

# The Folk Club

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## September 8 Showcase – Deirdre Murphy

Since her last showcase, Deirdre Murphy has a new job and a good story.

First, the job: after several years at the World Bank, Deirdre now edits medical literature at Eagle Design and Management in Bethesda. She enjoys the work, and loves the shorter commute.

Second, the story: when she was twenty-one years old, Deirdre was playing folk music in assorted, and frequently rowdy, Manhattan clubs. One of them was named 'Himself' by its exquisitely self-referential owner, an Irishman named Malachy McCourt who also wrote a funny drunkalog of a book called *A Monk Swimming*. It was Malachy's brother Frank who recently won the Pulitzer Prize for *Angela's Ashes*... small world, and a good story. She has other stories of that era, too, including the time two gentlemen knelt down and kissed her mini-skirted knees as she sang a sad love ballad in a pub. They're high government officials now, but Deirdre wouldn't identify them further....

If you haven't heard Deirdre's voice before, you're in for a treat. Her lovely soprano has graced everything from operatic arias and the theater to jazz and folk classics. She grew up the youngest of four singing siblings in a very musical family, and could play the Hungarian Rhapsody on the piano at age six. She had seven years of classical voice lessons, and took college courses in music theory and counterpoint. Peter, Paul, and Mary and Judy Collins are her biggest influences in the folk world, and she loves the voices of Anne Hills and Priscilla Herdman. Deirdre has been leaning a bit more toward jazz lately, and listens to pianists and horn players as well as vocalists.

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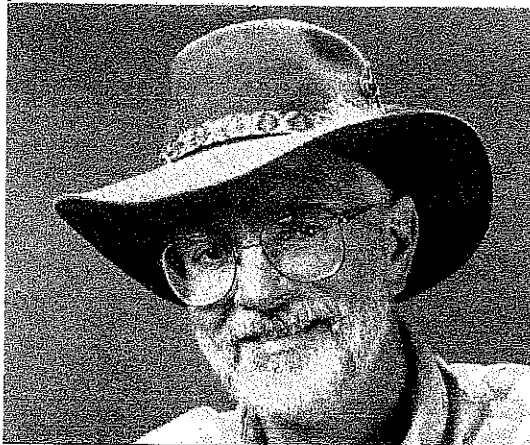
*Bill Staines returns to the Folk Club September 15th*

Rick Kenny will join Deirdre for one of the songs in her showcase. Don't miss it!

## Herndon Folk Festival - Sunday, October 11, 1998 Noon to 5pm

This year's lineup includes: Al Petteway & Amy White, The Kennedys, Lisa Cerbone, Harvey Reid, Vance Gilbert, Julie Sanderson, Ray Kaminsky, Liz Queler, Lisa Taylor, Debi Smith, Stephen Fearing, Erica Wheeler, Mick Souter, Bill Wellington, and Jack Stanton.

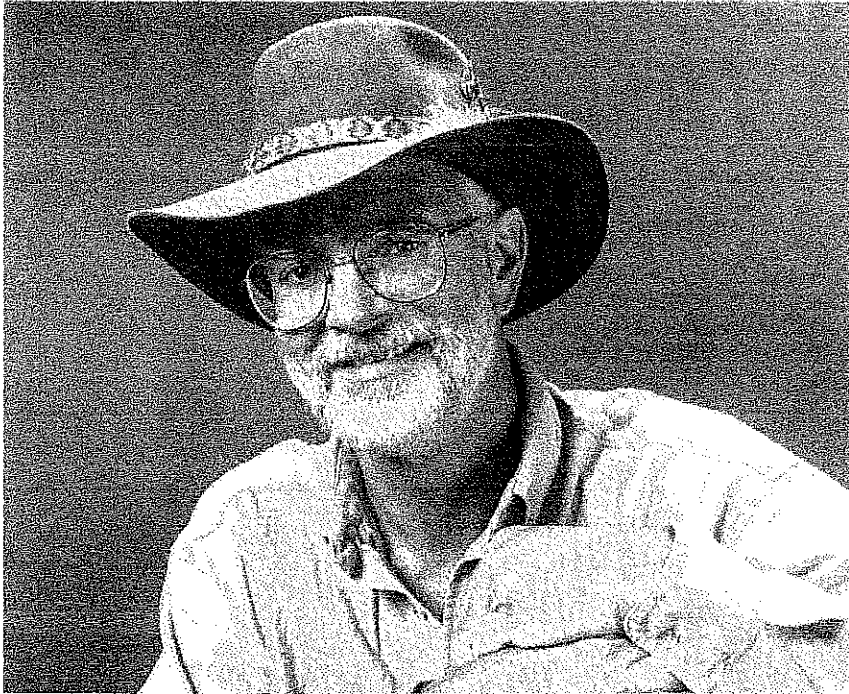
As always volunteers are needed to help with various and sundry tasks. Please contact Ellen Kaminsky if you can donate some time on that day.



# BILL STAINES

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

The Folk Club  
Proudly Presents ...  
7:30 PM  
September 15, 1998  
at the Tortilla Factory  
648 Elden Street  
Herndon, VA



Bill Staines is renowned as one of America's finest singer song writers, evidenced by the number of artists around the world who cover and win recognition with Bill's songs. **The Roseville Fair** topped this area MusicAmericana listener survey with **Makem and Clancy's** offering; and second vote going to **Nanci Griffith's** version. **Faith of Man** covered by **Priscilla Herdman** stayed on the WFMA survey chart for years. Anyone not familiar with the music of Bill Staines is in for a special treat; but be forewarned, his shows have sold out in every one of his prior engagements at The Folk Club.

