

Duets & Harmony Songs – April 16 – A Folk Club Theme Night

We hope to hear multiple voices join together, making the songs more than the sum of their parts.

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April 9 Showcase – Rick Landers & Heartland

By Rick

Rick Landers is an author, publisher, and singer-songwriter who co-wrote a book on press releases for working musicians, published e-books on music theory, the Blues, Free and Bad Company, Vic Flick, and others, and has published and served as the Feature Editor for [Guitar International magazine](#) (2004 - 2024).

He's played guitar since he was 13 years old in his native Michigan, having been influenced by all of the British Invasion, Motown/Stax artists, and more. He's also been immersed in American and British folk music and influenced by such artists as: Tim Buckley, John Martyn, Nick Drake, Jimmie Spheeris, Jackson Browne, Joni Mitchell, and Roy Harper. In 1974, he worked for Virgin Records in the U.K. and had an opportunity to hang out at Abbey Road Studios with Roy Harper on a recording session, with Pink Floyd in the next studio.

Landers works with Heartland, a group comprised of Ron Goad (percussion); Jim Nagle (dobro); and John Wertz (bass). They have been recording at BIAS Studios, with some featured players: Christopher Johnston (NOVA Symphony Conductor); violinist extraordinaire Dave Kline (Dwight Yoakam, Chick Corea), and pianist, author, and songwriter Ben Mason.

Rick has performed his original songs at the National Cherry Blossom Festival (2023/2024), the W&OD Trail Family Fun Festival (2019), the Herndon Festival (2019), the Washington Folk Festival (2023), Earp's Ordinary, JV's, Hank Dietle's, the Donoharm Farm and as far away as Raton and Dawson, New Mexico. Also, he's been interviewed by the media in California, Tennessee, Maryland, Virginia and Arizona.



Photo by Mike Davis Photography

Rick recently authored and published, "The Adventures of Digit and Tess," the first book of a children's series that will soon be available on major sales sites: Amazon, Apple, Walmart, and more as a paperback and an eBook.

Rick's setlist for the show, with links to recordings and lyrics for the songs, will feature: [Maria](#), [She's Better Than Me](#), [Cross Country Drive](#), [Hollywood & Vine](#), [Big Cadillac](#), [Frozen in a Photograph](#), and more!

Rick's performer website is [HERE](#).



Folk Club Theme Night: Duets & Harmony Songs April 16, 2024

The inspiration for this theme came from Connee Chandler, who recently heard Sonny and Cher's *You Got Me Babe* and it gave her an idea. So vocal harmony is the name of the game for our April theme night. There's something about songs with harmonies that transforms them into something special. So musicians can grab singing partners and figure out how to sing songs together.

We hope open mic musicians can partner up with others to come up with duets and harmony songs, hopefully without stepping on each other's toes (by choosing the same song) – but even then we'd say "Go for it." The obvious choices are Everly Brothers, Beach Boys, Beatles, Simon & Garfunkle, Mamas & The Papas, Crosby Stills Nash & Young, Bee Gees, Fleetwood Mac, Eagles, ABBA, America, and many more. And in theory any song can have harmony vocals added to it.

So come and see what songs your friends choose. You might hear some celestial harmonies.

Note: Our theme nights are fun and filled with surprises. It's an opportunity to try something a little different and have a good time with it. We encourage performers to present performances that fit the theme. But that doesn't mean it's required: anyone who signs up can play whatever they want to share and that will be fine, too. But everyone will appreciate those who sing in harmony with musical friends.

Appreciating Jim Rosenkrans

Jim Rosenkrans, one of our early members who attended regularly for many years, passed away on March 13th. Thoughts and memories of Jim:

