

Early Rock 'n' Roll Night – July 18th

A celebration of the early years of rock 'n' roll, doo wop, rockabilly, etc.

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July 11 Showcase – George Dacre

by George



George Dacre is a guitarist/vocalist who lives in Vienna, VA with his wife Cindy and their dog Rosie. Their son, Michael, is a sheriff's deputy in Franklin County, VA.

George began playing guitar at age 13 and made progress by playing in rock bands in high school, performing songs by the Who, The Band, Cream, and other artists of the day. He's basically self-taught and has a pretty good ear for music, which is how he continues to figure out the music for new songs to this day.

George took a hiatus from college after sophomore year and played at several local bars in Rockland County, NY and on the SUNY college coffeehouse circuit for two years from 1973 to 1975. Among his competition at the time were artists such as Melissa Manchester, Robin & Linda Williams, and David Nichtern, all of whom went on to very successful careers in the music industry.

Realizing he was probably not going to make a full-time career playing music, George returned to college in Binghamton, NY where he met his future wife, Cynthia. Their first date was on Leap Day 1976 to see Doc Watson in Ithaca, NY. As Cindy would later recount, George took most of the corners on two wheels in his 1970

VW bug during the drive back home. George contends this only happened on 40% of the turns.

George's musical influence started at a young age when his mother Stacy played classical music on the phonograph and would sing along. Stacy had an amazing voice and could bring people to tears when she sang Schubert's Ave Maria.

George's guitar influences include Doc Watson, Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Tommy Emmanuel, Leo Kottke, and John Fahey along with several classical guitarists. He learned how to play slide guitar on a 12 string in open G and D tunings and plays many of the songs on Leo Kottke's 6&12 String album.

George is currently playing with his band, Acoustic Ayre, at many different venues in northern VA. He is joined by vocalist Sammi and drummer Russ, and all of them have a fantastic time entertaining audiences. You can find his band on Facebook by accessing their website AcousticAyre.com.

He recently played a gig at Blue Valley winery with his band and was joined by two long-time friends and fellow musicians, Danny Meer and Matt Telfer, nephew of Dan Telfer. Their band was formerly known as Triax (but more infamously as The Three Moons of Uranus). It was an amazing reunion and lots of fun.

George continues to learn new guitar pieces, and is having the time of his life as a musician after retiring from his other career. Please check out the event schedule on the Acoustic Ayre Facebook page and come out to enjoy some good music at some very nice venues.

THE FOLK CLUB

of Reston & Herndon

Early Rock 'n' Roll Night July 18, 2023



Join your friends for a musical celebration of the decade that saw the birth and growth of Rock 'n' Roll in America, 1954 to 1963.

This Folk Club theme night will recognize and appreciate one of the genres that's influenced so many of us musically, and one that we enjoy revisiting from time to time. For this night in July we encourage you to come and perform, listen to, and sing out - music from

the world of American Bandstand; performers such as Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, The Everly Brothers, Fats Domino, Ricky Nelson, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bill Haley & The Comets, The Big Bopper, (and many more); DJs Alan Freed and Wolfman Jack - right up until the start of the British Invasion (in February 1964 the Beatles had their first #1 hit in the USA).

Head for the attic and dig out your poodle skirts and crinoline, white bucks, saddle shoes, penny loafers, and even "Blue Suede" Shoes, if you've got 'em. Dig out the Wildroot Cream-Oil and Brylcreem, bring back the "Duck Tail", find the "peg pants", the James Dean T-shirt, all of your Burma Shave slogans seen along the roadside, etc. Does anyone still have their "White Sport Coat" or their "Pink Carnation?" [If you know what all of that means, you're officially "over the hill"!]

Get creative musically, costume-wise or just come to sing, listen, and enjoy. Let's count how many songs use the "50's progression" (I-vi-IV-V chords – *Why Do Fools Fall in Love*, anyone?).

