



## STANDING ROOM ONLY

« **The Starlings** “kick the alt out of alt-country” as they perform country classics and their own original tunes. With Casey Neill. Backstage: 9 p.m. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, Washington. \$7. 202-667-7960, blackcatdc.com, mspace.com/starlings.

## AROUND TOWN

### TOURS

» **“Encompassing the Globe: Portugal and the World in the 16th and 17th Centuries”**

The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery is offering a guided tour of the special exhibition “Encompassing the Globe: Portugal and the World in the 16th and 17th Centuries.”

**Info:** 1:15 p.m. Free. Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW. Call 202-357-2700 or visit [www.asia.si.edu](http://www.asia.si.edu).

### CITY ACTIVITY

» **Filmmaking workshop**

The National Museum of Women in the Arts and filmmaker Rebecca Devlin are hosting a weeklong filmmaking workshop for teens, where they can develop, shoot and edit their own short digital movie to show to family and friends.

**Info:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free, reservations required. 1250 New York Ave. NW. Call 202-783-7370 or visit [www.nmwa.org](http://www.nmwa.org).



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## SOUNDS » JOSHUA RICH

# Musician brings songs for all ages

By Emily Cary  
Special to the Examiner

Joshua Rich brings his cross-generational show to Live! On Woodrow Wilson Plaza for a potpourri of his tuneful, witty songs for all ages. A master on the keyboard of jazz, rock and classical styles, he writes lyrics that tickle the funny bone one minute and propel the listener to save mankind the next.

“My show on the plaza will be an upbeat hybrid program that includes humorous kid songs, jazz for the adults, some classics and original songs with an environmental emphasis,” he says. “I’ll also include a few pieces from ‘it’s a global thing,’ my new multicultural CD, and from my upcoming album about being a dad. I love watching kids develop musically. They are the future.”

### IF YOU GO

Pianist/composer Joshua Rich  
» **Venue:** Live! On Woodrow Wilson Plaza  
» **Time:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. today  
» **Tickets:** Free  
» **Information:** [Live@itcdc.com](mailto:Live@itcdc.com)

Often, local PTAs engage Rich to work with children in their school, sometimes in residencies during which he writes a musical play based on the curriculum. The culminating activity is the student performance of his work.

His song and album titles are unique in that they all appear in lower case. This touch reflects his admiration of the gentleness, simplicity and subtleness of poet e. e. cummings. He wrote “hold on” for the American Cancer Society’s re-



Joshua Rich - Courtesy photo

lay for life, “best of me” for a friend’s wedding, “gonna get a haircut” to remove a childhood fear of the barber and “trying vegetables” to ease qualms at the dinner table.

“The first song I wrote was ‘trying vegetables’ at age 12, and it’s still a favorite of my audiences,” he says. “Adults and kids both like it because the lyrics are fun and it’s written in a style reminiscent of The Beatles.

“I was inspired to write ‘talking to furniture’ when a friend asked me to paint some furniture and I traded the work for child care. Upon finding myself talking to the furniture, I began writing songs that became a symbol of different personal relationships, some coming together, others falling apart.”

Now a resident of the Washington area, Rich grew up in suburban Boston admiring the styles of such diverse artists as Scott Joplin, Gershwin, Mozart and The Beatles. Along with performing, composing, conducting and arranging music, he has served as musical director for gala events featuring such celebrities as composer/conductor Marvin Hamlisch, Sen. Hillary Clinton and actor Peter Ustinov. Following his appearance at Twins Lounge Jazz Club in D.C. on Aug. 23, he will begin broadcasting on XM Satellite Radio’s Kids Channel so families can enjoy listening together as they travel in the car.

“Music is crucial to everyone, even though they may not know it,” he says. “I could make a strong case for bringing music and the arts in general to schools and the world. Music is invaluable in healing and in conveying joy, happiness and the feeling that anything is possible.”

## HAPPY RETURNS

The Examiner helps you map out your happy hour itinerary:

### MONDAY

#### Union Street Public House

121 S. Union St., Alexandria  
703-548-1785

» **4 to 7 p.m.:** All draft beers are \$2; \$2.50 house wines; discounted appetizers

#### Agraria Restaurant

3000 K St. NW  
202-298-0003

» **4 to 9 p.m.:** \$3 Artisan domestic bottles (only at bar and lounge) 1/2 priced specialty cocktails

### TUESDAY

#### 18th Amendment

613 Pennsylvania Ave. SE  
202-543-3622

» **4 to 8 p.m.:** \$2.50 Yuengling & Bud Light pints; \$4 Jacobs Creek wines. \$3 well drinks (downstairs).

