

# Connecticut Songsmith

Newsletter of the Connecticut Songwriters Association



CSA is an educational, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the art and craft of original musical and lyrical composition. Serving music's artisans and craftsmen since 1979.



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Combining Arts,  
Education, and  
Community Outreach

1979 - 2004 :25 Years of Combining Arts, Education, and Community Outreach

**June 8 --- East Hartford Community Center**  
**NOEL RAMOS -- Founder and Executive Director of IMC and IndieGate**



This year is our 25th Anniversary ! We want to do everything possible to make this an extraordinary celebration of the art and craft of songwriting. This will only be possible with the support and participation of all of our members. To those of you who have become familiar faces over the years, we say thank you, and we look forward to your continued involvement. For those of you who have been waiting on the sidelines, looking for a place to jump in, this is the time. we will welcome you with open arms.

The June CSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 7:15 pm at the East Hartford Community Center. Our special guest will be Noel Ramos. Noel is the Founder and Executive Director of IndieGate, one of the largest internet CD distribution networks for independent artists. Noel is also the publisher of InterMixx magazine, a well known industry publication, and the Founder of the Independent Music Conference, (IMC) which is held in Philadelphia. (see [www.imc2004.com](http://www.imc2004.com)). IMC is an amazing opportunity to meet artists from around the country, and to learn from a wide range of top industry professionals. At last year's Conference, there were Nashville publishers, producers, West Coast pros, and folks representing a broad spectrum of resources available to independent artists.

Noel helps people see that it is possible to be successful as an independent artist, and provides tools and resources to make it happen. This is a great opportunity to listen and learn, and help you decide if you might want to attend the IMC during the first week of September in Philadelphia.

For more info on Noel and his organizations, check out [www.imc2004.com](http://www.imc2004.com), and [www.indiegate.com](http://www.indiegate.com), and [www.intermixx.com](http://www.intermixx.com)

Following the program, as time permits, there will be a critique session. To participate in the critique session, members may bring a song on cassette or CD (or do it live), with 40 copies of typed lyric sheets, and receive constructive feedback. Critique sessions are a good forum for works in progress or rough demos. **For best feedback, note on your lyric sheets the intended genre and audience for your song, and what your goals are (i.e. picked up by a commercial artist, self-produce, etc.).** The programs at CSA monthly meetings are free to members, \$5 to non-members, applicable toward membership if you join within 30 days. Members are encouraged to bring a friend who might be interested in what CSA offers. .

## CSA EVENT CALENDAR

(for complete listing see <http://www.ctsongwriters.com>)

- May 22 - **A Day of Celebrating Gospel, Inspirational, and Spiritual Music. Sign up NOW to perform!**
- June 6 - **The 1st CSA Picnic/Showcase, 3-8pm Glastonbury**
- June 8 - **The Indie Scene, with Noel Ramos, East Hartford**
- June 18 - **Lara Herscovitch and Patti Witten at Mystic River Folk**
- Aug 10 - **Sacred Heart Univ, Bridgeport- Hearing Workshop**
- Aug 26 - **The 2nd CSA Picnic/Showcase, Glastonbury**
- Sept 18 - **Connecticut History Concert**
- Oct 16 - **Songwriting Workshop with the legendary mentor to the stars, Jack Hardy from NYC**
- Dec 11 - **Mystic - The LUNCH Holiday Show**

SEE YOU THERE, and BRING AFRIEND !

**Coming June 18** to Mystic River Folk: CSA's own Lara Herscovitch opens for Boston based artist, Patti Witten.

A great evening of music. Come help support CSA performance events.

Guiding Songs Along the Path from Creation to Realization to Proliferation

COMBINING ARTS, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR 25 YEARS

## DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATIONS

How to  
Get There!

### Directions to the East Hartford Community Center:

**From I-84 :** Take Exit 56 (Governors St.) At the first traffic light go left on Prospect St. At the second stop sign go right on Richard St. to the end. Community Center and parking are on the left. Extra parking in the lot on the right.

**From I-91 :** heading north, take Exit 25 towards Glastonbury. Cross the CT River on Route 3 and bear left to Route 2 towards East Hartford. Take the East Hartford Exit off Route 2 which will put you on Governors St. Follow above directions.

