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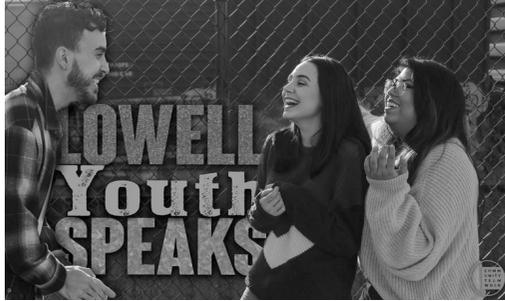
Thurs. Dec. 12, 2019

Zorba Music Hall

453 Market Street

Lowell, MA 01852

Youth Services Program



*Building Communities.
Changing Lives.*



Thanking Mayor William Samaras and the Mayor's Holiday Fest Planning Committee and all the generous sponsors for helping end youth homelessness in our community!

from all the Staff and Students at CTI's

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All proceeds from the fund will be donated to:

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Silvertongue

An American Folk Rock group based out of Lowell, Massachusetts. Members include singer-songwriter Andrew Stevens, drummer Matt Garvin, guitarist/banjo player Jake Hogan and bassist Kevin Reilly

You can find them on

Spotify, Itunes, Apple Music, Amazon Music

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwCL852mYdUq2wuMDk9vc6A?view_as=subscriber

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Kevin Wall

Kevin Wall began his musical Journey at the age of 8 as drummer and singer for the group Frye.

Several of his older siblings were in bands that Kevin played in until he formed a

band of his own in 1990 named after his favorite Scotch-The Walker Brothers Band. Kevin has been recording original music since 1987 and performs locally as a solo acoustic performer as well as with "Scrambled Eggs" (a Beatles Tribute band) and "Throw Money" (a Todd Rundgren tribute band). On occasion, he can still be found performing with The Walker Brothers.

A Message from Mayor Bill Samaras and Karen Frederick, CEO, CTI

Youth homelessness is a persistent problem in the City of Lowell. Community Teamwork estimates that there are over 100 young people in Lowell each year who are experiencing homelessness for a variety of reasons including family conflict and abuse, sexual identity, pregnancy, addiction or mental health issues, contact with the juvenile justice system or aging out of foster care.

To help combat this issue and to provide support to these young people in our community, Mayor Bill Samaras is continuing the fundraising effort started two years ago by former Mayor and current Senator Ed Kennedy and we hope that you will join with us to help make it a success once again!

CTI's new **Youth Services Program**, is committed to building out a multi-purpose **Youth Opportunity Center** to provide services and crisis intervention to homeless and at-risk youth between the ages of 16-24. This year, the **Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund** has graciously provided us with a **1-to-1 match for all donations up to \$100,000**. Your support has helped us reach our goal of transforming 167 Dutton Street into our Youth Opportunity Center.

Thank you for your generosity,

Mayor William Samaras

Karen Frederick

City of Lowell

CEO, Community Teamwork

Thanks to our Lineup

Love Train ~ HOUSE BAND

Abbie Barrett

All D's Boyz

Emily Desmond

Funrazrs

Mickey Kanan

Kelly Knapp

Peter Lavender

Jenna Markard

John Powhida

Silvertongue

Kevin Wall

And more!



Jenna Markard

She is a well known native New York metro area musician. Working professionally for the last 3 decades plus both live and in session, her vocals are one of

her strongest assets. She has recorded often, and is widely recognized by her work as a founding member of The Zen Tricksters, one of the most successful jam bands ever. Jenna relocated to the Boston area where she lives in her music/art loft and continues her daily love of visual creativity and never-ending musical curiosity. Jenna travels frequently to record and write and arrange music with friends all over the United States. Dabbling on guitar, keys, harmonica, and computer she feeds her "never ending student of music curiosities". She is a recent addition to Boston Deadbeat. <http://bostondeadbeat.com/about-the-band/jenn-markard/>



John Powhida

A multi Boston Music award nominee whose band John Powhida International Airport took home the top spot in Boston's legendary Rock and Roll Rumble in 2011. He has recorded with Graham Parker and co-written songs with The Figgs. John recently performed as part of The Nazz's reunion show this past Nov 30th in Cincinatti Ohio.

A singer/songwriter living in Boston. John is a multiple Boston Music Award nominee and his songs have been featured in episodes of My Name is Earl and Men in Trees. You may have seen him perform with his beloved Boston rock and soul combo, The Rudds, or even as guitarist with rock n roll icon and author Bebe Buell. Powhida's main boogie now John Powhida International Airport, a potent 6 piece rock, disco, soul, pop, fusion entertainment unit of the highest order. www.johnpowhidainternationalairport.bandcamp.com

Peter Lavender



Peter Lavender and The Limbo Souls have come up with another fine CD with Sugar. Their ability to use soul, funk and R&B as a base that they expand into wider musical expression is uncanny. While this music could easily find a home on any radio station that plays traditional R&B material, it is also easy to imagine it finding a home among pop and rock

fans, too. BESTLOCAL ALBUM 2012.
<http://howlmag.com/peter-lavender/>

HOUSE BAND



Love Train

Love Train, the house band for the event, is a Boston-based quintet playing a tribute to the classic rock and soul from the 60's and 70's: Motown, Stax, Philly Soul, and Vintage R&B. The band is fronted by **John and Lori Wadkins** on keyboards and vocals, with **Steve Thorsen** on guitar and rhythm brothers **John and Dan Styklunas** on bass and drums.

