

**Heather Pierson Duo in Concert - September 19**

Heather and partner/bassist Shawn Nadeau will take us from the delta to the mountains with playful wit.  
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**Jennifer Katt Showcase – September 12**



Jennifer Katt has been writing and performing music, individually and with others, since the early 1980's, when she sang with fellow preschool moms in a trio they named "Three Squared" (they each had three little kids). That was the start of singing with and for friends, which remains Jennifer's favorite pastime. And that's a big part of why she loves performing at the Folk Club! Her love of Folk-Americana music goes back to her childhood, listening to her father play guitar and sing every night as she fell asleep.

Janet Saadian (now Gerber-Salins) was a key partner in those early days, and together with Tomm Sibert and two others, the five formed a cover band called "Full House," playing mainly classic rock and pop. Full House appeared frequently at local concert venues, as did Jennifer's next group, "Bugleweed," a songwriting trio that performed its members' award-winning original tunes in three-part harmony with acoustic instrumentation. After Bugleweed succumbed to shifting life priorities, Tomm and Jennifer (then married) found a new musical home with "Random Act," an 8-member high-harmony group featuring a lavish array of instruments and vocal arrangements (reminiscent of the pop-folk group in the mockumentary "A Mighty Wind").

After half of Random Act moved to the West Coast and following some personal downtime, Jennifer returned to songwriting and performing, sometimes with others but often as a solo singer-songwriter, enjoying the intimacy of smaller venues like the Folk Club. Her song themes often feature people who are important to her or stories with an emotional or spiritual bent, reflecting the twists and turns of her own life. Other than her dad, major influences include Nancy Griffith, Lucinda Williams, Kris Kristofferson, Dolly Parton, and John Prine. She also sings every Sunday with the St. Paul United Methodist Church, as a soloist or member of the Choir or small group.

Jennifer is so grateful to be back with the Reston-Herndon Folk Club, which she frequents as a performer and audience member and where both roles inspire her as a songwriter. She loves the many friends she has found there, who continue to enrich her life beyond Tuesday evenings. She is looking forward to her showcase, which will include performing with talented Folk Club regulars.



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# Heather Pierson Duo



**TUESDAY, SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

**\$17 (\$16 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](mailto:alhobson@verizon.net)*

*Tickets may also be purchased at the door  
dependent on availability*

[heatherpierson.com](http://heatherpierson.com)

[folkclubofrestonherndon.org](http://folkclubofrestonherndon.org)

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon is a non-profit organization

Heather Pierson is a New Hampshire based singer/songwriter, pianist, song leader, and performer with a passion for cultivating joy, both onstage and off. With a toe in each of the realms of New Orleans jazz, blues, vocal chants, instrumental piano, and folk, her multi-genre songwriting places her in a category all her own, one honed by decades of diligent practice and curious exploration.

Whether solo, duo with her partner/bassist Shawn Nadeau, or trio with Craig Bryan on drums, Heather's live performances feature her bell-tone vocals, ease at the piano, and are infused with happiness, honest self-reflection, and a genuine desire to connect and share from the heart.

She is the cocreator of Heart Songs & Circle Songs, a community singing project with singer/ songwriter/song leader Bernice Martin, which has produced two albums and songbooks of original community singing repertoire now being taught by song leaders and choir directors around the world.

In over twenty years on her own record label, Vessel Recordings, Heather has released fifteen albums and several singles of original music, reflecting her boundless creativity.

Her life's work is to share her love of the language of music and her gratitude for life with others—one song, one heart, and one moment at a time.

**UPCOMING CONCERTS:**

[Rupert Wates](#) 11/14/2023

[Runaway Home](#) 12/12/2023

## **CLUB INFO, ETC.**

### **Concert Ticket Prices**

We raised our ticket prices a bit for this concert season, and here is why. In the last few years not as many people have been coming to the artist concerts, with the result that instead of breaking even (our goal) we've been losing money. The first thing we did to address the issue was to hold fewer concerts – only 5 per season instead of 10 – and hope that more would attend. That slowed the drain to our funds but the problem wasn't resolved. So with the approval of the board of directors we decided to raise prices enough to hopefully break even (based on recent average attendance). FYI, for last year's concerts the prices ranged from \$10 to \$12 for members, and this year they are \$14 to \$18. But even with these increases our prices are less than the competing venues for folk music in the area. Steve Potter works so hard to book these amazing musicians (remember, he's a volunteer) and always finds great entertainers who are enjoyable and inspiring. Where else can you enjoy high-quality live music in an intimate environment at such good prices? Only at the Folk Club.