**Directions to Mystic River Folk and events at Union Baptist Church** Coming North on I-95, take Exit 91. Go right off the Exit onto Allyn St. Go about 2 miles and come to a light and the intersection of Rt 1. Turn left onto Rt 1 and go a short way to the 5-way intersection. Church is on the left. Make a hairpin left to get to the parking lot.

**Directions to Songwriters Showcase at the Pine Loft in Berlin, CT.** Pine Loft is located at 1474 Berlin Turnpike, 1 mile south of the Rt 9 intersection, at the Rt 5 and 15 junction.



## The Annual CSA Summer Picnic & SongShare !

# Hot Fun in the Summertime



Sunday, June 6, from 3pm to 8pm at J.B. Williams Memorial Park, on Neipsic Rd, Glastonbury. RAIN OR SHINE ! CSA returns to this gorgeous facility for our popular annual event. There is a large covered pavilion with electricity, picnic tables, grills, volleyball, playground, hiking trails, pond, and convenient parking. We will host an all-day showcase, from 3pm to 8pm with two sound systems provided. CSA members and friends may reserve a 1/2 hour slot to showcase original songs. Don Donegan is booking the slots on a first call basis. If you'd like to perform, call Don at 860-659-8992 or e-mail at DDCSA@aol.com.

Please bring your own food for the grill, a non-alcoholic beverage, a dish to share and some picnic items like plates, cups, and napkins. The event is free, so bring family and friends.

### Directions:

**From New London/Norwich :** Take Rt 12 west to Exit 8 in Glastonbury. Go right, and right again onto Hebron Ave. Go 2 miles and turn right onto Wickham Rd. Go to end of Wickham and turn left on Neipsic. The park is one block on the left.

>>> **From New Haven:** Take I-91 North to Exit 25, Glastonbury. Cross CT River on Rt 3 and bear right on Rt 2 towards Norwich. Take Exit 9 off Rt 2 and go left on Neipsic Rd under Rt 2. Go 3/4 mile to park on the left. **From Hartford:** Take I-91 South to Exit 25 (Glastonbury) and proceed as above. **From I-84 East or West:** Take Rt 2 to Glastonbury to Exit 9 (Neipsic Rd) and proceed as above.

**EACH YEAR DOZENS OF SONGWRITERS AND FRIENDS COME AND GO THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

**COME RELAX, SCHMOOZE, AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF CREATIVE PEOPLE**

**MEMBER HAPPENINGS: !** >>> Congratulations to Pat Reynolds, who won the 2004 Horizon Songwriter of the Year Award for the North America Country Music Associations, International on March 7, 2004 in Pigeon Forge Tennessee >>>> Our sincere thanks to Dan Bresnan, Paul Wozniak, and all the other CSA members who have donated items to CSA. If you have any music items, office equipment or just general 'stuff' that you would be willing to donate, we can certainly use it, and you get a nice tax-deduction.

## CSA SONGSHARES and Acoustic Jam

at Song-a-Day Music Center 903 Main St. Coventry, CT 06238

hosted by Ruth O'Neil

Come share a song or two of yours in a supportive setting

Instruments available. Call 860-742-6878 for more info and directions.

Sunday June 13 -- 6:00-9:00pm

## CSA SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE

CSA presents a monthly Songwriters Showcase each month at the **Pine Loft** in Berlin, CT.

(Pine Loft is located at 1474 Berlin Turnpike, 1 mile south of the Rt 9 intersection, at the Rt 5 and 15 junction.)

CSA has a 25 year history of running quality Songwriter Showcases all around the state. We are pleased to present a monthly showcase at the Pine Loft, in Berlin 7:30-10:00pm. The series is hosted by Brian Booth and features various performers each month.

For information or to inquire about booking, call Don Donegan at 860-659-8992, or Brian Booth at 860-667-2248.

