

The Folk Club

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July 14 Showcase - Jim Sandy

Jim Sandy plays Texas music. He grew up in West Texas, went to college there, and, after traveling the world as a Sperry systems analyst, settled in Houston. Jim describes Texas music as a combination of country, folk, soft rock, and blues, and cites Hank Williams, Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, Don McLean, and Roger Miller as influences on his style.

When Jim moved to Chantilly in 1987, he quickly discovered the Folk Club, and was a regular until he moved again in 1993. He was sitting in the Club one night scribbling lyrics, and in about twenty minutes wrote the song Fairfax County Man, which makes fun of local taxes and politicians. After it was picked as the theme song for cable television coverage of Fairfax County government meetings, Jim entered it in an ASCAP songwriters contest in 1992, and it won first place. He's finished about thirty songs over the years, and likes to put an unexpected twist in them, frequently in the last verse or last line.

Jim hasn't been playing in public much for the last five years, mostly because he lives in southern Maryland now, about fifty miles south of the beltway in Lexington Park. He owns a Montessori School there called the Starmaker Learning Center, which has 150 students. The lure of music is bringing him back to the Folk Club more frequently now, however, and he may have a mystery guest or two with him for his showcase. Don't miss it!



Coming July 21

Michael Smith writer of such gems as: *Spoon River, The Dutchman, Crazy Mary, Dead Egyptian Blues, Roving Cowboy (Ballad of Dan Moody), Talk Backwards, Vegematic, Elvis Imitators, and Wonderful World of Sex* to name just a few.

Michael Smith

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:30 PM
July 21, 1998
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



Michael Smith is a legend in folk music songwriting, having been recorded by hundreds of artists across the world today. Michael's music and writings were cross fertilized by the work of other prominent musicians in Chicago in the 70's and 80's; folks like Steve Goodman, Bob Gibson, Claudia Schmidt and Cindy Mangsen. In the late 1980's, while still working the proverbial day job, recording for Flying Fish and performing in the Lincoln Avenue folk clubs, Michael was "discovered" by Frank Galati of Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company, who commissioned him to create the music for *The Grapes of Wrath*, the first theatre production of the novel fully supported by the John Steinbeck estate. The play ran over a year internationally and won a 1990 Tony Award.

Michael's songs for years were listed in the top ten in the World Folk Music Association (WFMA) listeners survey. Michael has three albums on Flying Fish, *Love Stories* (1987), *Time* (1994), and *Micheal Smith* (1991). He is the author of the songbooks *Songs from Bird Avenue*, *Micheal Smith* and *Love Stories*. Michael has performed at dozens of major folk and music festivals, including the **Kerrville Folk Festival**, **Black Mountain Festival** and the **Philadelphia Folk Festival**. Smith has been featured on WUMB Radio's *Circles In The Stream*, and in radio interviews with **Studs Terkel** on Chicago's WFMT, as well as on *All Things Considered* and *Good Evening* on National Public Radio and London's BBC. Michael is currently working on a duet project with singer **Anne Hills**.

"Michael Smith stands out as one of the few undisputed geniuses among singer-songwriters" - **Sing Out! Magazine**.

IN CONCERT

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

Ray Kaminsky

Sat 07/11/98 8-10pm Gulliver's, 55 E. Main Street, Luray, VA Info: (540) 743-4460
 Sun 07/26/98 2-4pm Leaf Thru Bookstore, 1701L Rockville Pike (by Magruder's) Rockville, MD Info: (301) 230-8998
 Fri 08/14/98 7:30-9:30 pm Borders Books, 5871 Leesburg Pike/Falls Church, VA Info: (703) 998-0121

Julia Rose

fri. july 10 8-10 pm St. Elmo's Coffee, 2300 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria
 sun. july 12 4-6 pm Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Georgetown, DC
 fri. july 24 Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Georgetown, DC
 sat. aug. 8 Barnes and Noble, Reston, 8-10 pm

Bridges to Bliss (Don Bridges, Bobbi Bliss, David Scales)

7/15 Wed. 7-8:15 p.m. Outdoor family show at Sunset Serenade, Centennial Park, Ellicott City, MD. Free. 410/313-4632.
 7/16 Thu. 7-7:50 p.m. Outdoor family show at Alexandria Music at Twilight Concert, Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. Free. Followed at 8 p.m. by the Chris Collins Dancers (children's dance revue) and the Golden Ray Tap Dance Company (seniors' tap dance revue). 703/858-4844.
 7/17 Fri. 8-10 p.m. St. Elmo's Old Town Coffee Pub, 1609 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Free. 703/836-3162.
 7/26 Sun. 3-4 p.m. Kids' show at Borders Book Shop/Tysons Square, 8311 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA. Free. 703/556-7766.

Pete Brown and the Mad Cows (Pete Brown, Brad Cooper & TM Hanna)

Sat July 25 9:30-12:30pm Marks Pub, Falls Church

Somos El Mar (Pat Chen, Jim Houck, and Bill Davis)

Thu July 9 Lake Anne Coffeehouse, Reston

LOCAL VENUES

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

Starbucks Coffeehouse, Cascades - every Thursday, 7:00-9:00 PM, 21021 Southbank St., Sterling, VA (703) 421-0932

7/2 Catfish Hodge Lowdown funky blues and soulful ballads
 7/9 Suzanne Michele Powerful & dynamic bluesy alternative folk
 7/16 Lisa Moscatiello Award-winning folk and Celtic vocalist
 7/23 David A. Alberding Distinctive and powerhouse baritone breathing life into the characters he creates
 7/30 Bill Parsons Four time Washington Area Music Award nominee known for his charming

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Second Annual Avalon

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Festival

Aug 21 - Aug 23

Performers

include:

Bill Danoff

Hickory Grove

David Buskin

Sue Trainor & Christina Muir

Bill Davis

and others

Open Mic on Sun.

Info or reservations:

304-947-5600

Folk Club Guest Artists,

Showcases, and Special Events

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

July 14	Jim Sandy Showcase	N/C
July 21	Michael Smith	\$10/9
Aug. 18	11th Anniversary Party	Free
Aug. 25	The Kennedys	\$10/9
Sep. 15	Bill Staines	\$10/9
Oct. 13	Mike Seeger	\$12/9

Folk Club Format

On most nights, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer gets 12 minutes, including setup time (about 3 songs, usually). 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.

After several years as the newsletter editor, Dan Grove, is moving on to the position of newsletter advisor and will continue to interview the showcase winner and help the new editor.

You may contact T.M.Hanna at <tm.hanna@pressroom.com> or (703) 430-3497 with submissions or for more information.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for a term as Newsletter Editor please contact Dan or TM.

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

Tuesday nights, 7:30 PM

at The Tortilla Factory

648 Elden St., Herndon, VA

(703) 471-1156

President: Larry Mediate
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