

# THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON—HERNDON

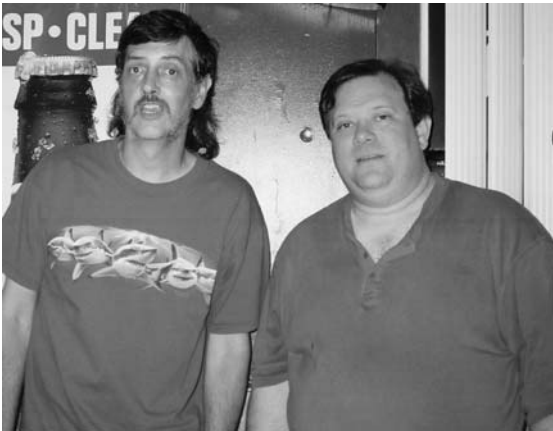
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*Preserving the traditions of  
Folk Music, Folklore and Gentle Folk Ways*

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## September 14 Showcase - T. M. Hanna

*By Dan Grove*



**Thomas Michael Hanna** disappeared from the small western Pennsylvania village of his birth many years ago. The locals still talk, of course, about the lad with a penchant for good-natured mischief, Vernor's ginger ale, and girls. Oh, and music, too, let's not forget that.

"TM," as he came to be called, started playing and writing songs very early, but nobody could figure out where he got his inspiration. In a bucolic village of less than 100 people, with hills and valleys and woods and creeks all over, he seemed to channel a different universe. Folks marveled at TM's bent for banging on bongos and singing surf songs, like he was an alien plopped into their midst. Well, perhaps "marveled" is the wrong word, a tad euphemistic for the actual reaction. TM found it easier to remove himself to more private places to tinitinnabulate and extol the atolls, places where his family and neighbors wouldn't hear him. Initially this was out in the woods around the town, where he could furtively pursue his art. On one of these outings he stumbled upon someone else's remote spot for furtive activity, a clandestine stash of, um, well, "art" magazines – he wrote a song about it, of course. Maybe he'll do it for the showcase, with bongos and Dick Dale surf guitar for accompaniment... but we digress.

TM soon began exploring the world far beyond the village, and has seen most of this country up close. He's tinkered at playing almost every instrument imaginable, but has settled on the mandolin as his ace axe. His musical tastes have expanded, too - he's got a remarkable knowledge of Pop and Folk musicology, especially about American songwriters of the last 200 years. Mention a song, and he'll know all about its writer and recording history. To top it off, he's a witty stand-up comedian for the patter between songs.

Over the years, TM has performed with a variety of groups, like the Justis League, the Space Time Gourmets, the Mad Cows, and the Porch Monkeys. He's played all over, but keeps coming back to the Folk Club because it's the only place where his eccentricities are overshadowed by everyone else's, and the challenge to rise to our level is inspiring. Accompanying TM for the showcase will be **Eric Forthman** on guitar and bass, a former compatriot from the **Space Time Gourmets**. Don't miss it!



# Tim Harrison

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

**The Folk Club  
Proudly Presents...  
7:30 PM  
September 21, 2004  
at the Tortilla Factory  
648 Elden Street  
Herndon, VA**



**Tim Harrison** is one of Canada's finest singer-songwriters on the folk music landscape today, whose poignant themes and vivid images reveal him as a storyteller of our time, an archetypal traveler singing with compassion and hope. Revered in his home Canada, Tim has released seven albums since 1979, including *Train Going East* (produced by Stan Rogers), *In the Barroom Light* on Fogarty's Cove label, and *The Stars Above, Bridges, Tim Harrison, Sara and The Sea*, and *Wheatfield With Crows* – which positioned Tim in the top 5 of Canadian folk musicians (re: folkdj-1).

'Song of Thanksgiving' from *Wheatfield With Crows* was published in the Fall issue of America's premier roots music magazine, "Sing Out", and included on their compilation CD. Tim is currently recording a new collection of songs due for release in the fall of 2004.