**Performers for JUNE 18: Bonnie Panda, Sour Grapes,  
Don Donegan & Friends, and Frank Critelli**

**Check the CSA Calendar at [www.ctsongwriters.com](http://www.ctsongwriters.com)  
for information on upcoming shows**

• **YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED !** During the rest of the year and beyond, we will be having great programs every month as we have done for 25 years. In order to keep our meetings in high quality, accessible venues, we need sponsors for our meetings -- We would like to have some business or organization underwrite the cost of presenting our monthly meetings. This is something we need to do this in order to keep presenting programs in good quality locations. If you would be willing to approach a local business in your area (a bank, music store, a car dealership, a corporation, etc..) and ask them to underwrite a CSA meeting for \$150, this would enable us to keep presenting the best possible programs in the best possible venues. The sponsor would receive a year-long banner ad on our website, a listing in the newsletter, a featured presence at the meeting they sponsor, and mention at all other CSA meetings. It would be great exposure for any potential sponsors. Please help us by approaching a potential sponsor as a representative of CSA, and requesting their support. You'll be surprised at how often people will say yes when they know they are helping to support a non-profit cause. Be sure to emphasize that CSA is a non-profit organization that supports arts, education and community outreach. Sponsor checks may be sent to CSA PO Box 511, Mystic CT 06355. Thanks for your help.

• **CREATE PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES** We are always seeking new venues and new people to step forward and coordinate the performing or program activity. Any CSA member who would like to start a regular showcase series in an appropriate venue is encouraged to do so. For information and tips on how to proceed call Don Donegan (Glastonbury area, 860-659-8992), Bill Pere (Southeastern Connecticut, 860-5762-9285), or Paul Chapin (Western Connecticut, 860-945-1272).

• **SPECIAL MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES FOR 2004:** **The Mystic River Folk Concert Series.** A monthly show, heavily publicized as part of Mystic's Semiseptennial Celebration (that's 350 years). If you might be interested in an opening or feature spot, send a press/promo kit to Sound Krayons Music, PO Box 145, Mystic CT 06355. **Kay Pere** is coordinating the booking of this high-profile, upscale event. For current schedule, check the CSA calendar at the CSA website (CTsongs.com) or at <http://www.ctsongwriters.com>. This is a significant and heavily promoted Concert Series, which we hope to carry through 2005. -- Get involved !

• **MONTHLY CSA SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE:** CSA presents a monthly showcase at the Pine Loft in Berlin, CT, from 7:30-10:00pm. (full details elsewhere in this issue). The evening will be hosted by **Brian Booth**. Pine Loft is a smoke-free environment with a dinner menu, and sound system is provided. For booking, contact either Don Donegan (860)-659-8992 or Brian Booth (860)-667-2248.

FOR MORE MEMBER HAPPENINGS AND GIG SCHEDULES, SEE THE POSTINGS AT THE CTSONGSCAFE E-GROUP !  
(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ctsongscafe>). All members may post notices of their accomplishments. Please share your experiences with the group. If you have not yet signed up for CTSongsCafe, please do so. There are so many great resources to help you along your creative journey.

# And Even More CSA RHYTHM AND NEWS

Moments from the April 17 Songwriting Conference



For more photos of the Concert, go to the CSA web site and click the Photos link.

There will be more photos of the entire day posted at a later date.

**Photo CD Set available-- three CD's, \$5 (Check payable to CSA, PO Box 511 Mystic CT 06355)**

**CSA MEMBERS !** Would you like to be able to share your performing schedule with everyone? Get your newsletter online? Make announcements about your accomplishments and special events? Publish photos? -- The CTSONGSCAFE, our on-line e-group, lets you publish your performing schedule and any other announcements that you want to share. No more worrying about trying to make the newsletter deadline! Publish what you want when you want. The CTSONGSCAFE has an easy to use calendar and message board, and is automatically available to all CSA members. You can also post photos, share lyrics, and run ads. You can also access your monthly newsletter online and in color !

