

The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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September 20 Concert – Toby Walker

Fingerstyle virtuoso of blues, rags, country picking – he may play the blues, but he makes everyone happy.
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September 13 Showcase – Shenandoah Run

Formed in 2011, Shenandoah Run is a DC-based band with a vision—to keep folk music alive and fresh! Fidelity to this vision has been key to our success. Our performances pay tribute to vintage Americana and contemporary folk music, with a little country thrown into the mix. Our top-notch musicianship and soaring harmonies lend a fresh voice to classic and contemporary folk and Americana music and often entice audiences to join in for that irresistible sing-along.



L to R: Robert Burlison (replaced by Ben Hamblin), Jim Thorne, Jill Nelson, Pam Ferguson (replaced by Leslie Smile), Bob Melissinos, Renee Moyer, Joe Dickey, John Wertz

Shenandoah Run is comprised of founder Bob Melissinos (vocals and guitar), Jill Nelson (vocals, octave guitar, and percussion), Jim Thorne (vocals, guitar, mandolin, and flute), Renee Moyer (vocals and percussion), Leslie Smile (vocals and fiddle), Joe Dickey (banjo), John Wertz (bass), and Ben Hamblin (vocals and guitar). With a winning blend of voices and instruments, our performances attract large, often “sold out” audiences of as many as 1,200 patrons. For events such as summer concert series, SR regularly attracts some of the largest audiences the venues have experienced.

Shenandoah Run has become a favorite at a variety of venues in the Greater Washington metropolitan area and beyond. Some of these venues include Jammin Java in Vienna (16 times), Avalon Theatre in Easton (3 times), Creative Cauldron in Falls Church (15 times), Maryland Hall in Annapolis (5 times), The Mansion at Strathmore, The AMP by Strathmore (2 times), Rams Head On Stage (2 times), World Folk Music Association Showcase (4 times), Washington Folk Festival (4 times), Carroll County Arts (4 times), Anne Arundel Concert Commission (3 times), and many others.

For more information, including bios, videos, and song selections from their CDs “Winter To Spring” and “SR”, kindly visit their website at www.shenandoahrun.com. Shenandoah Run is currently booking through 2023 (call Bob Melissinos at 703-244-5525 or email him at Rmelissinos@shenandoahrun.com).

Shenandoah Run Sampler Videos: “Today” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2nRNPbjR5A>,

“Faithless Love” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkDgVppOcKw>



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Proudly Presents

Toby Walker



TUESDAY, SEPT 20TH 2022

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$12 (\$11 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE-HERNDON

1151 Elden St - Herndon, VA 20170

Purchase tickets in advance Tuesday evenings at the Folk Club's open mic at The Amphora Diner or by email at alhobson@verizon.net

Tickets may also be purchased at the door dependent on availability

<https://www.littletobywalker.com/>

www.restonherndonfolkclub.org

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Internationally and nationally acclaimed Toby Walker has been hailed as a roots music fingerstyle guitar wizard who has toured the US, Canada, and Europe. Walker has been featured in the New York Times, the London Sunday Times, the London BBC, Sirius-XM radio and was the 1st place recipient of the International Blues Challenge Award - Solo division - given out by the Blues Foundation in Memphis TN.

Walker blends the styles of blues, ragtime, country, bluegrass, rock and old-time jazz into his own unique style. Jorma Kaukonen of Hot Tuna and the Jefferson Airplane says "Flat out... you have to hear this great

musician... I'm blown away" and has employed Walker to teach at his Fur Peace Ranch Guitar Camp for several years. In 2010 Walker won the NY Music Award for 'Best Instrumental CD,' sharing the honors with Mariah Carey, Rufus Wainwright and Judy Collins among many others.

Walker recently released several instructional DVD's for Homespun Tapes and his latest CD release - 'Mileage' - has been hailed as a shining success in the genre of traditional blues recordings. Carnegie Hall acknowledged his talents and hired him to teach in their "American Roots" program aimed at honor level middle school students.

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Brooks Williams 11/15/22

Lara Herscovitch 1/17/2023

CLUB INFO

2022- 2023 Concert Season Changes

Because of the COVID pandemic we canceled our monthly artist concerts from March 2020 through June 2021. Since we began them again in September 2021 the attendance (except for Beppe Gambetta's concert) has not been enough to allow us to at least break even. It was evident we couldn't continue this for long, so the Board of Directors considered whether to raise ticket prices - which certainly wouldn't help sell more tickets. Another proposal was to cancel the concerts altogether - but that violates one of the main purposes of the Club: to present professional folk music musicians to inspire / expand the membership.