- I just can't think of the Folk Club, or the FC Campouts, without seeing Jim. Possessed of a most impressive mind, Jim's depth of knowledge was unbelievable. Loved listening to him and Dave Hurd talk about just about anything. Between the two of them, they seemed to know it all! – Ellen Kaminsky
- I'll always remember Jim playing his guitar while singing the most complicated lyrics. Jim was a kind, thoughtful man who truly enjoyed sharing music with other folk club musicians. – Marty Jenkins
- I was able to visit with Jim the day he died. He seemed to know I was there - waved goodbye when I was leaving. I feel lucky to have been able to say good bye, for myself and his long time folk club friends.
Yes, Jim was a dear man, proud curmudgeon, lover of music and folk club, his family, cars, carpentry and computers, writer of epic Christmas letters, faithful commuter to Folk Club from Frederick... – Sue Beffel
- I have fond memories of Jim and his music at the folk club from the Tortilla Factory days, especially when he sang with his daughter. – Liz Graham
- I always enjoyed being around Jim and hearing his songs and stories.. He had a cache of very different and enjoyable songs. And his lasagna was great. – Jane Tatum
- My fondest memories of Jim are from Folk Club campouts when he and Dave Hurd would discuss topics of the day. Their arguments (not fights, but actual debates) were fascinating! Jim loved bawdy songs and knew quite a few to regale us with. He will be missed. – Pam Day
- Jim is probably regaling the angels with "Have Some Madeira, My Dear" or one of his many other comical songs. Jim helped make the Folk Club a better place. – Dan Telfer

Jim's obituary - <https://www.staufferfuneralhome.com/obituaries/james-rosenkrans-iv>. A celebration of life event is planned, most likely in Reston. If anyone would like to make a donation in memory of James Post Rosenkrans IV, his family suggests either of the following:

- American Heart Association [Maryland | American Heart Association](#)
- Folk Club of Reston-Herndon - c/o Allen Hobson - 810 Elden St - Herndon VA 20170

We are thankful to have known him and mourn his passing. And we send love to his family and all who loved and knew him.

CLUB INFO, ETC.

Memorial Day Weekend – Folk Club Jamboree!

Barb and Craig Keeler will host us again at Blue Bayou, their home on Chesapeake Bay, 72 Point Pleasant Road, Kilmarnock, VA 22482 from Friday May 24th to Monday May 27th.

If you think you are going, please let them know now. They'd like to know how many are attending, your arrival/departure plans, how many meals you'll have, and if you plan to camp out (804-435-1927, 703-203-8743, or bkeeler30@gmail.com). Also contact them if you have questions or need more information.

Come to the celebration and get together with folkies and share music, food, and conversation on the Chesapeake. These gatherings are worth the trip.

Tuesday April 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.

Zoom Open Mics

Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics Monday nights on Zoom. The dates this month are Mon Apr 1, Mon Apr 15, and Mon Apr 29. 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

If you would like to see a video recording of the Tuesday night open mic, go to the folkclubofrestonherndon.org [Event Calendar](#). Select the link below the date, then the YouTube link. It's uploaded by 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

- Sun Apr 14 at 6 PM – Folk Club Song Circle with Devon Bright-Patterson, Al Hobson, Cindy McConnell, and Joe Shade. Come and hear four of our Folk Club open mic performers in a beautiful listening venue as they alternate sharing their songs. Hosted by Jennifer Katt.

- 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 - in Herndon, VA.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

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

Focus Music

- Sat Apr 13 at 7:30 PM, Andrew McKnight at Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring, MD

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

Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

- Sat Apr 13 at 3 PM, Judy Cook, House Concert and Song Sharing, Takoma Park, MD

- Go to fsgw.org for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

- Mon Apr 8 at 7 PM, Americana From Both Sides of the Big Pond with Danni Nicholls and The Porch Delights. School of Musical Traditions, Takoma Park, MD

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

Prepare Ahead of Time

- May 24-26 - Folk College at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. Fun and friendly weekend of playing and listening to folk music. Workshops/Concerts/Jamming and more – see www.folkcollege.com for details.

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

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

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

- Sat Apr 6 at 3:30 PM – STEADFAST, a staged reading of Chris Anderson's new musical with singers & choreography, American Dream Theater, Virginia Beach, VA

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

- Sun Apr 28, 2 – 5 PM, “Walk On The Hill”, Historic Westfield Neighborhood, Vienna, VA

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) www.shenandoahrun.com

- Sat Apr 20 at 7 PM, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Bowen Theatre, Annapolis MD

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

Chasing Magic (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear) chasingmagic-theband.com

George Katsos georgekatsos.com



of Reston & Herndon

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 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.