*1 OUT OF EVERY 3 CSA MEMBERS IS NOW PART OF CTSONGSCAFE... there have been more than 700 posts, with great information not available anywhere else., there are more coming all the time!*

## THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE THINGS YOU CAN DO AT CTSONGSCAFE

### SHARABLE CALENDAR

- Post your performing schedule
- Post news of your own happenings and accomplishments
- Check the CSA event Schedule

### MESSAGE and DISCUSSION BOARDS

- Post lyrics to get feedback and discussion
- Ask a question about contracts, copyrights, or other business and technical issues
- Share useful information and other on-line resources
- Post ads for services or items for sale

### PHOTO ALBUMS

- Post your Photos

### LIVE-On-Line CHAT

- Collaborate interactively

Complete instructions on how to register and how to use CTSONGSCAFE can be sent to you by e-mail. Send your request to Kay Pere at [kajoules@aol.com](mailto:kajoules@aol.com) or Bill Pere at [wdpsongs@aol.com](mailto:wdpsons@aol.com) or you can pick up an instruction sheet at any CSA meeting

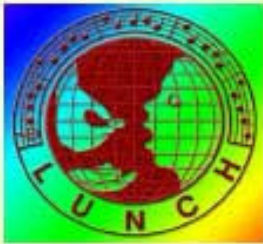
**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR OWN NETWORKING -- COMMUNICATE WITH THE REST OF THE CSA COMMUNITY**



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PERFORM AT HIS EVENT ?**  
**Do you know a friend who might like to perform ? Do NOT delay --**  
**Contact us NOW !**



**Connecticut  
Songwriters  
Association**



**Local  
United  
Network to  
Combat  
Hunger**



**This event is an  
official part of the  
Mystic 350th  
Anniversary  
Celebration**



**SATURDAY MAY 22**  
**Union Baptist Church, Mystic CT**  
*(corner of Rt 1 and High St -- Exit 89 off I-95)*

# **A DAY OF PRAISE**

**A program of Spiritual and Inspirational Music**

- 3pm-5pm :**
- Discussion of the Genre,
  - Marketing Opportunities and Resources
  - Song Share
- 5pm- 6pm :**
- Fellowship Pot-Luck Supper  
(Please bring a dish to share;  
Full kitchen facilities are available)
- 6pm-7pm :** Prep and Sound Checks for Concert
- 7pm - 10pm** Concert, open to the public,  
proceeds to benefit Social Service  
Agencies through LUNCH

**Registration in Advance is only \$10 for the entire program (\$15 for non-CSA members). You can be at the concert portion of the program either as an attendee or as a performer.**

## **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM AT THE CONCERT :**

1. Contact Bill Pere immediately to see if there are remaining performing slots.
2. Submit a recording of 1-2 songs that you would perform. Songs must be inspirational, spiritual, or gospel related and appropriate for being performed for a family audience in a church setting. Original songs are encouraged but not required.
3. The concert will be continuous round-robin style, with no set-up/breakdown time. Sound system will be provided for the concert, but we will be supporting primarily an acoustic sound - - Ensembles are okay, but we cannot accommodate a full electric band. There will be a keyboard provided, and a Steinway Grand Piano.
- 4 The total number of songs each artist can perform will be determined by the final number of performers booked.

**All registrants may have a spot on the merchandise table to display and sell CD's. It is requested that \$1 of each item sold be donated to CSA**

**A CSA 25th Anniversary Event**



# MARKETPLACE



**CT SONGWRITING ACADEMY** - Find your individual path to success. Career consultation from the National 2003 Indie Artist of the Year. Songwriting, Music Theory, and Career mentoring. Instruction in MIDI and computer-related music skills, and setting up your own business. Complete state of the art Digital and MIDI recording, arranging, and production services. Completely affordable. CD duplication/packaging. Successful track record at marketing products, concepts, events, and generating income for independent artists. Private consultation or lessons in any aspect of music theory, craft, business, or production. Call **Bill Pere**, 860-572-9285. E-mail: Bill@billpere.com

**RAINBOW MUSIC** Studio in Glastonbury offers vocal and guitar instruction. Vocal includes breathing techniques, expanding range, harmony, music theory. Guitar - beginner thru advanced. Also basic demo service available. Don Donegan is CSA's founder and past president and a full-time performer. Web site is [www.dondonegan.com](http://www.dondonegan.com) E-mail is [ddoneman@aol.com](mailto:ddoneman@aol.com) or phone 860-659-8992"

**FUNKIE BOY MUSIC** - Professional Music Production and Demo Services that gets results! Over 80% of the songs we've produced have been signed to publishing or record deals. Our credits include Tenderoni (signed to LaFace Records), Lori Salvatera (MCA records development deal), TV shows "Beverly Hills 90210", "The New Love Boat", "Sunset Beach", etc. Visit us online at [www.funkeebuy.com](http://www.funkeebuy.com) and hear our work. Call Bobbi Tammaro (203)573-9972.

