



The Folk Club



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September 14 Showcase - Jim Houck



Jim Houck picked up violin, cello, bass and piano in his early years, and began playing gigs while still in high school. Since then, he has performed in Europe and all over the U.S. with the Guthrie Theater, Paula Kelly, Marilyn Sellers, Russ Carlyle, the Ron Lee Quintet, the Whole Earth Rainbow Band, Ed Berger and the Jazz All-Stars, Gene White and Friends, the Iowa State Concert and Jazz Band, the Augsburg Orchestra, Jazz Band and Concert Band, and many others.

His time with the Guthrie Theater was very special. "The show had a chamber orchestra that was playing an original score for *A Christmas Carol*. The orchestra included one member from the Buddy Rich Band and other professional musicians," said Jim. In the Ed Berger Band, Jim had the opportunity to work with Bob Peterson, who played keyboards with Buddy Rich. "It was like working with pure genius. We wound up a college tour with a concert at the Guthrie Theater." While playing with Paula Kelly (who sang with the Glen Miller band, and her own band called the Modernaires) Jim got a taste of real jazz. "Paula Kelly and the Modernaires are singers extraordinaire, and can swing like no one else."

Jim has played a wide variety of music ranging across polkas, jazz, rock, blues, folk, gospel, country and theater. When asked, "What type of music do you like the best?" his answer was "Music that reaches the hearts, minds and souls of the audience, no matter what it may be."

Jim's new CD release, *Blue Ridge Kind of Love*, is an all-original production with songs about the Shenandoah Valley. Here is a recent review of the CD:

"*Blue Ridge Kind of Love* by Jim Houck and Friends is like a breath of fresh air -- a wonderful mix of upbeat, happy songs. From the start, the title cut will get your toes tapping. It is followed by songs with just the right mix of tempos, all supported by excellent instrumentation and vocals. The percussion playing by John Melcher and keyboarding by Jim Houck are stellar. Jim's 'Friends' lend great support throughout. Emma McLoughlin's vocals on *My Irish Home* are destined to become a classic. It will appeal to anyone wistfully thinking of their homeland, be it near or far away. Our top three favorites are: *Blue Ridge Kind of Love*, *Loving Smiles* and *My Irish Home*. Give *Blue Ridge Kind of Love* a listen. You'll find yourself smiling and humming the tunes, long after the music has ended". ** Sandy and Dave Caouette, Stringfellow's **

Jim's CD is available at the showcase, on-line at www.BandStore.com, or by calling (703) 494-3755.

Appearing with Jim on September 14 will be Mike Ball, Jane Tatum, Amy Pope, Ray Kaminsky, and perhaps a surprise guest or two. Jim would like to give special thanks to them, the performers on the album, and "all my friends at the Folk Club and in the music industry." **Don't miss his showcase!**

Lou & Peter Berryman

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)



Lou and Peter Berryman write songs of inventive and intelligent humor, in a style mingling Woody Guthrie, Gilbert and Sullivan, Tom Lehrer and post-nuclear polka. A fascination

with language, a vision of the world both profound and hilarious, and a whimsical and accessible performance leave audiences with cheeks aching from smiling. In their more than 20 years of performing together, Wisconsin-based songwriters Lou and Peter Berryman have produced 11 albums and 2 songbooks worth of original, sophisticated and wickedly funny songs. Berrymans' songs are being sung around the world, by a legion of professional musicians as well as shower singers everywhere, but no one sings them as well as Lou & Peter themselves. Pete Seeger raves "Lou and Peter Berryman! Long may they wave! Their F-word song, 'A Chat With Your Mother' is one of the great American folksongs of the 20th century." Tom Paxton relates "When it comes to being funny, I think I've spent the first thirty years trying to be as funny as Tom Lehrer and the last part trying to be as funny as the Berrymans. They don't come any funnier

than that...."

Lou Berryman composes and arranges music, sings and plays pianoaccordion and button accordion. Peter writes lyrics and music, sings and plays the 12-string guitar. "He'll usually bring part of a song to me," Lou says, "and we'll do the arranging and editing together, see if it's enough of a message to write a whole song about. Sometimes it will turn out that somewhere laying around in our various scraps of things is a chorus or idea that fits to make it a whole song. And I'll set a tune to it; I have to figure out whether to use a sharply contrasting melody or a schmaltzy one to carry the words." Peter says "We have songs where the contrast between the mood of the melody and the mood of the lyrics is what makes it funny, like the 'The Death and Dismemberment Polka'."

