

January 16 – Cold Chocolate in Concert

A unique Americana sound: original songs revealing their bluegrass, roots, and funk musical chops.
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The Folk Club

proudly presents its

Monthly Showcase

on the 9th of January, 2024, featuring the
splendor, **musical talents**, and *serendipity* of

MR. T. M. HANNA

PROPOUNDED BY DAN GROVE, ESTIMABLE EDITOR OF BESPOKE NEWSBLOG BLOVIATION

Mr. Hanna, whose *modesty* and *notable erudition* have graced this stage on many occasions,
will also regale the assembled gentlefolk with the *improvised* and *rarified*

Humour

For which he is acclaimed

Plus a program of *musical delights* and *fretted finger dances*



Also appearing will be other acts of open mic musical diversity, the exact identities, demeanors, and suitability of which, are, regrettably, unknown and unknowable, since all manner of ruffians may be drawn by our featured act's provocative refinement and gentility.

Gentlemen escorting ladies of a "delicate" constitution are hereby advised to bring revivifying *elixirs, tinctures*, and

unguents, the better to assist them should they swoon with *the vapors* after tossing unmentionables, motel keys, and large denomination currency onto the stage





of Reston & Herndon

Proudly Presents

Cold Chocolate

TUESDAY, JAN 16TH, 2024

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

Tickets may also be purchased at the door dependent on availability



<http://www.coldchocolatemusic.com/>

<https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/>

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

Cold Chocolate is a genre-bending Americana band that fuses folk, funk, and bluegrass to create a unique sound all their own. Featuring Ethan Robbins on guitar, Ariel Bernstein on percussion, and at times backed by some of the finest players of the roots music scene, this group from Boston is impressing audiences throughout New England and beyond. Their shows are punctuated by tight harmonies and skillful musicianship, with a focus on songwriting.

Ethan began his bluegrass career at Oberlin College and began to explore how this hard-driving, fast-paced genre could be stretched. Kathy Sands-Boehmer of *No Depression* writes, "[Ethan] feels the music

in his heart and soul and it shows when he plays. Ethan becomes the music on stage..."

Ariel earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Percussion for Performance at the State University of New York, Geneseo. A master of restraint, the loose-wristed Ariel brings a light and tasteful groove to Cold Chocolate's tunes, filling out their sound and heightening the band's live energy.

Cold Chocolate has quickly gained recognition for their original music and high-energy shows. The band has shared bills with Leftover Salmon and David Grisman, and regularly performs at venues and music festivals along the East Coast.

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Abbie Gardner 3/19/2024 Kate Macleod's Mind the Gap 5/21/2024

CLUB INFO, ETC.

Tuesday January 30th is a Fifth Tuesday

You know what that means – the equipment crew and stage manager get a break, and the musicians are on their own, sound-wise. No mics, quarter inch plugs, DI cables, mixer, amps, or speakers. Only acoustical music vibrations – as the spirit of the universe intended. Listen close and be as still as a mouse.

Open Mics on Zoom

Al Hobson is hosting bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics Monday nights on Zoom. The dates this month are Mon Jan 8th and Mon Jan 22nd. If you'd like to watch and listen, or share some songs, send an email to Al Hobson at alhobson@verizon.net by Sunday evening. Let him know if you plan to perform or listen and he'll send you the Zoom link for the 7:30 PM show.

Open Mic Playback

For those who would like to see the open mic after the fact, go to https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page_id=918. Select the link below the date, then the YouTube link. We record it on Tuesday night and put it up the next day.
Note: If YouTube tells you it's blocked, right-click the link and open it in a new tab or window.

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, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson)

- Sat Jan 6 at 7 PM, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts Bowen Theatre, Annapolis, MD

- Sun Jan 14 at 2 PM, Creative Cauldron, Falls Church, VA
www.shenandoahrun.com

The Two Peas (Ann Granger and Larry Rice) - Harmony in Acoustic Music – twopeasharmony@gmail.com

George Dacre
AcousticAyre.com

The Fabulous Retronauts (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear)
[Fabulous Retronauts](http://FabulousRetronauts)

MUSICAL NOTES



Al's Arts Barn

- Sat Jan 27 at 7 PM in Herndon, VA (TENTATIVE at press time – check with Al Hobson) – Crooked Sparrow is a trio fusing Americana with Texas and Latin American traditions. Award-winning songwriting by Valeria Stewart and Kevin Dudley is accompanied by beautiful violin work by Jenny Smith, who has played for over twenty years. Valeria is originally from Argentina and her songs transmit Latin, folk, jazz, and Americana sounds, while Kevin hails from Texas and brings a bit of western swing and soul to the mix. Expect a gumbo of music from North and South Americas – and in-between.

- Reserve seats or get more info at artsbarnmusic.org.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

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

Focus Music

- Sat Jan 6th at 7:30 PM, Dan Navarro at Island Pride Oasis, Gaithersburg, MD – adv tickets \$25, day-of \$30 (members \$25), livestream \$15 and available for 48 hours

- Sat Jan 20th at 7:30 PM, Laura Baron at Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring, MD - adv tickets \$25, day-of \$30 (members \$25), livestream \$15 and available for 48 hours
- Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

- Fri Jan 12 at 7 PM, House Concert with Keith Murphy, Potomac, MD

- Sat Jan 20 at 8 PM, Dick Hensold & Patsy O'Brien in Concert, Del Rey Neighborhood, Alexandria, VA

- Fri Jan 26 at 7:30 PM, Concert at the Lyceum: Bruce Molsky, Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum
- Go to fsgw.org for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

- Mon Jan 8 at 7:30 PM, From China to Appalachia – Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer with Chao Tian and special guest Becky Hill, St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD.
Go to www.imtfolk.org for more information.

Barns at Wolf Trap

- Tue-Sat Jan 16-20 8 PM, The Del McCoury Band

- Sat Jan 27 at 8 PM, Nashville Emerging Artists Night

- Fri Feb 2 at 8 PM, Foy Vance, special guest Bonnie Bishop
- Go to wolftrap.org for more information.



of Reston & Herndon

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 signup 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: Gold Star GF100HF \$1143.28. Cordoba 28T \$123.47. Matching Red Valley Mandolin and Mandola \$2231.53. For more info, etc. contact TM at 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 or 703-899-5144.