» **All night:** \$2 Miller High Life bottles (downstairs). 1/2 price pizza

#### Buffalo Wing University

10312 Willard Way, Fairfax  
703-273-6336

» **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.:** \$7 domestic pitchers, \$8 import pitcher

### WEDNESDAY

#### Stetsons

1610 U St. NW  
202-667-6295

» **4:30 to 8 p.m.:** \$2.50 rail drinks and miller drafts; additional drinks specials; half-price turkey burgers

#### Duffy's Irish Restaurant & Pub

2106 Vermont Ave. NW  
202-265-3413

» **All day until 7 p.m.:** \$2 bottles of Stella, Harp, Corona, Red Stripe, Heineken, Bud, Miller Lite; \$4 Pilsner Urquell drafts

### THURSDAY

#### La Tasca Arlington

2900 Wilson Blvd., Arlington  
703-812-9120

» **4 to 7 p.m.:** \$3 draft beer, sangria, house wine; \$12 bottles of wine; \$13 pitchers of sangria; \$5 Margaritas and Cosmos; \$2.50 happy hour food menu.

» **Until 9 p.m.:** 1/2 price sangria pitchers

#### Union Jack's

9615 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda  
301-652-2561

» **7 p.m. to close:** Ladies Night with \$3 flavored Martinis, Cosmos and Yuengling pints.

### FRIDAY

#### Rock Bottom Brewery Arlington

4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington  
703-516-7688

» **All day until 9 p.m.:** Bigger than Pint Day — Buy a 23 oz. beer for \$5.95, you keep the glass plus get \$3 refills (\$4 after 9 p.m.)

#### Cafe Asia

1550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington  
703-741-0870

» **4 to 7:30 p.m.:** \$2 Drafts- Miller Lite, Ichiban, Sam Adams & Sam Adams seasonal, Bass Ale; Saki- \$1.75 small, \$3.50 large; \$2 appetizers (bar only)

## DINE WITH US

### Area Code

ALX - Alexandria  
ARL - Arlington

FFX - Fairfax  
MTG - Montgomery Co.

	Restaurant	Phone	Area Code	Website
AMERICAN	<b>WAREHOUSE BAR &amp; GRILL</b>	<b>703.683.6868</b>	ALX	<a href="http://warehousebarandgrill.com">warehousebarandgrill.com</a>
	\$24.95 - Horseradish Crusted Salmon - Topped with Maine Lobster			
	<b>POLO GRILL RESTAURANT</b>	<b>703.550.0002</b>	FFX	<a href="http://pologrill.net">pologrill.net</a>
	\$16.95 - Cajun Chicken Oscar - Topped with spicy lump crab & crawfish & hollandaise sauce			
BLUE IGUANA	<b>703-502-0706</b>	FFX	<a href="http://blueiguana.net">blueiguana.net</a>	
	\$21 - Weeknight Dinner Special. Exclusive Three Course Menu served Sun-Thurs. Call for details.			
<b>FERDINAND'S RESTAURANT</b>	<b>301.949.1617</b>	MTG		
	Early Bird Specials - Mon-Sat Call for details			
SEAFOOD	<b>WHARF RESTAURANT</b>	<b>703.836.2836</b>	ALX	<a href="http://wharfrestaurant.com">wharfrestaurant.com</a>
	\$23.95 - Cashew Crusted Mahi Mahi - shitake mushrooms, spinach, & ginger soy beurre blanc			
<b>RTs RESTAURANT</b>	<b>703.684.6010</b>	ALX	<a href="http://rtsrestaurant.net">rtsrestaurant.net</a>	
	\$18.95 - "Death By Gumbo" Shrimp, oysters, lump crab, crawfish & nouvelle sausage			
FRENCH	<b>LE REFUGE</b>	<b>703.548.4661</b>	ALX	<a href="http://lerefugealexandria.com">lerefugealexandria.com</a>
	Call about our Spring Specials.			
ITALIAN	<b>SAVIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND BAR</b>	<b>703.212.9651</b>	ALX	<a href="http://saviorsrestaurant.com">saviorsrestaurant.com</a>
	\$29.95 - Dinner For Two. Includes a bottle of Red or White Wine, Mon-Thurs. Call for details.			
	<b>MARCO POLO</b>	<b>703.281.3922</b>	FFX	<a href="http://marcopolorestaurant.com">marcopolorestaurant.com</a>
	\$18.95 - Thursday Night Prime Rib Buffet - The best prime ribs in town			
	<b>EXTRA VIRGIN MODERN ITALIAN</b>	<b>703.998.8474</b>	ARL	<a href="http://extravirginva.com">extravirginva.com</a>
\$18.00 - Tagliolini Casaliva - Pasta with prawns, bay scallops and asparagus in fresh tomato sauce				
<b>PINES OF FLORENCE</b>	<b>703.549.1796</b>	ARL/ALX		
\$16.95 - Zuppa de Pesce - King Crab legs, mussels, clams, scallops, squid, and shrimp on pasta				
<b>FRATELLI</b>	<b>703-212-9122</b>	ALX		
\$12.95 - Sunday Brunch Buffet - All You Can Eat 11AM-3PM				