### **Columbus Day Weekend Jamboree**

Lucky us! Nancy and Wayne Truax will again host the Jamboree on Columbus Day (or Indigenous Peoples' Day) weekend this year (not Labor Day weekend). It will be at The Aerie, their place on Massanutten Mountain just west of Luray - 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), and there are also more options nearby (call Nancy). This gives Folk Club fans a chance for three days of socializing and sharing music, from Friday, October 6 to Monday, October 9. If you plan to attend, please contact Nancy Truax at [nancytruax@gmail.com](mailto:nancytruax@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.

### **Open Mics on Zoom**

Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. It won't be held on Labor Day (Mon Sep 4); the next two dates are Mon Sep 18 and Mon Oct 2. If you'd like to share some songs, or watch and listen in, send an email to Al Hobson at [alhobson@verizon.net](mailto: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 would like to see the open mic later, the link is ([https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page\\_id=918](https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page_id=918)). Select the link below the date, then the YouTube link. We record it on Tuesday night (thanks, Melissa), put it up the next day.

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **Hiroya Tsukamoto at Al's Arts Barn**

- Fri Sep 8, 7 PM, Al Hobson's Art Barn, Herndon, VA. Hiroya is a one-of-a-kind Japanese-American composer, fingerstyle guitarist and singer-songwriter.

"The fingerpicking is delicate, fluid, and beautifully detailed" - Acoustic Guitar Magazine.

Reserve seats at [artsbarnmusic.org](http://artsbarnmusic.org).

### **World Folk Music Association (WFMA)**

- Sun Sep 10, 7:30 PM. Two outstanding international acts, [Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira](#) and [Claude Bourbon](#). At the Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria, VA; also streamed live on YouTube. A joint presentation with Focus Music and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

- Go to [www.wfma.net/index.htm](http://www.wfma.net/index.htm) for more information.

### **Focus Music**

- Sun Oct 1, 7:30 PM. Singer/songwriter [Anne Hills](#). At the Arts Barn in Gaithersburg, MD. Presented by WFMA and Focus Music.

- Go to [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more information.

### **Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)**

- Go to [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org) for more information.

### **Institute of Musical Traditions**

- Wed Sep 6, 7 PM. The Magnie Fam-Family, Chris Colvin, and Roger Colvin. School Of Musical Traditions, Takoma Park, MD.

- Go to [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org) for more information.

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

**Bill Davis** – email: [bil-davis@outlook.com](mailto:bill-davis@outlook.com)

**Chris Anderson** [ChrisAndersonSongs.com](http://ChrisAndersonSongs.com)

**Ron Goad** – email: [MisterGoad@aol.com](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)

**The Aloha Boys (including Glen Hirabayashi)**  
[www.alohaboys.com](http://www.alohaboys.com)

### **Jan Gillies**

- Sat Sep 2, "Visions" CD Release Concert, Capon Bridge, WV. Jan will be performing songs from her new CD with fellow musicians Jeremy Rodgers and Lani Urreta.

[www.jangilliesmusic.com](http://www.jangilliesmusic.com)

### **Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)**

[www.hickoryg.com](http://www.hickoryg.com)

### **Stevie Wade Potter**, acoustic musician

- Sat Sep 9, 2 PM, with John Georgiou, at Naked Mountain Winery, Markham, VA

[www.steviewademusic.com](http://www.steviewademusic.com)

### **Sherry Stewart**

[www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic](https://www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic)

**Steven Cutts** [ThePrimeCutts.com](http://ThePrimeCutts.com) and Spotify, Apple Music, and Soundcloud

**Audrey Adair** [AudreyJAdair.com](http://AudreyJAdair.com)

### **Shenandoah Run (including Bob Melissinos, John Wertz, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson)**

- Sat Sept 16 7 PM, at Jammin Java, Vienna, VA

[www.shenandoahrun.com](http://www.shenandoahrun.com)

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



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#### **FOLK CLUB FORMAT**

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

#### **SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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: Breedlove Oregon Concert CE, Solid Spruce Top, Solid Myrtlewood Back and Sides, with deluxe gig bag, made in Oregon, \$1,757.38. For more info, etc. contact TM at [pressroom@birdphluph.com](mailto:pressroom@birdphluph.com).

- 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](mailto:shana.spiegel@gmail.com) or 703-899-5144.