

The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

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

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Upcoming Events

Concerts are back! September 16th – Rachel Sumner and Traveling Light!
: Tuesday September 30th will be an ‘Unplugged’ night!

September 9th Showcase – Dan Telfer

by DanTE

“You’re Lucky! Most people don’t make it this far.” That was what my doctor friend had to say in May when I told him of my impending quadruple bypass heart surgery. Note: I wasn’t feeling all that Lucky at the time.

The picture below is also from last May, at the Folk Club’s 40th Anniversary celebration. The pictured assemblage helped me play my raucous version of Down At the Folk Club, with apologies to Creedence Clearwater Revival. I was thrilled to be joined by my talented musical compatriots. It proved to be a pre-surgery panacea that served me well. Even Ron Goad had fun! You can watch that big fun on YouTube thanks to Melissa and John Druitt’s recording prowess - see it here: <https://youtu.be/2rCjGkwormI?t=10662>.

When asked what kind of music I play, I answer Folk/Rock/Celtic. In that vein, I have enlisted several Folk Club favorites to help me out, names I think you’ll recognize: Marcy, Ben, Ellen, TM, and Ron Moore.

Hope y’all will join me,
and sing, dance, laugh,
tap your toes, enjoy,
and smile.... a lot.

Note: I’m feeling pretty
Lucky now!



Concert – Tuesday, September 16th



Bookish bite. Sharp harmonies. Songs about saints, scientists, and stubborn women.

Rachel Sumner & Traveling Light are a Boston-based string band making music that blends folk tradition with feminist storytelling, poetic detail, and just enough grit. At the center is Sumner's songwriting—rooted in history, myth, and personal reckoning—carried by close harmonies, upright bass, acoustic guitar, and fiddle. The trio features **Kat Wallace** on fiddle and vocals and **Mike Siegel** on upright bass and vocals, whose playing brings both tension and tenderness to the sound.



Their sound is spare and intimate, sometimes eerie, sometimes sweet, always intentional. They call it **Femericana**—sharp-edged Americana with a splash of feminine rage.

Sumner has performed at the Library of Congress, where five of her original songs are now archived, and was a 2024 winner of the Kerrville New Folk competition. Her song “Radium Girls (Curie Eleison)” struck a nerve—streamed over 300,000 times and picked up by dancers, theater directors, and deep listeners who saw themselves in its story. It's been tattooed on arms, sung in audition rooms, and carried into classrooms and protests. The kind of song people hold onto.

Rachel Sumner & Traveling Light has toured coast to coast, bringing their spellbinding live show to listening rooms, libraries, farms, and festivals across the country. They've appeared at Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, Earl Scruggs Festival, IBMA, and legendary folk listening rooms like Caffé Lena and Club Passim, where their shows have become a staple of the Boston folk scene.

Their latest release, *The Traveling Light Sessions*, reimagines Sumner's studio album *Heartless Things*—recorded live around one microphone with no overdubs. Just the way they play it.

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. September dates are September 15, and 29th. If you'd like to watch 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.

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. 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 – UPCOMING SHOWS

RESERVE SEATS NOW ...the Fifth Song Circle featuring Reston-Herndon Folk Club members will take place on Sept. 21, at 6:30 pm. Come and hear four Folk Clubbers (whom you may not hear as often) in a beautiful listening venue. Four performers will alternate sharing their songs. Jennifer Katt will host. Performers include Ron Moore, Will Flourance, Jan Gilles, and Caitlin Schneiderman.

When: Sept. 21, Sunday, 6:30 pm, FREE, with donation requested

Where: Al's Art Barn (artsbarnmusic.org)

RSVP: www.artsbarnmusic.org/events (scroll down to reserve), or to Jennifer Katt directly at jenkatt@comcast.net.



MORE SHOWS and SITES

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

Sat, 9/13 @ 7PM Steven Gellman Trio

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

Sun, 9/14 @ 2PM Creative Cauldron, Falls Church, VA, Tickets

Chasing Magic (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear) ChasingMagic-TheBand.com

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

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

Saturday 9/6, House Concert Fredericksburg, VA

Sunday 9/14, 9-1p Fairlington Farmers Market

Audrey Adair AudreyJAdair.com

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

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

Ron Goad – email: MisterGoad@aol.com

Jan Gillies: www.jangilliesmusic.com

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

Jim Fowler: www.shoutmusicjim.com

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

Steven Cutts ThePrimeCutts.com and Spotify, Apple Music, and Soundcloud

Focus Music - Visit www.focusmusic.org for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions – www.imtfolk.org



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, John Cantrell
Publicity: Dan Telfer, Kevin Nordlie
Bookings: John Cantrell
Newsletter: Ben Hamblin, 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 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, benhamblin@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 \$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/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub
General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

CLASSIFIEDS

MUSIC GEAR for Sale

- **For Sale: 2021 Martin HD-28E and case** (Fishman Aura VT Enh) 2600.00 Contact Al Hobson at president.folkclub@gmail.com

- **For Sale: Ukuleles, banjos, guitars, and mandolins.** Contact TM at pressroom@birdphluph.com for more info.