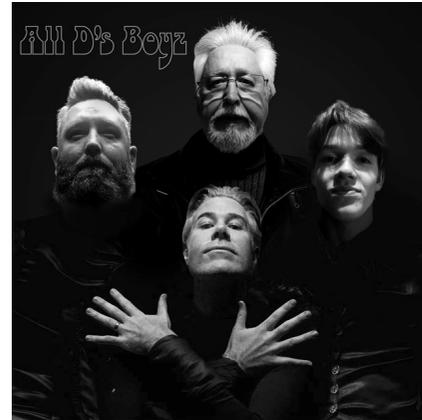
Abbie Barrett



Boston Music Award Winner for Best Songwriter and nominee for Best Vocalist in 2015, Abbie Barrett plays in the New England area with her band. Most recently they opened for the B-52s. She's currently

working on a project called the *AB Sides*, releasing two singles at a time. Find her on Spotify and iTunes.

All D's Boys



Andy Descoteaux and Sons
Music teacher at Lowell Public Schools and member of the Lowell School Committee

This year's Mayor's Holiday Fest combating youth homelessness hosts the debut of the family quartet, All D's Boyz featuring Lowell School Committeeman Andy Descoteaux on bass, sons Matt and Sam on keys/guitar and drums, and grandson Micah on vocals. This one-night-only world tour is a bucket-list item for these Descoteaux musicians who as of yet have never performed instrumentally together. They are sure to make this show one for the ages and appreciate the opportunity to contribute to such a worthy event this Christmas season.

Emily Desmond



This Lowell native began her education at Berklee College of Music in 2012, studying songwriting with a focus on vocal technique. Here she honed her craft and studied with multiple internationally acclaimed artists, writers, and professors. After the release of her 5-track EP *Commencement*, Emily received much praise and response from the Boston singer-songwriter scene for her lyrics, which range from witty and honest, to gut-wrenching and sincere. She has received recognition from the Lowell Sun and Boston Magazine, Mix 104.1, a nomination for "Best Female Artist" from the International Acoustic Music Awards, and Honorable Mention for "Best Folk Song" from the USA Songwriting Competition. Desmond has opened for multiple well-known acts such as Rachel Platten, Vance Joy, Andy Grammer, Third Eye Blind and Rob Thomas. <https://www.facebook.com/emily.m.desmond>



FunRazrs

The FUNRAZRS are a 10 year old band based in Lowell. They have enjoyed popularity throughout the Merrimack Valley providing the classic rock genre of music. The composition of the band is all friends with various points of connection be it music, sports, children, etc. The common theme is music and there is over 100 years of collective professional musical experience amongst the members. They have assisted the largest and smallest of organizations raise funds for the most worthy of causes through the donation of their time and talents. At the same time they have provided entertainment at weddings, organizational parties and night clubs over the course of the same 10 years. The members of the band are **Don Belley**-drums, **John McQuaid**-guitar/vocals, **Rich Sarmiento**-lead guitar/vocals, **Paul Belley**-saxophone/vocals, and **Leo Sheridan**-keyboard/bass/vocals.

Mickey Kanan



An Acoustic Duo with a Twist... featuring **Mickey Kanan** and **George Bisson**, both of whom appeared last year at this event.

Mickey Kanan is a well known vocalist in the local music scene, having performed with Gary Hoey on numerous occasions, and has sung backup on albums for Lita Ford. She currently performs with the local band Blackheart. She has also been in numerous bands over the years and performed in many charity events using her vocal talents. She brings her 25+ years of talent to the stage along with George Bisson who has also been in the local music scene for 25+ years. George is well known for his extraordinary talents on guitar. He really knows how to make a guitar gently weep. He has played in many local bands including Jet City, Higher Ground and Left 4 Better, as well as performing in Acoustic shows and Karaoke throughout the area. The two of them together, are looking forward to being a part of this Amazing event.



Kelly Knapp

"Country rock with gusto...Kelly Knapp is a standout."

Singer Kelly Knapp fronted the Bristols, one of Boston underground's first notable all-female bands. She started slipping country songs into Bristol's sets around the time she hooked up with Simon Ritt 10 years ago. When they first started playing, the Darlings had a novel musical mix, drawing equally from classic country (Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard, Emmylou Harris), Gram Parsons and Exile on Main Street-era Stones. This, of course, has since become the standard definition of alternative country — but having preceded the bandwagon, the Darlings remain a few steps in front of it. Knapp's voice was always a grabber, and it's gotten more sultry over the years. <http://thenoise-boston.com/2008/05/the-big-shot-kelly-knapp/>