

Variety Shows with Singer/Songwriters, Comedians, Poets & Artsy Folks

Harried Americans Roadshow: A Baby Boomer, Gen X, Smarty-Pants, Loosey-Goosey Variety Show with a D.C. twist.

Our Shows:

Standard Shows

Harried American shows can be music only. OR music PLUS live poetry readings. OR music PLUS stand-up comedy. OR music PLUS poetry PLUS comedy. Basically our shows are an evening of variety that keeps audiences engaged.

Themed Shows

Harried American shows are sometimes based on a theme - a holiday, politics, or various social issues. We often write brand new songs based on the theme of a show. We like to comment on the human condition, and we LOVE to wisecrack.

Guest Artists

Our musical guests are amazing you won't want to miss them.

Poets and Comics

Our comics are smart, family-friendly and funny!

Genre: Americana, Singer/ Songwriter, Roots, Blues, Contemporary Folk, Pop I**nfluences: Music/Shows** - Mary

Chapin Carpenter, Bob Dylan, David Gilmour, Eliza Gilkyson, Emmylou Harris, Ruthie Foster, Bonnie Raitt, J.D. Souther, Prairie Home Companion, Watkins Family Hour

Rating: G - PG Content: Mainstream

Who Are The Harried Americans?

An Americana band based in the DC metro area (the DMV...Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.)

Chris Anderson (BMI) - Guitar/Harmonica/Vocals

Singer/songwriter Chris Anderson, founder and managing member of "Harried Americans Roadshow," began playing guitar and harmonica in Northern Virginia clubs in the 1980's, making the switch to church bands during the 1990's. In 2003, she won a "**GRAMMY™** in the **Streets"** award from the **National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS)** and **Broadcast Music International (BMI)** for a demo song from her Christmas project "**WAIT** – it's a Musical!"





Ron Goad - Emcee/Percussion

Ron Goad has been a drummer since 1961 and appears on over 75 albums. A retired teacher, he enjoys producing music shows and helping musicians to improve professionally. Ron has served on the boards of several nonprofits and has been awarded seven **WAMMIES** by the **Washington Area Music Association (WAMA)** for **"Most Supportive of Washington Music."**

Mark Johnson - Keys/Guitar

Mark Johnson has been immersed in music since 1972. He plays keyboards, guitar, bass and loves to explore new musical instruments and styles. He is most often found supporting other musicians in the Washington, DC area through co-writing, recording and live performance. Recently, Mark collaborated with the **Mantua Finials** in



developing the **"Legend of the Bunnyman,"** a 3-CD musical story centered on a local urban legend.

Niels Jonker - Bass

Niels started to learn to play flute in high school, but after six months an argument with the music teacher ended that endeavor. His musical expression over the next few decades was limited to playing other people's music as a party, club, and wedding DJ. In 2011 he realized making music might be fun, and an upright bass seemed like a good plan. As a mostly self taught player, he's since shared the stage with artists like **Bryan Bowers** and **Tony Trishka**, playing from the U.K. To California. He's delighted to join the **Harried Americans Road Show**.

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