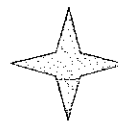




The Folk Club



Of Reston – Herndon
Preserving Folk Traditions

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May 9 Showcase – Deirdre Murphy

Dan Grove

So, Deirdre, what's new? "Nothing, really. I lead a very dull, but happy life." She and her husband, Lou Ruffino, are furnishing their winter retreat in Delray Beach, Florida, but other than that "my life is boring."

It wasn't always that way. When she was twenty-one years old, Deirdre was playing folk music in assorted, and frequently rowdy, Manhattan clubs. One of them was named 'Himself' by its exquisitely self-referential owner, an Irishman named Malachy McCourt who also wrote a funny drunkalog of a book called *A Monk Swimming*. It was Malachy's brother Frank who recently won the Pulitzer Prize for *Angela's Ashes*... small world, and a good story. She has other stories of that era, too, including the time two guys knelt down and kissed her mini-skirted knees as she sang a sad love ballad in a pub. Deirdre just kept singing through the genuflecting gentlemen's attentions...

The recent demonstrations at the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank reminded Deirdre of another time in her life which wasn't boring. In 1995, the year of the Bank's 50th anniversary, she was working there when two Greenpeace activists repelled down the outside of the building. As they descended, they unveiled a huge "Bankenstein – 50 Years is Enough" banner.

Something else that won't be boring is Deirdre's showcase. She'll be performing some of the old folk songs from the 60's, songs she's never performed at the Folk Club before. If you haven't heard Deirdre's voice, you're in for a treat - her lovely soprano has graced everything from operatic arias and the theater to jazz and folk classics. She grew up the youngest of four singing siblings in a very musical family, and could play the Hungarian Rhapsody on the piano at age six. She had seven years of classical voice lessons, and took college courses in music theory and counterpoint. Peter, Paul, and Mary and Judy Collins are her biggest influences in the folk world, and she loves the voices of Anne Hills and Priscilla Herdman.

See you there!

May Schedule:

May 2	Newsletter available, Open Mike
May 9	Deirdre Murphy Showcase
May 16	Folk Club's 15 th Birthday Party & Open Mike
	Kim Fields' CD Release
May 23	Michael Smith

"Everything Happens," a cd by October Skies, will be released on May 16 at the Folk Club. Kim Fields wrote the lyrics and music. She will be joined by Jeanette Phillips on harmonies and Cris Chillura on classical guitar. Watch for this group at Kings Court Tavern in Leesburg.

Editor's Pickins

Thanks to Richard Flinchbaugh for researching and acquiring the new sound board equipment! This is a great time to learn to run the Tuesday night sound.

It's **FESTIVAL** time !!! And many of the local festivals are supported by Folk Club members.

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, Reston, VA Town Center, May 20-21

170 juried artists and great music 11:30am-6pm.

Saturday May 20

Lena & Sanford Markley, Randy Barrett Trio, Ernie Hawkins, The Cindy Cain Group, Tom Prasada-Rao

Sunday May 21

Paul Reisler, Linwood Taylor & James Mabry, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Songwriters in the Round: Bill Parsons, Garth Ross, and Lisa Taylor, The Kennedys

The **Herndon Festival** is June 2-4 and always has great music.

July 22 is the **4th Annual Herndon Blues Fest** at Frying Pan Park.

Michael Smith

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

**The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:30 PM
May 23, 2000
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

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

Ray Kaminsky

5/12 7:30 Mariposa, 5000 Berwyn
Road, College Park, MD, 301-513-9422
5/25 7:00 Starbucks, Cascades Marketplace,
Herndon, VA, 703-421-0932

5/26 8:00 Starbucks, 1601 University Ave,
Charlottesville, VA, 804-970-1058

Pete Brown and the Mad Cows (featuring T.M. Hanna & Mike Wilkinson)

5/3 8-11pm Zig's, Alexandria
5/20 8-11pm Bennigans, Tysons Corner
5/26 7:30-9pm Zig's, Alexandria
5/29 8-11pm Zig's, Alexandria
6/2 7:30-9pm Zig's, Alexandria

James Houch & Friends

5/6 2000 Fairfax Ice Arena, Brianna
Chapman skates to "Break Away"
5/13 Leesburg Classic Car Show 12:30pm
5/20 Borders Books Manassass, 7:30-9:30pm
6/10 Stringfellows of Occoquan, 7-9 pm
6/16 Borders Books, Sterling 7:30-9:30pm

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.

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494-3755, stfellow@doubled.com

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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.

Still Available through Birdphluph Music: Good
Things Take Time by TM Hanna and Bare Facts,
recorded live at Avalon Folk Festival, by Bill Davis.
Contact Birdphluph Music, PO Box 131, Sterling,
VA 20167 or www.birdphluph@pressroom.com

Folk Club Helps Council Raise \$20,000

The Council for the Arts of Herndon met one of its major fundraising goals with the help of The Folk Club of Reston Herndon. The Council's annual Taste of The Town and Live Auction was a smashing success on Thursday, March 28th at Worldgate Center in Herndon. Businesses and organizations from all over Herndon, Reston, and the greater Dulles area donated services, talents, and items for auction. Over

500 items were available for both the live and silent auctions and local residents turned out in record numbers to participate in the event. The Folk Club, in concert with The Tortilla Factory, donated a Season Pass which admits two people to every concert for a year and includes dinner for two with each concert. Many members of The Folk Club were on hand for the food, bidding, and general good time (many of whom went home with some very nice items).

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Tuesday nights, 7:30 P.M.

The Tortilla Factory

648 Elden Street

Herndon, VA

703-471-1156

President: Ray Kaminsky

Treasurer: Richard Flinchbaugh

Board of Directors: Ellen Kaminsky, Lynn Jordan,
Bill Davis, T.M. Hanna, Sue Beffel, Dave Hurd,
Mary King, Sue Schier, Carol Rogers, Chris
Kramer-Harnage,

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Bookings: Ray Kaminsky 703-689-0444

2000 Guest Artists

And Special Events

Most tickets for Guest Artists are

\$10 Non-member, \$9 Members

It pays to be a Folk Club member!

05/16/00	Folk Club's 15 th Birthday Party
05/16/00	Kim Fields' CD Release
05/23/00	Michael Smith
06/13/00	Bill Staines
06/18/00	Mark Bailey & Chris Rosser (split bill)
08/xx/00	Folk Club's 13 th Anniversary at the Tortilla Factory Restaurant
08/29/00	Dana Robinson (\$8/\$7)
09/19/00	Darryl Purpose (\$8/\$7)
10/10/00	Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer
11/14/00	Catfish Hodge

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 and the songs are of moderate length.

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 are encouraged to 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. 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.

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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