

# The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

*Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways*

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## Upcoming Events

Theme Night – “Sweet Summer Nights” - June 17<sup>th</sup>!

## June 10 Showcase – Ryan Murphy

by Ryan

A member of the Folk Club for the past three years, Ryan has been working on songwriting since joining. These efforts have resulted in introspective songs utilizing novel finger-picking patterns on acoustic guitar, and a vocal style reminiscent of the alternative rock and grunge music he grew up listening to. That style now falls somewhere between Cat Stevens and Dermott Kennedy. Ryan also plays bass with a classic-rock cover band called Center Point, the Band. Picking up the bass influenced his style largely in the past year with more intricate bass-lines and picking patterns overall.



Over the past six months Ryan has been working on recording his first album for release, tentatively titled The River, under the name Ryan Wake. This album will feature two cover songs, You Are So Beautiful, originally written by Billy Preston and popularized by Joe Cocker, and The Freshmen, by The Verve Pipe, as well as eight original songs.

Growing up, Ryan’s love of music was nurtured earlier than he can remember by his father, who sang classic country and folk songs at bedtime, and his mother, who had him sitting in a stroller while she taught aerobics classes to the latest pop music of the 1980s. As he grew up, the diversity of musical influences only increased as he listened to his parents’ records of Simon and Garfunkel, Gordon Lightfoot, and Led Zeppelin, bought cassettes of Weird Al Yankovic, and then CDs of Bush, Soundgarden, The Offspring, and Tool. Many of these artists were storytellers in their songs, which influenced Ryan’s songwriting about his own life. Outside of music, Ryan is a psychologist who works to make sure that patients in clinical trials for new treatments are presented with questionnaires they understand, and which address what is important to them about their condition. He also enjoys meditation, trivia nights, and assembling wrist-watches.

Ryan has enjoyed serving as an MC for the Folk Club, listening to all of the incredibly talented members and performers, and playing whenever possible for the past three years. He is grateful for the welcoming atmosphere every Tuesday night, it’s an honor to play for people who care so deeply about music and songwriting.

## Folk Club Theme Night – Tuesday, June 17th “Sweet Summer Nights”



In months when we don't have a concert scheduled the FCRH will have a “Theme Night” that gives performers incentive to research different kinds of music and come up with songs which follow the theme and interpret them in their own style.

For June , we're suggesting songs reflecting the various moods of “Sweet Summer Nights”. From “Moons, and Junes, and Ferris Wheels” to “Hot August Nights” and “Summertime” in Oklahoma corn fields – let's celebrate the many faces of summer in true Folk Club fashion!

Summertime, and the playin' is hot, so we got music, we got music on our minds! So grow out those Mungo Jerry mutton chops, take the top down on the convertible, climb into the back of the pickup, and take off on the dusty backroads of summer!

While we're encouraging performers to present songs that fit the summer nights theme, it's not required. However, we appreciate those who are able to do that.



## **CLUB INFO, ETC.**

### **Zoom Open Mics**

Every other Monday night at 7:30 pm Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. June dates are June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23rd. If you'd like to watch 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 listen or perform and he'll send you the Zoom link.

### **Tuesday Night Open Mic Videos**

To see a video recording of the Tuesday night open mic, go to the [folkclubofrestonherndon.org](http://folkclubofrestonherndon.org) [Event Calendar](#). 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.

### **Member Update**

Long-time member Peter Nelson (Acapella Pete), inspired by the Folk Club, recently helped start an open mic at King's Grant in southwestern Virginia. If ever you're in the neighborhood of Martinsville, VA, perhaps you can drop in!

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



**Al's Arts Barn** - <https://artsbarnmusic.org/> 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA

**Focus Music** - Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more information.

#### **Sun 6/1 - Ayreheart @7:30 PM**

Episcopal Church of the Ascension. 633 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Sat 6/14 @7:30 PM Amy Speace w/ Rebecca Berlin**  
at Island Pride Oasis, 617 South Frederick Ave.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

**Institute of Musical Traditions** – [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org)

#### **Wed 6/4 - Garnet Rogers @7:30 PM**

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012

**Mountville Folk Festival Fri-Sat June 20-21 Aldie VA**  
<http://mountvillefolk.org> The 31st annual Mountville Folk Festival happens near Aldie with 11 hours of Main Stage performances, an open Sycamore Song Circle Saturday at 1pm, and late-night jams and song circles, all with creek-side camping! This year's lineup includes our own "Sunny at Midnight" along with Lisa Taylor, ilyaimy, Kipyn Martin, the Lua Project, Spice Cake, Kevin Neidig and much more including host band Andrew McKnight & Beyond Borders.

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

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

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

**Chasing Magic (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear)** [ChasingMagic-TheBand.com](http://ChasingMagic-TheBand.com)

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

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

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

**Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)**

[www.hickoryg.com](http://www.hickoryg.com)

**Jim Fowler:** [www.shoutmusicjim.com](http://www.shoutmusicjim.com)

**George Katsos -**

<https://www.submithub.com/link/follow-george-on-social-media>

**Rick Landers and Heartland:** <https://ricklanders.com/>

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

**Sherry Stewart (Sunny@Midnight)**  
[www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic](https://www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic)

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

**The Two Peas (Ann Granger and Larry Rice) - Harmony in Acoustic Music –**  
<http://www.thetwopeasmusic.com/>

"Music does a lot of things for a lot of people. It's transporting, for sure. It can take you right back, years back, to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It's uplifting, it's encouraging, it's strengthening." – Aretha Franklin



Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:15 PM ET at Amphora Diner Deluxe,  
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

**President:** Al Hobson **Treasurer:** Jen Katt

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**Newsletter:** Louis Klein, Dan Grove

**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 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 Louis Klein, [lklein21@gmail.com](mailto:lklein21@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](mailto: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 \$60 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/](http://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub](https://www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub)

**General Info:** Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

**Newsletter ideas:** Louis Klein: [lklein21@gmail.com](mailto:lklein21@gmail.com)

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **MUSIC GEAR for Sale**

- For Sale: Ukuleles, banjos, guitars, and mandolins. Contact TM at [press-room@birdphluph.com](mailto:press-room@birdphluph.com) for more info.