

**Abbie Gardner Concert – March 19**

She's a dobro and lap style guitar player and singer/songwriter from Jersey City, and in Red Molly  
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**March 12 Showcase – Ryan Murphy**  
by Ryan



Ryan Murphy has been playing at the Folk Club since early 2022, debuting an original song nearly every time he plays. His style has progressed since joining the club with an emphasis on finger-picking acoustic guitar.

Ryan was first drawn to music in the mid-1990s, listening to guitar-driven rock with emotional lyrics. Despite the distorted electric guitars common to the era, Ryan was drawn to the acoustic guitar when playing. Taken by the romantic notion of the singer-songwriter, he always wanted to write the songs rather than learning other people's music. To that end, Ryan will be performing a cover song which provided early song-writing inspiration, but mostly original music written over the past two years since joining the Folk Club.

Ryan has enjoyed playing at the club for the past two years, and is grateful for the welcoming atmosphere every Tuesday night. It is an honor to play for people who are invested in music and interested in what new songwriters have to say.

Within music, Ryan looks forward to recording an album of original music for the first time (hopefully this year), and finding new opportunities to play music for new audiences. He also plays bass with a classic-rock cover band called Center Point, the Band. Outside of music, Ryan is a psychologist focused on developing questionnaires for use in clinical trials of new medical treatments. He also enjoys trivia nights, hosting a regular game every Wednesday evening at Sully's Pour House, also in Herndon.

While Ryan has typically played solo at the Folk Club, during the showcase he will be joined by John Druitt on guitar, Jim Fowler on bass, and Ron Goad on percussion. There will also be a special, first-time appearance at the Folk Club by Ryan's girlfriend, Valerie. Thank you for joining me on stage, and thank you all for the opportunity and your attention.



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# Abbie Gardner



**TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2024**

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

**\$19 (\$18 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*

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

<https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/>

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

Abbie Gardner is a fiery dobro player with an infectious smile. Whether performing solo or with Americana harmony trio Red Molly, her acclaimed tales of love and loss, both gritty and sweet, are propelled by her impeccable lap style slide guitar playing.

Solo performances feature the dobro unaccompanied, bouncing between a solid rhythmic backbone and ripping lead lines, all in support of her voice and songs. Her latest recording DobroSinger hit #11 on the Billboard Blues Chart. It's intimate, real and raw

- her dobro and voice recorded at the same time at home, without a band or any studio tricks to hide behind. You can hear every breath, every chuckle, as if you are in the room with her.

The Folk Club has been trying to book Abbie for a return since her incredible performance in 2017. This is one show you don't want to miss.

**UPCOMING CONCERTS:**

**Kate MacLeod's Mind the Gap 5/21/2024    The Kennedys 9/17/2024**

## **CLUB INFO, ETC.**

### **Something New!**

**Announcing ...the inaugural Folk Club Song Circle** at Al's Art Barn. Come and hear some of our Folk Club open mic performers in a more in-depth way in a beautiful listening venue. Four songsters will be featured and will alternate sharing their songs. Jennifer Katt is happy to host our first group of diverse and talented performers:



*Cindy McConnell*



*Al Hobson*



*Devon Bright-Patterson*



*Joe Shade*

**When:** Sun Apr 14 at 6 PM

**Where:** Arts Barn Music (AKA Al's Arts Barn)

**Why:** Because you love music! And variety.

**Contact:** [Jenkatt@comcast.net](mailto:Jenkatt@comcast.net)

**Reservations:** [ArtsBarnMusic.org/folk-club-song-circle-reservation](https://www.artsbarnmusic.org/folk-club-song-circle-reservation)

### **Zoom Open Mics**

Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics Monday nights on Zoom. The dates this month are Mon Mar 4 and Mon Mar 18. If you'd like to watch and listen, or share some songs, send an email to Al Hobson at [alhobson@verizon.net](mailto: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**

If you would like to see a video recording of the Tuesday night open mic, go to the [folkclubofrestonherndon.org](https://www.folkclubofrestonherndon.org) [Event Calendar](#). Select the link below the date, then the YouTube link. We film it on Tuesday night and upload it the next day.

Note: If YouTube says it's blocked, right-click the link, then choose the option to open the link in a new tab or window.

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **Arts Barn Music**

- Sat Mar 23 at 7:30 PM in Herndon, VA – Shenandoah Run (Sorry, all seats reserved – full house)

- Thu Apr 25 at 7 PM – Dirty Cello, a high-energy and unique spin on blues, rock, and Americana. Led by cross-over cellist Rebecca Roudman, Dirty Cello is cello like you've never heard before.

- Reserve seats at [artsbarnmusic.org](https://www.artsbarnmusic.org).

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

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

### **Focus Music**

- Sat Apr 13 at 7:30 PM, Laura Baron Album Release at Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring, MD

- Sun Apr 21 at 7:30 PM, James Keelaghan at Gaithersburg Art Barn, Gaithersburg, MD

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

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

- Thu Mar 7 at 12 PM, Northern Resonance, Scandinavian Roots Music String Trio, Library of Congress, Washington, DC; free but tickets needed

- Mon Mar 11 at 7:30 PM, Alex Cumming "Homecoming" CD Release House Concert, Potomac, MD

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

### **Institute of Musical Traditions**

- Fri Mar 27 at 7:30 PM, As the Lily: Songs of Springtime w Ars Gratia Populi, at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD.

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

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

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

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

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

**The Aloha Boys** (including Glen Hirabayashi)

[www.alohaboys.com](https://www.alohaboys.com)

**Jan Gillies** [www.jangilliesmusic.com](https://www.jangilliesmusic.com)

**Hickory Grove** (Bev & Jack Osburn) [www.hickoryg.com](https://www.hickoryg.com)

**Stevie Wade Potter** – acoustic musician

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

**Sherry Stewart**

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

- Fri Mar 8 at 7 PM, Sunny@Midnight with Heather Peck & Allen Partlow, at Earp's Ordinary in Fairfax, VA

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

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

**Shenandoah Run** (including Bob Melissinos, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson) [www.shenandoahrun.com](https://www.shenandoahrun.com)

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

**Chasing Magic** (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear) [chasingmagic-theband.com](https://www.chasingmagic-theband.com)

**George Katsos** [georgekatsos.com](https://www.georgekatsos.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 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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c/o Al Hobson  
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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: 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](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.