

The Kennedys in Concert! – September 17th

An American roots vibe of great songs enhanced with Pete's tasty playing and Maura's warm singing.
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Sept 10th Showcase – John Druitt

John Druitt loves music as a way to bring people together. Born overseas to an American family, he grew up in countries like Bolivia, Algeria, Cameroon, Indonesia, and Morocco. He lived in Arizona too, which some people claim is also a developing country. He finally landed in Virginia to attend high school and has been relatively local ever since. Growing up, his parents told him he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. Being left-handed and dyslexic, it took him a moment to figure out where everything went as he plays guitar in standard right-hand configuration. Now he hopes to inspire future tonally-challenged dyslexic left-handed guitar players to stick with it. During the day John works as an IT consultant, but at night, John still works as an IT consultant. He aspires to spend more time in music once his finances are sorted.



John's avid curiosity and eclectic tastes have taken him across a spectrum of styles from folk, blues, rock, and samba to classical and slack-key guitar. Many members of the Folk Club may think of him primarily as a cover song artist with a love for collaboration, but this showcase will emphasize John's own songwriting and storytelling. He will be performing original songs about sexual harassment, the loss of a loved one, the fear of cancer, and the challenges of addiction, among other topics. For a recent sample of his music, visit his YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/gUwuyWiaEEI>.



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Proudly Presents

The Kennedys



TUESDAY, SEPT 17TH, 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 jenkatt@comcast.net*

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

www.kennedysmusic.com

folkclubofrestonherndon.org

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

The songwriting duo Pete and Maura Kennedy are making a strong return to the studio and stage after three years of weekly live-streamed lockdown-era concerts. They took that opportunity to explore classic songwriting in depth, performing over a thousand songs during the pandemic.

The Kennedys began their writing and touring life three decades ago as members of Nanci Griffith's Blue Moon Orchestra, developing their own sound as a frequent support act on Nanci's tours across America, Ireland, Scotland and England. Collaborations with Nanci continued, culminating in Pete and Maura producing her final album, "Intersection."

Along the way, they hosted a nationwide radio program, "The Dharma Cafe" on Sirius/XM, and wrote and released sixteen CDs of original music.

In addition to singing and writing, both are multi-instrumentalists. The thirteen songs on their new album "Headwinds" are cast in a soundscape that draws from the classic canon of American roots, in keeping with the theme of getting back "home" as a nation. Acoustic and electric guitars, a vintage steel guitar, a gospel-inflected piano/organ mix, and even a slide ukulele all add colors to a song bag of sounds that have drawn us together during hard times. Pete and Maura believe that those sounds *still* have the power to pull us through again.

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Ryan David Green 11/19/2024

Luke Bulla 1/21/2025

CLUB INFO, ETC.

Volunteer Needed to Maintain Our Photo Albums

The Folk Club has several photo albums /scrapbooks with pics and other memorabilia. We are looking for someone to maintain them and keep them safe so we can access them occasionally. These were kept by Dave Hurd, and Beth Drumheller recently turned them over to us. Lynn Romano has a few items saved by Jim Rosenkrans that we might want to add to the collection. See Al or Ben if you are interested.

Zoom Open Mics

Every other Monday night Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. The dates this month are Monday September 16th and Monday September 30th. 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 listen or perform and he'll send you the Zoom link for the 7:30 PM show.

Tuesday Night Open Mic Videos

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. Note that it takes some time to upload the files. If YouTube says the link is blocked, right-click the link, then choose the option to open the link in a new tab or window.

MUSICAL NOTES



Irish Folk Festival

- Sat Sep 28, 12-6 PM and céilí to 10 PM; free – Irish music & dancing, food, beer, and crafts, at Arts Herndon
- Go to cceptomac.org/folkfestival for more information

Arts Barn Music

- Sat Sep 14 at 7 PM, Mendelson Plays McGuinn – a captivating retrospective of Roger McGuinn's career by Jason Meldelson, who evokes the jangle of Roger's 12-string guitar
- Sun Sep 29 at 6:30 pm, the second Folk Club of Reston-Herndon Second Song Circle – it's a chance to hear some of our members in a more in-depth way as they alternate the sharing of their songs. Jennifer Katt will host and appear as one of the performers, along with Joe Cane, Isabella Perelman, and Bill Stejskal. Why: Because you love music! And a free Italian dinner! RSVP: Jenkatt@comcast.net



- Go to artsbarnmusic.org for more information

Focus Music

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

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

- Sun Sep 15, 1-4 pm, Mary Cliff Celebration – a tribute to the radio host and trad/folk music promoter – at Ireland's Four Provinces, Falls Church, VA
- Sun Sep 22, 7 pm, Lara Herscovitch, a singer-songwriter-poet-performer gem, with Sean McGee opening – The Arts Barn, Gaithersburg, MD or YouTube
- Go to www.wfma.net/index.htm for more information.

Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW).

- Go to fsgw.org for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

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

Also of Note

- Sun Sep 15 at 6:30 pm, Nicole Belanus Trio at Earp's Ordinary, Fairfax, VA www.earpsordinary.com
- Sat Sep 28 at 7 pm, Joan & Joni, a tribute to Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell performed by Allison Shapira and Kipyn Martin (Jan 2017 FCRH concert artists) – the Barns of Rose Hill, Berryville, VA – www.barnsofrosehills.org

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

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

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

Ron Goad – email: MisterGoad@aol.com

Jan Gillies www.jangilliesmusic.com

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn) www.hickoryg.com

Sherry Stewart (Sunny@Midnight)
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
- Sun Oct 13 at 7 PM – “Daughter of the Stars” CD Release at Earp's Ordinary, Fairfax, VA
aftontickets.com/event/buyticket/38jyny50x7

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



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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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Website: Al Hobson, Ben Hamblin
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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 Jen Katt, 13529 Wood St, Woodbridge, VA 22191-1338, 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 Jen Katt. Send the check to: The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon; c/o Jen Katt; 13529 Wood St; Woodbridge, VA 22191-1338. Please provide your name, email address, phone # and type, and residential address. Sorry, we cannot accept online payments.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club: **Website:** <https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub>
General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

CLASSIFIEDS

MUSIC GEAR

- For sale: Behringer Q802USB 8-input 2-bus mixer with XENYX mic preamps and compressors, British EQ and a USB audio interface, and Roland KC-150 compact 65-watt keyboard amp with 4-channel capability including aux and mic inputs, which can be expanded with optional subwoofer for low-end boost - \$250 for both items – contact Gary West at 703-822-3778.
- 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.