You will have a fun time with this zany duo!

**Don't miss their performance at
The Folk Club.**

September with the Folk Club

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| 7 th | Open Mike, get your Newsletter |
| 14 th | Jim Houck Showcase |
| 21 st | Open Mike, give Carol ads & ideas
for the October Newsletter |
| 28 th | Lou & Peter Berryman |

Membership Address Changes Renewals

To join The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon, send or hand your check for \$12, payable to The Folk Club, to Dave Hurd at the return address on this newsletter.

If you are already a member, your membership expiration date, in year-month-day format (YYYYMMDD), is on the mailing label on your newsletter. It is your responsibility to renew each year. If you move, send Dave your new address so you don't miss an issue.

In Concert

Local performances by members of The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Ray Kaminsky

9/10 7pm Borders Books, 8311 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Va (703)556-7766

9/18 & 19 10-5pm Bluemont Fair, 33715 Snickersville Turnpike, Bluemont, VA (540)554-9750

9/24 7pm Barnes & Noble, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston, VA (703)437-9490

10/2 10-4pm Waterford Festival, Waterford, VA (540)882-3018

ACOUSTIC JAM 3rd Sunday of the month from 1 - 4 P.M. at Frying Pan Park Country Store in Herndon. Call Yvonne Johnson at 703-437-9101 for details.

Email your performance dates for the next newsletter to cd7158@erols.com.

Folky's have been spotted at Kate's Irish Pub in Springfield. www.katesirishpub.com for performance schedule. Where do you recommend?

Classifieds

Acoustic Bass For Sale: Rarely used, like new \$1000 include stand & cover. Jim Rosenkrans at 301-695-2733, jimr@rosedalesoftware.com
Photos at www.rosedalesoftware.com/4sale/bass.html

Come Spring Enterprises: Professional sound reinforcement by Richard W. Flinchbaugh. Specializing in Folk, Celtic, Traditional and Contemporary Acoustic Music. 703-255-0112

Julia Rose: all-original, alternative folk artist. Her debut CD, "Suspended in Air." 410-237-0899 website: www.erols.com/julia.rose

Stringfellow's Beautiful Handcrafted from Around the World: Sponsors of a summer concert series. Folk Music, Cds, Tapes and they accept instruments and original Cds for consignment. 201 Union St., PO Box 502, Occoquan, VA 22125, 703-494-3755, stfellow@doubled.com

Tapes Available: Totally for Kids \$9.95, Kids* Songs! \$8.95, & Introducing...Bridges to Bliss \$5.95. Order postpaid from Bridges to Bliss, 12625 Laurie Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Sandy's Greatest Hits: Jim Sandy is looking for country/folk artists to help with CD...yes, finally!! Male vocal/guitar, bass, fiddle, harmonica. Female vocal/guitar, flute. Call Jim at 301-481-7645.

Bring harmony to your soul & spirit listening to music while you relax in a massage chair. Panasonic, vibrating, \$695. Call Lynn at 703-437-7766.

Editor's Pickens

What a nice experience it is to edit this newsletter. Other folks write most of it and they get their columns in ahead of the due dates. I've edited several newsletters and always had to "beat people about the head" to get the information I needed. Just another example of the enthusiasm the Folk Club members feel for the preservation and sharing of music! Carol Deakin

Folk Club Format

On most Tuesday evenings, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has **12 minutes**, including setup time. This allows three songs if you set up FAST.

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 you have to:

- be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in 6 months.
- fill out a lottery slip any time in the month before the drawing
- win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase
- prepare to be featured in the next newsletter!

Newsletter Publication

Folk Club members may submit performance calendars, classified advertisements, articles, reviews, artwork and other items to Carol Deakin at cd7158@erols.com. All items must relate to music and be emailed in WordPerfect or rich text. Information must be received one week before the first day of the month in which you want it published. Items will be printed on the basis of music related interest, timeliness and space available with club information being the first priority.

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Tuesday nights, 7:30 P.M.
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1999 Guest Artists

All prices \$10 Non-member, \$9 Members - it pays to join!

09/28/99 Lou & Peter Berryman

10/12/99 Bryan Bowers Herndon Arts Week

10/26/99 Peggy Seeger

11/16/99 Bluesworks

01/25/99 Bob Franke w/ Lui Collins

02/22/00 Libby Dutton and David

Alberding - Split Bill

03/00 tbd

04/25/00 Chuck Pyles

05/23/00 Michael Smith

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