The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

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November 19th Concert – Ryan David Green

Guitar-slinger of the duo Ryanhood (March 2019 concert) wows us with instrumentals & original songs. See page 2



November 12 Showcase – Felicia Hanna

Wow! I have been attending the Folk Club for more than 17 years and this will be my second showcase ever. Where to begin with this write up, I wonder, and how to say it all? To start, I guess I would say that I feel **Grateful.** The Folk Club is a joy and a blessing, and it is a pleasure to get to do a showcase here. (Shout-out to Rose Haskell for being the coolest and getting this whole thing started, and to all the dedicated volunteers who make it possible week after week and year after year!)

Delightful and Enlightening are two words which definitely apply to the Folk Club. I have personally had several revelations while listening to songs here. Imagine my surprise as a 30-something person to discover that "Plastic Jesus" was

not just a silly song made up by my Dad during my childhood. Or finally solving the mystery of why my beloved Aunt always declared, "He loves his damned old rodeo as much as he loves me," whenever she took her Moluccan Cockatoo out for a joyride in her Red Isuzu Rodeo.

To say the Folk Club is a special place is an understatement. The Folk Club a unique spot where local songwriters get to share their original creations and where the audience is blessed to hear renditions of a curated collection of cover songs that the musicians themselves clearly cherish. It is a place where collaborations and creativity blossom. Way back when, you could find me sitting at a corner table at the Tortilla Factory each week with Connee Chandler, Ed Surma, and Kate Hannigan, enjoying the magic of live music and finding the fun. On the first night I ever attended Folk Club, I remember being mesmerized by the amazing harmonies of the Zen Gospel Trio (Sue Schier, Kathleen Farrar, and Diane LaFleur) as they performed "Zen Gospel Singing," and in the months and years that followed I have continued to be 'wowed' by the music stylings of so many talented musicians and delightful songs, all of which are memories forever in our hearts and add to the soundtrack of our lives. I could go on a REALLY long time recounting all the great songs, musicians, voices, and souls that have enriched our lives at the Folk Club, but in the interest of Time and Space, I will just sum up to say to all the pillars and performers of the Folk Club: *Thank you! You are dearly appreciated!*

Decades since the Folk Club was started, old friendships have deepened, and the circle of friendships continue to expand as the artists and appreciators ebb and flow with the chapters of life and time. My FOAT (Favorite of All Time) Folk Clubber is, of course, the incomparable TM Hanna. Well before I knew him personally, I admired TM's beautiful songwriting and musical talents. So, it will be my great pleasure in this showcase to cover several TM Hanna original songs in addition to covering my own songs -- some of which have been requested and one of which is very old to me but will be completely new to you! Special thanks to TM Hanna, Jim Nagle, Niels Jonker, and Maggie Dodd for lending their musical magic to this showcase!



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Ryan David Green



https://ryandavidgreen.com/home

Ryan David Green's music has been called "virtuosic acoustic guitar that is remarkably accessible", with fast fingerwork that is always in service of unmistakeable melodies. Performing a blend of instrumental guitar pieces and delicate vocal tunes, Green takes audiences to a place both otherworldly, and somehow surprisingly intimate.

A graduate of Boston's prestigious Berklee College of Music, Ryan David Green has performed on four continents, been profiled in Acoustic Guitar Magazine, and twice been named "Best Guitarist" in the Tucson (where he

Tuesday, November 19[™], 2024

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$16 (\$15 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

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currently resides) Music Awards. His original compositions have received numerous film and TV placements, including shows on E!, Lifetime, and ABC Family/Freeform.

His acoustic-duo <u>Ryanhood</u> (with musical partner Cameron Hood) has performed with a wide-range of artists including Jason Mraz, Matt Nathanson, and Train, and were named the "Best Group/Duo" in the International Acoustic Music Awards.

His debut solo-guitar album *Off and Running* released on June 14, 2024.

CLUB INFO, ETC.

