

Pets and Animals – A Folk Club Theme Night – October 15th

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October 8 Showcase – Robert Schilling

by Robert



Robert's musical journey began as a baby when his mom suggested his dad play music to try and stop him from crying when he held him. That seemed to do the trick, and he was quickly exposed to his dad's favorite bands such as Alabama, Van Halen, Def Leppard, and Dire Straits. As he got a little older his mom tried to balance out his dad's 80s music with classics such as Creedence Clearwater Revival and Elton John on car rides. Unlike most kids who turn away from their parent's music, all those artists remain in Robert's listening rotation today.

In the 4th grade he began playing trombone, once again inspired by his dad, and he played until he quit in high school. Even though he was first chair, it got way too boring for his as-of-then undiagnosed ADHD brain (rumors that the trombone will be appearing at the showcase are at this time unsubstantiated). So, he started playing guitar on his own, eventually forming a garage band with a friend.

Once he went to college, he became obsessed with songwriters such as Bruce Springsteen, John Mellencamp, and Bob Dylan, who helped form the core of his current musical influences. Those influences showed up on his debut album, Ashton Odyssey, which was released this summer to occasional critical acclaim, yet commercial indifference. The album was recorded with his full-on rock n' roll backing band, the Goodfellas (movies have also been a key point of inspiration), but he decided to perform this showcase by himself. He would tell you this was so you can pay better attention to his lyrics, but the reality is most likely the guys weren't available amidst contract negotiations surrounding their retainer. Ashton Odyssey can be streamed on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyds7pcy>

Robert first came to the Folk Club in June 2022, not knowing what to expect or that he would almost always be the youngest performer on the list. But the music and friendship developed there gives him the energy to keep driving over from Maryland, and he looks forward to his first showcase.

THE FOLK CLUB

of Reston & Herndon

Pets and Animals Theme Night

October 15, 2024



Pets play a big role in many people's lives. Some Folk Club songwriters have written songs about their dogs. And there are lots of songs about or mentioning birds. And some songs even include imaginary animals like unicorns, dragons, even Bigfoot – and of course some mention monsters. Some examples are Puff the Magic Dragon, Dog Named Blue, The Cat Came Back, Tennessee Stud, All God's Creatures, Running Bear, And Your Bird Can Sing, White Rabbit, Rubber Duckie, Elusive Butterfly, and on and on.

Performers, pick out a couple of critter songs and share them with us on October 15th. Listeners, come and enjoy what they've harvested to share with us: a musical menagerie. It's a safe bet that there will be familiar favorites as well as surprises and new discoveries. Is anyone gonna do The Chipmunk Song (cringe!)?



Note: The Folk Club has an open mic theme night in months with no concert or party night. They are an opportunity to try something a little different and have fun with it. We encourage performers to play songs that fit the theme, but it's not required. Anyone who signs up on a theme night can play whatever they want. But we'll appreciate those who share suitable tunes.

CLUB INFO, ETC.

Columbus Day Weekend Jamboree

If you are attending the Jamboree hosted by Nancy and Wayne Truax on Columbus Day weekend this year please make sure you contact Nancy Truax at nancyjtruax@gmail.com or 703-286-9417 by Oct 9. Let her know when you plan to be there, how many will be in your party, and how many meals you would like. It will be at The Aerie, their place on Massanutten Mountain overlooking the Shenandoah Valley in Luray, VA (8727 US 211 West, Luray, VA, 22835). Call Nancy if you need help with overnight accommodations. This gives Folk Club fans a chance for three days of socializing and sharing music, from Friday, October 11 to Monday, October 14.

October 29th is a Fifth Tuesday

And Folk Club tradition is that on the fifth Tuesday of the month, the open mic at the Amphora is unplugged. So on October 29th the performers and stage manager won't have to worry about plugging in or mic positioning, musicians won't have to ask "Can you hear me?" and the sound crew gets a break. The music will be as natural as it can be.

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 October 14th and Monday October 28th. 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 it in a new tab or window.

MUSICAL NOTES



Arts Barn Music

- Sat Oct 12 at 7 PM – Rupert Wates has won more than 50 songwriting and performing awards. His music is an eclectic mix of acoustic, melodic folk, with flavors of jazz, vaudeville, and cabaret. Tracks from his 12 solo CDs have been played on radio all over the world.

- Go to artsbarnmusic.org for more information.

Focus Music

- Sun Oct 6, 6:30 pm – The Heart Collectors – Earp's Ordinary, Fairfax, VA

- Sun Oct 13 7:30 pm – Friction Farm – Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, MD

- Sat Oct 19 7:30 pm – Heather Mae and Natalia Zukerman – Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Sterling, VA

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

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

- Sat Oct 26 7 pm – Carrie Newcomer – St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, VA

- 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

- Tue Oct 8 7:30 pm – Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas – St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD

- Mon Oct 21 7:30 pm – Breabach – St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD

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

Also of Note

- Fri Oct 18 7:30 pm – Jesse Palidofsky Group – Seekers Church, Washington, DC

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

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

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

Ron Goad – email: MisterGoad@aol.com

Jan Gillies www.jangilliesmusic.com

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)

- Sat Oct 7, 1:45-2:35 PM – Harvest Festival at Agricultural History Farm Park, Derwood, MD

- Sat Oct 12, 7-8:30 PM – Harriet Tubman Museum and Education Center, Vintage Venue, 419 Race St, Cambridge, MD

www.hickoryg.com

Sherry Stewart (Sunny@Midnight)

- Thu Oct 10, 7:30 PM – Beltway Opry – Sunny@Midnight with Annie Stokes & Emily Woodhull, Earp's Ordinary, Fairfax, VA

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 6 at 3 PM – Severna Park High School, Severna Park, MD

- 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)

- Sat Oct 26, 11 am to 3 pm – Community Fall Festival – St. Thomas Episcopal Church, McLean, VA

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 concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Jen Katt, 13529 Wood St, Woodbridge, VA 22191-1338, treasurer.jk.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:** folkclubofrestonherndon.org/

Facebook: 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.