

The Folk Club

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May 13 Showcase - Larry Mediate

by Larry Mediate

As you all know, the Showcase drawing is held each month. The idea is to give the winner a double open mic set, six songs or 25 minutes. Only card holding members of the Folk Club of Reston/Herndon are eligible to participate, it's one of the many perks of being a member. So if you haven't forked over the 12 bucks it costs to join to Dave Hurd yet, maybe this fact will be an added incentive.

As far as I know, I'm the first showcase winner to do his own write up in the newsletter. Just come to the regular open mic on the second Tuesday in May and you'll see me. And as always, no wagering please!

All seriousness aside, I'm not going to use this space to tell everyone what I do for a living, where I came from, my favorite color or who my musical influences are. I'm going to say some things about the Club as it's President. Don't panic! I just want to thank all the people who make the Club work. Looking from the outside, I doubt if most folks realize how much effort it takes to produce the beautiful results we get each week. Who's going to do what each week is never planned, it just happens. I attribute this to the fact that our members have made a commitment to the club and feel that success depends on their involvement. I'm going to mention a couple of folks by name, if I don't mention your name, don't get all bent out of shape, everyone already knows who you are.

First I'd like to recognize Jim Rosencranz and John McConnell. These are the fellows who set up the sound equipment every week. I know that others help, but these two have done it more often than anyone. Let me put it this way, when they don't do it, I notice the difference. And speaking of sound systems, let's talk about the soundman. This is the poor person that must give up some of their enjoyment of the evening in order that others might sound better. Richard Flinchbaugh, Steve King and Ray Kaminsky are usually twisting knobs in this capacity. I like the fact that at the end of the evening, everyone pitches in and puts the sound equipment away. This is often done amid cries of "Down With the System!" I guess it's a throwback to our hippie roots.

Moving right along, let's talk Kaminskys! Namely Ray and Ellen. Ray, besides being the "King of Blue Eyed Blues," does the bookings for all of the professional acts in our concert series. I know if Ray books an act, we're all going to enjoy it. Thanks Ray! And then there's Ellen, where would we be without Ellen? She usually handles the MC responsibilities for the evening. The Club would be a much noisier place without her shushing. She's doing many other things for the Club that can't be mentioned here for security reasons ;-)

Lastly, but not leastly, I'd like to thank Pat Chen for taking our music out into the community. Pat does this by organizing performances at area retirement homes. I consider this work to be extremely important. Hats off to you Pat for giving up your free time to brighten another's day.

It's hard to thank everyone that makes the Club go at one sitting, so I'll save the rest for the next time I'm the showcase performer.

Inside:



Bruce Davies

1997 Herndon Festival May 29 - June 1

See the back page for a schedule of musical acts at this year's festival!

Bruce Davies

7:30 PM May 20, 1997

Tickets \$9 (\$8 members)



Bruce Davies is a versatile and faithful interpreter of traditional and contemporary folk songs. His voice has received much critical acclaim on Radio Scotland, as has his mastery of six- and twelve-string guitar. Bruce's songwriting received national recognition when he won the prestigious Edinburgh Songwriters' Competition in 1995 with the poignant love song *A Wish for Me*, which has been compared to the writing of Tom Paxton. Bruce draws his material from a variety of sources, initially Scottish folk music, then expanding to encompass a broad range of popular and folk music. Bruce comes from Kingskettle, Fife (near Edinburgh, Scotland), has seven releases there for Rothes Recording, and has just released his first U.S. recording *Will Ye No' Come Back Again?*

Bruce is well known in the British Isles as part of the popular duo Beggar's Mantle, with fellow Scotsman Bill McArthur, with whom he started playing in the smallest venues and ended up in 2000 seat auditoriums. Since Bruce started his solo career in 1989, he has played over 200 dates a year in the British Isles, Europe, Africa and North America. Bruce is known for his dynamic stage presence and participative approach to the audience. Welcome this national award winning artist to The Folk Club.

THEY CAME, THEY PLAYED, THEY FROZE

by Lynn B. Jordan

To say that it was cold was an understatement. To say that it was windy was an understatement. At least it was sunny – the sun, which shown bright and warm when we moved the entertainment out from under the yellow and white striped tent canopy, was our only savior. The Folk Club was invited by the Fairfax County Park Authority to provide entertainment at Frying Pan Park for the March for Parks fund raiser on Saturday, April 19.

The Frozen Fingers Awards go to the following folk club members for service above and beyond the call of duty: Todd Crowley (autoharp), Somos El Mar (Pat Chen, fiddle and percussion, Lynn Romano, guitar and percussion, and Jim Rosenkrans, guitar), Space Time Gourmets (T.M. Hanna, mandolin and guitar, Eric Forthman, guitar, and Fritzi Alwin, guitar), and the duo of Richard Flinchbaugh (guitar) and Ric Bailey (guitar). Thanks to folk club member Nina Annmahian who showed up to support our group and who played along on her recorder. The following dogs also enjoyed the festivities: Woody, Chelsea, and Misti.

And, finally, thanks to Yvonne Johnson in the Park Authority for inviting us and for bringing us coffee and hot chocolate to keep us warm.