Bob Hampton

Long time members remember Bob Hampton, a friendly singer and guitarist who often performed at the Tortilla Factory open mic. In August he died as a result of Alzheimer's disease. He loved the Folk Club and, in addition to attending and performing regularly, he served on the board of directors, was the newsletter editor, and maintained our website. We

excellent remember his performances - his versions of Thick As a Brick. Embryonic Journey, and many other songs were incredible. For a time he lost his singing voice but after a successful surgery we celebrated his triumph. Everyone who met him is lucky to have known him.



Be a Volunteer Guitar Teacher

Music for Life provides free group guitar lessons to lowincome youth. Classes are 1 hour per week during the school year for 11 to 18 year-old students, mostly beginners with no or little prior music experience. Music for Life is opening a second guitar class location in Herndon in November and are looking for additional guitar teachers. Jim Nagle teaches our current class, and Dan Telfer and Tom Bodine have volunteered in the past.

The current class is on Monday from 5 to 6 pm at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden St (shopping center across from Amphora Diner Deluxe), and the new class will be on Monday from 3:20 to 4:45 pm in the Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St (about a ¹/₂ mile from the Amphora Diner Deluxe).

If you have any interest in volunteering to help young people learn music or have any questions, please contact Skip Chaples of Music for Life by texting him at 703-283-8547, or sending an email to <u>skip.chaples@musicforlife.org</u>.

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 November 11th and Monday November 25th. If you'd like to watch and listen, or share some songs, send an email to Al Hobson at <u>alhobson@verizon.net</u> 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 <u>folkclubofrestonherndon.org Event Calendar</u>. Select the link below the date, then the YouTube link. 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



Sat Nov 9, 7:30 pm – Hiroya Tsukamoto – Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring MD or virtual admission
Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

Arts Barn Music

- Sat Nov 9 at 7 PM – Al is hosting Jon Shain and FJ Ventre. Jon is a winner in the 2019 International Blues Challenge and, with FJ, the 2018 winner of the Triangle Blues Society's Blues Challenge and the 2006 winner of NC's Indy award for Best Folk Act. FJ and Jon began playing music together in 1982 and have become sought-after producers in the Folk/Americana genre, producing several charting Folk and Blues albums in the last few years.

- Go to artsbarnmusic.org for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

- Sun Nov 23, 7 pm – The Good Folk – St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, VA

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

Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW).

- Go to fsgw.org for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

- Sat Nov 9, 7:30 pm – Cillian Vallely, David Doocey & Alan Murray – St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD

- Go to <u>www.imtfolk.org</u> for more information.

Also of Note

- Thu Nov 21, 6 to 7:30 pm – Kipyn Martin (featured performer) – Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil, Crossroads United Methodist Church, Ashburn, VA www.crossroadsnova.org/event/day-of-remembrance

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

Bill Davis – email: <u>bil-davis@outlook.com</u>

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

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Jan Gillies www.jangilliesmusic.com

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

Sherry Stewart (Sunny@Midnight) www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic

Steven Cutts <u>ThePrimeCutts.com</u> and Spotify, Apple Music, and Soundcloud

Audrey Adair Audrey JAdair.com

Shenandoah Run (including Bob Melissinos, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson) www.shenandoahrun.com

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

Chasing Magic (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear)

George Katsos georgekatsos.com

Focus Music



of Reston & Herndon Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:15 PM ET at Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA President: Al Hobson Treasurer: Jen Katt Board of Directors: Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Ron Goad, Sue Schier, Ben Hamblin, Bill Farrar, Connee Chandler, Jim Clark, Nancy Truax Publicity: Dan Telfer, Kevin Nordlie Bookings: Steve Potter Newsletter: Ben Hamblin, Dan Grove, Steve Potter Website: Al Hobson, Ben Hamblin Facebook: Ben Hamblin Lifetime Members: Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Dave Hurd (in memoriam) & Beth Drumheller

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

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

- 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.