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*Nationwide event to be held Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016*

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### **ARLINGTON COUNTY CONCERT AND ARTISTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE “CONCERT ACROSS AMERICA TO END GUN VIOLENCE”**

*Arlington County, VA, September 6, 2016.* Earlier this summer, Concert Across America to End Gun Violence announced a nationwide event for Sunday, September 25, 2016 to bring together hundreds of communities across the nation to remember the victims of gun violence and to commit to taking actions to reduce gun violence in our country.

A coalition of gun violence prevention activists in Northern Virginia has announced one of the concerts will be held in Arlington, Virginia at the Sehkraft Brewery and Jeff Smith and the Human Wilderness will perform. The Arlington concert is one of several local concerts, and one of hundreds of national concerts being held September 25, each connected via social media and online at [www.ConcertAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.ConcertAcrossAmerica.org).

This effort is not anti-gun. It’s about turning down the hateful rhetoric often associated with the gun debate and using music to raise our voice in a positive way to focus on change...because 33,000 gun deaths a year is just not acceptable to the American public.

The Arlington concert will start at 6:00 p.m. Sehkraft Brewing is located at 925 N Garfield St., Arlington, VA. The concert is free; food and beverages are available for purchase. [www.sehkraftbrewing.com](http://www.sehkraftbrewing.com)

#### **Jeff Smith and the Human Wilderness**

With inspiration and influences from early classic country, blues and pop, Smith counts JJ Cale, Randy Newman, Ray Davies and John Jackson as spiritual mentors. His album “The Human Wilderness” has been characterized as “heartfelt songs about life in small town USA [that] are true masterpieces of American music”. His works have been featured on national television, European television commercials and in an independent film.

Smith has opened for Chris Smither, Loudon Wainwright, Roger McGuinn and Donovan and continues to perform as a solo artist, opening venues such as Jiffy Lube Amphitheater and the Harvester Performance Center—the premier venue at the start of Virginia’s Crooked Road. Smith recently completed a several month run as ‘The Rainmaker’ in the high acclaimed Dust Bowl Folk Opera “Rain Follows the Plow.” He is a guitarist in The Dismal Hollow Boys, and has played with the Sleepers and Honeyboy Martin’s Family Reunion.

Joining Smith at the at Sehkraft will be Bob Berberich (Grin and the Rosslyn Boys), and Steve Cooper (The Sleepers and Artful Dodger).

## **Sehkraft Brewing**

Sehkraft Brewing is an artfully eclectic environment where guests enjoy quality food and live music. The 9,000 square foot brewpub houses a 10-barrel brewhouse, a 200+ seat indoor restaurant offering hearty family fare, a 100+ seat beer garden, a retail butcher and cheese shop and a stage featuring a variety of performing artists.

In addition to five in-house brews, Sehkraft features 30 guest beers. Many taps are dedicated to local breweries from Virginia, Maryland and DC. Excellent wines are also available on tap. The Restaurant at Sehkraft, led by Chef Eric Pollard, features a blend of fine dining, family and gastropub/steakhouse fare.

The Arlington concert is being sponsored locally by the Reston Herndon Alliance to End Gun Violence, Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Northern Virginia Chapter and the Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Coalition.

More information can be found at <http://ConcertAcrossAmerica.org>

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