Mason Williams, Grampa Jones, Jerry Jeff Walker on the national scene; the Mill Run Dulcimer Band, Magpie, Mighty Possums, Hickory Grove, George Turman and Side by Side on the regional scene, round out a sampling of artists performing and recording Bill's songs. But the best performer of Bill's music is Bill himself. In 1990 alone, Bill performed at over 200 concert dates; and he has been touring for over 20 years.

Bill weaves a magical blend of wit and gentle humor into his shows, as one reviewer wrote, "he has a sense of timing to match the best stand up comic. His music is a slice of Americana, relecting with the same ease , his feelings about the prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers in the Yukon." Interspersed between original songs, Bill includes songs ranging from traditional folk tunes to more contemporary country ballads, and delights in having the audience participate in many of the numbers - with **All God's Critters** being a memorable favorite. He may even do a yodeling tune or two, having won the National Yodeling Championship in 1975 at the **Kerrville Folk Festival**. Bill was voted Boston's **best performer** by **The Phoenix** and **favorite performer** by **The Boston Globe's** annual Reader's Poll in consecutive years. Radio and television performances have included "A **Prairie Home Companion**", "**Mountain Stage**", and a host of local programs on PBS and network TV.

# IN CONCERT

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

## Ray Kaminsky

Fri 09/11/98 MD 49 West Coffeehouse/Annapolis (410) 626-9796  
Sat 09/19/98 MD Frederick Coffee Company/Frederick (301) 698-0039  
Sat 10/03/98 VA Waterford Festival/Waterford (540) 882-3921  
Sat 10/10/98 VA Gulliver's/Luray (540) 743-4460  
Sat 10/17/98 VA Potomac Overlook Park/Arlington (703) 528-5406

## Julia Rose

September 5, Saturday @ Planet X, College Pk, MD, 9pm  
September 12, Saturday @ Franklyn's Coffeehouse, DC 8pm  
September 18, Friday @ Coffeehouse 333, Annapolis, MD, 8pm  
September 19, Saturday @ New Deal Cafe, Greenbelt, MD, 9pm  
September 25, Friday @ Funk's Democratic Coffee Spot, Bal. MD 9pm  
October 3, Saturday @ Planet X, College Pk, MD, 9pm

## Bridges to Bliss (Don Bridges, Bobbi Bliss, David Scales)

9/05 Sat 3-4 pm Kids\* show at Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, municipal center, 1 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt. FREE. 301/397-2208

## Pete Brown and the Mad Cows (Pete Brown & TM Hanna)

9/12 Sat 8:30pm - 12 Mckeever's Pub, Mclean  
10/3 Sat 10- 1:30am TGIF, Tysons Corner

## Mike Ball

9/12 Sat Poolesville Old Time Day 11AM to 4PM Poolesville, MD  
(editor's note: If you never taken the Ferry, the General Jubal Early, from Leesburg to Poolesville this would be a good opportunity.)

## LOCAL VENUES

**Starbucks Coffeehouse, Cascades** - every Thursday, 7:00-9:00 PM, 21021 Southbank St., Sterling, VA (703) 421-0932

Featuring a variety of singer-songwriters and folk musicians.

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**Marks Pub, Falls Church** - Open Mic - Wednesdays- 8:30 - 12:00

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# Folk Club Guest Artists,

## Showcases, and Special Events

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

Sep. 8	Deirdre Murphy Showcase	NC
Sep. 15	Bill Staines	\$10/9
Oct. 13	Mike Seeger	\$12/9
Nov. 17	Anne Hills	\$10/9

## Folk Club Format

On most nights, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer gets 12 minutes, including setup time (about 3 songs, usually). A \$1 donation is requested.

## Showcase Performances

On the second Tuesday of each month, we feature a Folk Club member in a two set (25-minute) "Showcase" performance. To be in a showcase all you have to do is:

- be a Folk Club member (who hasn't done a showcase in 6 months)
- fill out a lottery slip any time in the month before the drawing
- win the drawing (held on the night of the previous month's showcase); and
- practice, practice, practice!

## Newsletter Submissions

Club members' performances will be listed in the club calendar, and members' music-related notices (instruction, equipment for sale, etc.) will be listed free of charge.

Articles, reviews, artwork, and other items related to music are welcome, although publication can't be guaranteed.

You may contact T.M.Hanna at <birdphluph@pressroom.com > or (703) 430-3497 with submissions or for more information.

Anyone wishing to help with the newsletter or volunteer for a term as Newsletter Editor please contact TM.

## The Folk Club

Tuesday nights, 7:30 PM  
at The Tortilla Factory  
648 Elden St., Herndon, VA  
(703) 471-1156

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## MEMBERSHIP · ADDRESS CHANGES · RENEWAL

Check your mail label - your membership expiration date (in Year-Month-Day format, YYYYMMDD) is there. To renew, or to join for the first time, please send your check for \$12, payable to The Folk Club, to membership chair Dave Hurd at the return address below.

He's the one to send any address changes to as well.

## The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon



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