For Sale - Ovation Balladeer, 6 string guitar with hardshell case, \$250

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Sound system and engineer, reasonable rates
Richard Flinchbaugh - (703) 255-0112

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Barbara Ryan - (703) 451-4492

Board of Directors Expands

Please welcome two new members to the Board of Directors, Sue Beffel and Dan Grove, who were elected in April. Board membership is available to just about anyone willing to do extra work (the eccentricity exhibited by most current members is not normally a prerequisite) - if you'd like to join in, let a board member know!

IN CONCERT

(Folk Club Members' local performances - send your schedule to the editor to be included)

IONA

May 18, 3:00PM, Burke Center 20th Anniversary Concert, Burke Conservancy, 6060 Burke Center Pkwy, Burke, VA (703) 978-2928

Ray Kaminsky

May 15, 7:00 PM, Centreville H.S., 600 Union Mill Rd., Clifton, Va, (703) 802-5400

May 18, 2:00 PM, Leaf Through Bookstore, 1701L Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD (301) 230-8998

May 23, 8:00 PM, Americana Stage (see venue below), with **John Jackson**

May 31, Noon, Herndon Festival Cafe Stage (see article in this issue)

Andrew McKnight

May 11, 3:00 PM, Club Passim, Cambridge, MA

May 17, 3rd Annual Folks for Shelter, Benefit for Loudoun Habitat for Humanity, Lucketts Community Center, Lucketts, VA

May 24, 8:00 PM, Americana Stage (see venue listing below), with Dana Robinson

Pam Steinfeld

May 26, 1:00 PM, Stringfellows (see venue listing below)

Lisa Taylor

May 20, 6:30 PM, Starbucks Bradlee Center Plaza, 3690 King St., Alexandria, VA (703) 845-9563, with Erin Mckeown and Carolyn Jane June-July, touring Europe (based in France) as the drummer for the Hots Jazz Orchestra!

LOCAL VENUES

(Folk Club members are listed in boldface - *the Folk Club's events are listed on the back page*)

Club Acoustic Productions House Concert Series - Sundays in Herndon, 6:30 PM socializing, 7:00 PM Concert. For reservations (required) and directions call (703) 689-0444 May 25 - Pete Nelson

The Americana Stage - 8:00 PM, in the storefront adjacent to the Leesburg Restaurant, 9 South King St., Old Town Leesburg, (703) 777-3292 (Concert info hotline (703) 777-3523)

May 23 - **John Jackson** and **Ray Kaminsky** May 24 - **Andrew McKnight** and Dana Robinson

Starbucks Coffeehouse, Cascades - every Wednesday & Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM, 21021 Southbank St. Sterling VA, (703) 421-0932

May 7 - Christopher Russell

May 8 - Cliff Art

May 14 - Chet Lowther

May 15 - Steve Hudson

May 21 - Erin Mckeown

May 22 - Suzanne Michele

May 28 - Jeff Aug

May 29 - Venus Rising

Starbucks Coffeehouse, Northpoint Village - every Wednesday, 6:30 PM, 1444 Northpoint Village, Reston VA (703) 787-9341

May 7 - Jerry Bresee

May 14 - Christopher Russell, Carolyn Jane, Mary Byrd Brown

May 21 - Linda Lees & the Lucky 4

May 28 - Steve Hudson

Starbucks Coffeehouse, Burke Center Plaza - every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM, 6003-A Burke Ctr. Pkwy, VA (703) 250-2292

May 7 - Christopher Russell, Suzanne Michele, Mary Byrd Brown May 14 - Dave Alberding May 21 - Dave Goodrich May 28 - Carolyn Jane

Stringfellows - every Saturday, 6:00 PM, 201 Union St., Occoquan, VA (703) 494-3755

May 10 - Running with Scissors

May 16 (Friday, 6:30 PM) - Silver Lining

May 17 - Anthony Gerogosian

May 24 - Joe Potente

May 26 (Monday, 1:00 PM) - **Pam Steinfeld**

May 31 - Matthew Smith

Folk Club Guest Artists

and Special Events

prices are for nonmembers/members - it pays to join!
all times are 7:30 PM

- May 13 Larry Mediate Showcase n/a
- May 20 Bruce Davies \$9/8
- May 27 Folk Club 12th Birthday! Free
- June 17 James Mee \$7/6
- July 22 Mary Flower \$9/8
- Aug. 19 Andrew McKnight/Lisa Taylor \$8/7

Herndon Festival Music Schedule

Day	🕒	Center Stage	Cafe Stage
Thurs. May 29	7:30	The Coasters	
Friday May 30	5:30	Pat McGee Band	
	7:30	Eddie From Ohio	
Saturday May 31	11:00		Andrew McKnight
	Noon		Ray Kaminsky & Paul Watson
	1:00		Vicky Pratt Keating
	2:00		Louise Taylor
	3:00	The Midnight Movers	Suzzy Roche (of The Roches)
	4:30		Mary Flower
	5:00	Ruhie & the Wranglers	(Mary Flower continues)
	5:30 - 7:30		Pete & Maura Kennedy
	7:30	The Shirelles	Beausoleil (at the Depot Stage)
Sunday June 1	12:00		Karen Savoca
	1:00	Marge Calhoun	Jennifer Kimball (of the Story)
	2:00		Richard Shindell
	3:00		Karen Savoca
	4:00 - 6:00	The Guess Who	Laurie Rose Griffith & Peter Mealy

The Folk Club
Tuesday nights, 7:30 PM
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