The other option, which was agreed to unanimously by the Board, was to only book concerts every other month for this season. Instead of 10 monthly concerts (Sep to Jun) we have only booked five, every other month (Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May). If attendance gets back to normal we may try to fill in unscheduled months. The concerts are an incredible value - a chance to experience great music up close and meet the artists. Please come if you can.

Live Open Mic Streamed to YouTube

Even though the quality is not always perfect we're continuing to live-stream our open mic from the Amphora (almost) every Tuesday night. This is for those who cannot be at the Amphora or who'd like to see the open mic later. Find the YouTube link on our Event Calendar at (https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page_id=918). It will be at the top of the description by 7:15 PM on Tuesday night (or the next day for ticketed guest artist concerts).

Virtual Open Mics Continue

Al Hobson continues hosting bi-weekly virtual open mics on Zoom. This month the dates are Mon Sep 5th and Mon Sep 19th. If you'd like to share some songs, or watch and listen in, send an email to Al Hobson at alhobson@verizon.net by Sunday evening and let him know if you plan to perform or not. He'll send you the Zoom link for the 7:30 PM show.

Columbus Day Weekend Jamboree

Nancy and Wayne Truax will host the Jamboree on Columbus Day (or Indigenous Peoples' Day) weekend this year (**note: not Labor Day weekend**). It will be at The Aerie, their place on Massanutten Mountain just west of Luray. It's where the Memorial Day Weekend Jamboree was held earlier this year, and it is a great place for us to gather. The Aerie's address is 8727 US 211 West, Luray, VA, 22835. There may be limited accommodations available, or you can pitch a tent or set up your RV (RV space is limited - please call). This gives Folk Club fans a chance for three days of socializing and sharing music, from Friday, October 7 to Monday, October 10. If you plan to attend, please contact Nancy Truax at nancyjtruax@gmail.com or 703-286-9417 and let her know

when you plan to be there, how many will be in your party, and how many meals you would like. If you need more information, let her know and she will send you a flyer. Nancy's preference is that everyone who attends is vaccinated and boosted (and there may be other recommendations depending on COVID status at the time).

MUSICAL NOTES



Focus Music

- John Flynn, Sat Sep 17, 7 PM, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

- Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

- Go to www.wfma.net/index.htm for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

- Karan Casey Trio, The Alt (co-bill), Tue Sep 13 at 7 PM, St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852

- Evolución, Fri Sep 16 and Sat Sep 17 at 8 PM, 7014 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 ó

- Derek Gripper, Quiet the Mountain, Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012

- Go to www.imtfolk.org for more information.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

- Chris Miles & Gearaidh Matthews (house concerts), Sat Sep 10 at 7:30 PM in Edgewater, MD, or Thu Sep 15 at 8 PM in Silver Spring, MD

- Go to fsgw.org for more information.

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

Bill Davis – email: bil-davis@outlook.com

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

Ron Goad – email: MisterGoad@aol.com

Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee) www.harleystringband.com

The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)
www.alohaboys.com

Jan Gillies www.jangilliesmusic.com

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)
www.hickoryg.com

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician
www.steviewademusic.com

Sherry Stewart
www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic

Steven Cutts ThePrimeCutts.com and Spotify

Jeff Smith HumanWilderness.com

Jillian Matundan JillianMatundan.com

Audrey Adair AudreyJAdair.com



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Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:15 PM ET at Amphora Diner Deluxe,
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ben Hamblin **Treasurer:** Al Hobson

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FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 8 minutes, which includes setup time.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 24-minute performance. To do a Showcase you must: 1) be a paid-up Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 12 months; 2) fill out a lottery slip and place it in the "drawing bucket"; 3) win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, and other music-related items for the newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your input to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at FolkClubOfRestonHerndon@gmail.com.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Al Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170, treasurer.folkclub@gmail.com.

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FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The process is the same if your membership has expired. Make out a check to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or \$55 for 5 years. Please DO NOT make the check to Al Hobson. Send the check to: Reston/Herndon Folk Club; c/o Al Hobson; 810 Elden St; Herndon, VA 20170. Please provide your name, email address, phone # and type, and residential address. By the way, we are looking into a way to accept online payments in the future.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club: **Website:** FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org

Facebook: Search for "The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon"

General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

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MUSIC GEAR

- For Sale: Taylor GS Mini (Rosewood) w/bag \$438.62; Cordoba Mini II EB-CE \$237.21. Both are in very good shape. Contact TM at pressroom@birdphluph.com

LESSONS

- Private guitar lessons available on-line, FaceTime or Zoom. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: email: eric.forthman@gmail.com; phone: 571-329-9875.