Note: This theme is a repeat of our first Folk Club theme night seven years ago in July 2016. Which came about because we didn't have artist concerts in July and August and a few members (Dave Hurd, Beth Drumheller, and Don Brown) came up with the idea of substituting theme nights. Since then we've had many, and they are always fun and filled with surprises. It's an opportunity to try something a little different and have a good time with it.

So on this night in July, when there would normally be a concert, we're encouraging performers to present songs that fit the theme. Of course, that doesn't mean it's required, but those who help make the scene will be cool cats.



CLUB INFO, ETC.

Open Mic Moved to Wednesday

Since Tuesday, July 4th is Independence Day, the first open mic in July will be on Wednesday, July 5th.

Runaway Home Concert – Rebooked for December

Runaway Home, who had to cancel their May 16th concert, will entertain us on December 12th. Mark Elliott is on the mend and Runaway Home, with his partner Gary Culley, is sure to put on a great show at the Amphora. All ticket holders for the May concert should plan to attend, and anyone who needs tickets can purchase them at the Tuesday open mic or reserve them by contacting Al Hobson. Those unable to attend in December, please contact us for a refund.

Open Mics on Zoom

Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. This month the dates are Mon Jul 10, and Mon Jul 24. 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 listen. He'll send you the Zoom link for the 7:30 PM show.

Open Mic Recordings

For those who cannot be at the Amphora and would like to see the open mic later, a link is on our Event Calendar (https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page_id=918, select the link below the date, then the YouTube link). We record the open mic on Tuesday night, and upload and post it to YouTube the next day (which could take some time).

MUSICAL NOTES



Local Cream Showcase

- Featuring Jeff Smith, Krista O'Connell, Mike Ryan, and Annette Wasilik - Wed Jul 5, 8 PM, Hank Dietle's Tavern, 11010 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD
www.hankdietles.net

Hunter Mill Nights

- Featuring Speidel, Goggin, & Lille (SGL) - Thu Jul 6, 7:30 PM, Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Rd. Herndon, VA. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks

Steve Forbert

Sun Jul 9, 6 PM, Hank Dietle's Tavern, 11010 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. www.hankdietles.net

Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's Most Wanted

Grace Morrison, Sam Robbins, Erin Ash Sullivan, Phil Henry - Sun Jul 23, Earp's Ordinary - Fairfax
www.earpsordinary.com

Arts Barn – House Concert

- Marcy Cochran - Sat Jul 15, 7 PM, Al Hobson's Art Barn, Herndon, VA. Marcy will be accompanied by musical friends, and will share her favorite music, instruments, influences, and stories. Reserve seats at artsbarnmusic.org.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

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

Focus Music

- Girl Blue (Brigit Cook opens) - Sat Jul 8 at 7 PM, Community Lutheran Church, Sterling, VA
- Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

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

Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

- Starling, Sat Jul 22 at 7:30 PM, house concert in Northeast DC
- 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

The Aloha Boys (including 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, Apple Music, and Soundcloud

Audrey Adair AudreyJAdair.com

Shenandoah Run (including Bob Melissinos, John Werntz, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson)

- Fri Jul 21, 7:30 PM, Mason District Park Amphitheater, Annandale, VA
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances
www.shenandoahrun.com

The Two Peas (Ann Granger and Larry Rice) - Harmony in Acoustic Music – 703-869-1419



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

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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: The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon; 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" (<https://www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub>)

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

CLASSIFIEDS

MUSIC GEAR

- For Sale: Late 40's early 50's Gibson lap steel. Ukuleles, including Kamaka, Martin, Cordoba, and Kala. Contact TM at pressroom@bird-phluph.com for prices or pictures.

- For sale: A signed Keith Young lap dulcimer made in November of 1980, #557. It is in excellent condition but has not been played in many years. Cloth case included. Selling for \$444 OBO. Please contact Shana Spiegel at shana.spiegel@gmail.com or 703-899-5144.