

Upcoming Event
Annual Folk Club Holiday Party, December 16, 2025
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December 9 Showcase – Kelly Diamond of Know1Else
by Kelly

Kelly Diamond performs and writes with Jay Keating as Know1Else, and occasionally plays out solo.

Kelly started playing music with Jay after her singing made an impression on him at a neighborhood party several years ago. Before that, her only music endeavors were some piano and a few guitar lessons, plus singing in the car and in the shower. They played Jay's original music and a few covers before starting to itch for new material. Kelly and Jay soon discovered that they had similar sensibilities about what makes a good song, and that her more straightforward way of expressing things complemented his more poetic style well. A co-writing journey began.

With "songs you haven't heard about things you have already lived," Know1Else's Third Wave music is for where you are now, or where you are headed. Jay's kids, Mae and John, used to sing with Know1Else (including a 2016 Folk Club showcase), but they have since moved on to different, and arguably more age-appropriate, pursuits. Ron Goad rounds out Know1Else's sound with percussion and backup vocals when we can tear him away from his other bands.

Kelly and Jay are both active in supporting the local songwriting community. As leaders of SAW (Songwriters' Association of Washington), they produce, promote, and host regular showcases, workshops, and other events, run the MASC (Mid Atlantic Song Contest), and encourage and promote original songwriting in other ways.

Originally from North Carolina, Kelly now lives in Bethesda. When not playing music or walking her dog, Kelly works part-time as an occupational therapy assistant in a skilled nursing facility.





Our Merry, Annual Holiday Party!

Plan to celebrate the season of joy Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m., at Amphora Deluxe Diner! The Folk Club's usual \$1 cover charge will be waived, but please plan to bring some extra \$\$ to contribute to our holiday gift to Olga and Sandra, who tirelessly serve us so thoughtfully throughout the year.



Please also consider bringing gift-wrapped CDs for a holiday exchange: We'll have elves on hand to help disseminate. And, look forward to delicious, complimentary cake!

To provide more with a chance to perform during this special evening, musicians are welcome to sign up for a one-song, four-minute slot.

Hope to see you, tuned-up merry and bright!

Folk Club Songwriter Lyrics

Recognize these lyrics by a club member?
We'll confirm the songwriter at a December Folk Club gathering.

*Into the night the lost souls stray
But love and light will find a way
Come creepin' in behind the gray
Like a sunrise on the ocean*

*And while we wait upon the beach
Our hands can put our hearts in reach
By lifting to our tongues ...
The unfelt dose of potion.*

To contribute your lyrics for a future newsletter issue, email cindy_mcconnell@comcast.net.

Folk Club Zoom & Videos

Zoom Open Mics: Every other Monday night at 7:30 pm Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. December dates are December 8 & 22. 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 in or perform; he'll send you the Zoom link.

Tuesday Night Open Mic Videos: To view 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 shows the link is blocked, right-click the link then choose the option to open it in a new tab or window.

More Upcoming Music Shows

Sundays in December: Chelle Fulk is excited to present six **Celtic Concerts**, featuring Charlie Zahm, Beth Patterson, TinSmith, and more, at the Old Brogue, Great Falls, VA. \$25/show; \$135/season. Read more: <https://oldbrogue.com/individual-celtic-concert-series-fall-2025-1>

Saturday, December 6, 7 p.m.: Valerie Stewart, whose latest album is Raíces | Roots, will perform at The Arts Barn in Herndon. Read more @ <https://artsbarnmusic.org/events/> and reserve your seat today!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 18, 6:30 p.m.: Jennifer Katt will host the **6th Song Circle** at The Arts Barn in Herndon. More details will be provided soon about the featured four talented performers, who will alternate sharing their songs. Plan to come out and enjoy wonderful music as well as complimentary food and drinks; suggested donation \$20. RSVP to Jenkatt@comcast.net; and read more @ <https://artsbarnmusic.org>

Music Websites & Contacts

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Folk Club Members

Audrey Adair: AudreyJAdair.com

Chris Anderson: ChrisAndersonSongs.com

Chasing Magic: <https://chasingmagic-theband.com>
Featuring John Druitt, Al Hobson, & Walt Lazear

Bill Davis: bil-davis@outlook.com

Jim Fowler: www.shoutmusicjim.com

Jan Gillies: www.jangilliesmusic.com

Ron Goad: Email: MisterGoad@aol.com

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

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

Shenandoah Run: www.shenandoahrun.com
Featuring Bob Melissinos, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson, & John Wertz

The Two Peas, Ann Granger and Larry Rice:
www.thetwopeasmusic.com

Others

The Arts Barn: <https://artsbarnmusic.org>
810 Elden St, Herndon, VA

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

Focus Music: www.focusmusic.org

Institute of Musical Traditions: www.imtfolk.org

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



Meets Tuesday Nights at 7 p.m. ET
at Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street,
Herndon, VA

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Kaminsky, Dave Hurd (in memoriam) & Beth
Drumheller

Keep in Touch!

Find out more about The Folk Club:

Website: folkclubofrestonherndon.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub

General Info: Contact Sue Schier @ 703-435-2402

Important Notice: Folk Club Newsletter Distribution

Effective this month, December 2025, the Folk Club newsletter will transition to a digital-only format, and print copies will no longer be mailed to members, although as always we will have some print copies available at Amphora. This change will help reduce volunteer time as well as environmental impact.

Our newsletters are sent via email to club members with email addresses on file. These publications are also available [online](http://www.folkclubofrestonherndon.org) at www.folkclubofrestonherndon.org

Still, we understand that digital access may not work for everyone. If you have an extenuating circumstance that requires we send a print copy by mail, please email Al Hobson at hobson.allen@gmail.com

Folk Club Format

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mic format with a signup board. Each performer is allowed 8 minutes.

Folk Club Membership

Become a member today! The process is the same if your membership has expired. Write a check to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or \$60 for 5 years. *Please DO NOT write 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 (mobile or landline), and residential address. You may also Venmo your dues to @Jennifer-Katt-1. Sorry, but we cannot accept payments through the website.

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 perform one, you must: 1) be a paid-up Folk Club member who has not performed 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

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, and other music-related items. Submissions are considered for music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your ideas and content to cindy_mcconnell@comcast.net

Music Gear for Sale

Martin guitar 000-15 w/ hard-shell case, solid mahogany, great condition. Pricing negotiable; contact Marjorie Myers @ 703-476-4544 or mm@stonepiano.com

2021 Martin HD-28E and case (Fishman Aura VT Enh) \$2,400 or best offer. Contact Al Hobson @ president.folkclub@gmail.com

Ukuleles, banjos, guitars, and mandolins. Contact TM @ pressroom@birdphluph.com