Tim has been described as a “wizard with words, wringing poetry from our everyday struggles and making those subtle shifts in imagery that make a great songwriter. He has the all-too-rare ability to reach inside and body forth lyrics that are from the heart and real. The true heritage of folk music - alive not archival.” What is remarkable as well is Tim's ability to evoke the essence and mood of his lyrics as much through his beautifully wrought arrangements as through his verse. Tim is known for rendering a dynamic and powerful performance that never fails to delight. His wit, rapport with audiences, and storytelling are legendary. He is one of those rare artists, whose talents in the studio translate to the stage and vice versa, creating an inspiring and magical presence in both musical forums.

Tim has played everywhere from the **Philadelphia Folk Festival** to Toronto's Harbourfront Centre for the Performing Arts, the Stan Rogers Folk Festival to New York's Speakeasy and Café Lena, and from England's Midland Arts Centre to Scotland's An Lanntair Arts Centre.

Tim was the **founding artistic director** of the Summerfolk Music and Crafts festival in Owen Sound, the artistic director of the All-Canadian Mariposa Festival, Northwinds folk festival and the Eaglewood Folk Festival. Tim was recognized with the **Porcupine Award** for his work in building and sustaining folk music in Canada.

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## UPCOMING PERFORMERS

<http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=venue&value=Folk+Club+of+Reston-Herndon>

**Harvey Reid w/Joyce Andersen** – Oct 12, 7:30pm \$12/\$11 – traditional and modern roots music extraordinaire  
**Small Potatoes** – Nov 9, 7:30pm \$10/\$9 – eclectic mix of acoustic stylings from “Celtic to Cowboy”

## MUSICAL NOTES



### Blues In the 'Burg – September 9-11

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Blues Festival in downtown Fredericksburg will be celebrating the history of Virginia blues artists with the premiere of the "Traditional Blues in Virginia" exhibit. Many great artists and a free showing of the film "Blues House Party." Call (866) 785-6472 for tickets and info or visit the website at <http://www.bluesintheburg.org>

### Bluemont Fair – September 18 & 19

Come join the fun at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of this country fair. Great entertainment (including several Folk Club members). Food, crafts, and fun for the whole family. Visit the website for further details: <http://www.bluemontfair.com>

### Takoma Park Folk Festival – September 12

The annual fall festival is looking for volunteers. The performers and workshops are great. Support your local musicians and have a good time. Good food and vendors too.

### The Reston Multicultural Festival

Will be held Saturday, September 18 from 10am-6pm at the Lake Anne Village Center. Entertainers wanted (for nothing or next to nothing). To perform, contact Haywood R. Hopson, Sr., Special Events Director, at the Reston Community Center, (703) 648-2838.

### Herndon Folk Music Festival – October 3, 12-6pm

The Herndon Folk Music Festival annually presents national and regional talent on the outdoor stage in downtown Herndon (at the Herndon Municipal Complex.) Heritage crafters and demonstrations, refreshments and other activities complete the event for adults and families.

### House Concert – Alastair Mook

Malinda Sutcliffe will be hosting a house concert on October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm featuring Alastair Mook, the award-winning young singer-songwriter who has previously been featured as a Folk Club guest artist. Seating will no doubt fill up rapidly, so contact Malinda early to reserve a place!

4771 Blockhouse Point Place  
Potomac Falls, VA (Sterling)  
(703) 421-5630

[malindajot@mindspring.com](mailto:malindajot@mindspring.com)

\$15.00 suggested contribution (to benefit musician)

## ALL AROUND THE TOWN

*You'll find Folk Club members in every joint in town!*

**Somos El Mar**, [www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar)

**Don Bridges**, [www.donbridgesongs.com](http://www.donbridgesongs.com)

### Ray Kaminsky

**9/11**, 7pm, Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 Marcey Rd, Arlington, VA w/Jeff Glassie

**9/12**, 11am, Tara Winery - Great Grape Festival, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg, VA w/Jack Fretwell

