanne Michele  
Mar 29 - Spencer Whittington    Apr 5 - Karen Harvey    Apr 12 - **Richard Flinchbaugh**    Apr 19 - Tom Lori  
Apr 26 - **Free State String Band (Dave Caouette)**

# Folk Club Guest Artists,

## Showcases, and Special Events

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

Mar. 11	Todd Crowley Showcase	n/a
Mar. 18	The Unfortunate Rakes	\$11/10
Apr. 29	Garnet Rogers	\$10/9
May 20	Bruce Davies	\$9/8
May 27	Folk Club 12th Birthday!	Free
June 17	James Mee	\$7/6

## 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 <dan Grove@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  
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Newsletter Editor: Dan Grove

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Ray Kaminsky (703) 689-0444

## 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.

## The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon



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