**9/18**, 10-3pm, Bluemont Fair, EE Lake Store w/Jack Fretwell

**9/19**, 11-4pm, Bluemont Fair, EE Lake Store solo

<http://www.musical.com/search?key=performers&value=Ray+Kaminsky>

### Pretty Ugly (formerly Bad With Names)

**9/18**, 12:15pm, Bluemont Fair, Stone's Field

**9/19**, 10am, Bluemont Fair, Community Center

### TM Hanna

**9/10**, Avalon Resort, Paw Paw, WV, 9 PM – 12 w/The Justis League (Doris Justis & Mike Diller,) 304-947-5600

**9/19**, 12:45, Bluemont Fair w/The Justis League, Stone's Field

**9/18**, The Freeman House, Vienna, VA, 1-3 PM, w/**Don Bridges** and Friends 703-938-5187

**9/19**, The Poor House, Westminster, MD w/**Don Bridges** and Friends, 7-9 PM

**9/24**, College Perk, College Park, MD, 8-9 PM w/**Don Bridges** and Friends, [www.collegeperk.org](http://www.collegeperk.org)

**9/26**, BarktoberFest, Melodee Music, Sterling, VA w/October Skies

**10/01**, The Unity Club, Falls Church, VA 10-12 midnight w/**Don Bridges** and Friends, 703-534-9835

**10/08**, Avalon Resort, Paw Paw, WV, 9PM – 12 w/the Justis League

### Lea Coryell & Joan Kennedy

**9/19**, 12:45, Bluemont Fair, Stone's Field

### Ben Hamblin

**9/18**, Coffee House Worship at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, VA, 5:25-7:00 PM



### Editor's Note

There's a new sheriff in town, an' he's lookin' for a posse to help track down interestin' information for the Folk Club newsletter. Eff'n any y'all catch wind o' sumthin' that'd be good for the Folkies to know about, just lasso it and head it over to my corral, care of [bhampton@ossva.com](mailto:bhampton@ossva.com). (Items included will o' course depend on how much room I got in the corral. Thankee kindly!)

## THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:30pm at The Tortilla Factory  
648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA

**President:** Ray Kaminsky

**Treasurer:** Dave Hurd

**Board of Directors:** Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier

**Publicity:** Sue Schier

**Bookings:** Ray Kaminsky

**Newsletter:** Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Ray Kaminsky, Dave Hurd

**Newsgroup:** Dianne Lafleur

**Website:** Tom Shabala

### FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a signup board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance.

### SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

To be in the Showcase you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 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, artwork and other music-related items to Bob Hampton at [bhampton@ossva.com](mailto:bhampton@ossva.com). Information should be received 1 week prior to the end of the month for the next month's newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space.

### GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Advance ticket purchases for Guest Artist concert performances can be made on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

### TUNE-IN TO THE FOLK CLUB

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The cost is nominal, just \$12 per year. Along with the opportunity to participate in Showcase drawings, you get a \$1 discount on the ticket price of guest artist concerts (up to 2 tickets per show). Buy 2 tickets to every show and you've saved a bundle! Join up on Folk Club Tuesdays, or call a board member for info.

### NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club now has a chatty little newsgroup. It's a great way of keeping in touch on what's happening around town and beyond. Find it at [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com) by doing a search for:

**FolkClubofRestonHerndon**

### WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at:

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

Hop online and keep up with the latest happenings!

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** Keith Young custom concert Appalachian dulcimer. Walnut & butternut, ebony fretboard, pearl inlay, planetary tuners. Excellent condition. Many extras. \$540. Email [ibstrumin@earthlink.net](mailto:ibstrumin@earthlink.net)

**WANTED:** Acoustic 6-string guitar with pre-amp, good tone, pleasant action, and reasonable price. Call Inni at 540-323-4444

**FOR SALE:** 1975 Guild G-37 guitar. Beautiful blonde with spruce top, rosewood neck, and a curvy backside. Crisp, big sound. Excellent condition. Always had medium strings, only one owner. Only played on Blue Mondays. \$750. Email [lafleur22@hotmail.com](mailto:lafleur22@hotmail.com)

**WANTED:** Your old guitar strings! The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world's most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd, Ellington, CT 06029.



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