**MAESTRO PRODUCTIONS** It's your song, your demo. Low overhead allows us to produce a high quality demo your way for less in our complete MIDI/Digital studio. Sing it yourself or use our vocalists. We're not done until you're satisfied. We also offer lead sheets and other songwriter services. Call Ed Rosenblatt, 860-426-0723.

**STUDIO VOCALIST AVAILABLE** - For demos; Most styles and harmonies including rock, pop, jazz, gospel, and country. Professional Voice Instruction. Transcription and Lead Sheets, too. Call Kay Pere, Sound Krayons Music, 860-572-0629.

**HI-TOP PRODUCTIONS** Attention Singers and Songwriters without bands. - Producer in Stamford CT with pro 32 track digital studio will add full instrumentation (guitar, bass, keyboard, drums) and make a radio-ready CD. You benefit from top quality musicianship and a great sounding end product. Call Steve Hansen 203-967-2200 for free consultation.

**AGAINST THE GRAIN PRODUCTIONS** -- Former EMI Records executive now offers recording, production services and song consultations. Pro Tools based recording utilizing state of the art digital tracking -- apogee converters /john hardy preamps /british supersonic compressors and great mics. Contact Bob Williams at 203-256-8974 or [rocknovel@snet.net](mailto:rocknovel@snet.net).

**FEMALE VOCALIST AVAILABLE** Beautiful & incredible vocals for your next demo! Female Singer w/ mid to high range voice available for leads/ or background. Most styles (pop, rock, blues, country, jazz, Broadway, etc.) Meet me at next CSA meeting or call Lani at 860-738-2888

**SUITE AUDIO** : New mastering/recording facility in Clinton, CT created by Bob Nary of DocRock Digital. Amazing new ProTools HD and WAVES based mastering, recording, remastering, and restoration. CD and tape copies too. Great sound, great rates. Visit: [SuiteAudio.com](http://SuiteAudio.com), or call toll free 1-866-664-9174

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**VOCALIST** -- Experienced and talented female singer available to sing on your demo CD to promote your song! Do you love to write songs but don't like to sing? Do you have a song you'd like to record but you wrote it for a woman? Let me help! Fair rates! Contact Bonnie Lee Panda at (203) 272-0045.

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**DO I HAVE A SONG FOR YOU** -- Shoreline-based musician/songwriter with hit hooks and lyrics. country/ Rock/ Ballads/ Showtunes/ TV Themes. Tell me what you need. Ralph Onofrio, Songs, PO Box 554 N. Branford CT 06471; 203-483-7127.

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### Do you Have some old Equipment to donate?

Like many non-profit groups, CSA and LUNCH welcome donations of items for our programs. (tax-deductible for the contributor). Some items we need include: office equipment and supplies, photocopier machine, sound equipment, musical instruments or supplies, computer related items, etc. If you would like to help out by donating some of your old items, it would be greatly appreciated and would be a tax deduction for you. Call Bill Pere 860-572-9285.

### COMMISSIONS AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS

**COMMISSIONS FOR NEW MEMBER REFERRALS:** Any member who refers a new member to CSA receives a \$10 commission when the person joins. The person you refer must join CSA at the regular membership rates, and must put your name on the application form as the source of the referral. For more information contact Bill Pere at [bill@billpere.com](mailto:bill@billpere.com)

### ATTENTION ALL CSA MEMBERS:

*To insure that you get your newsletter and other important time-sensitive information, we need your current e-mail address. If you change your address or if you have not given it to us, please send your current e-mail address to us at : [info@ctsongs.com](mailto:info@ctsongs.com)*

**Participate!  
Get Involved!**  
**Investing your  
time in CSA is  
investing in  
yourself!**



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### CSA ADVERTISING RATES and DISCOUNTS

**CLASSIFIED:** Free to members, run at the discretion of CSA; \$10 per issue for non-members, ~50 word max. All ads subject to editing. Ads must include full name. CSA reserves the right to refuse any ad.

**DISPLAY:** (Rates are for Electronic or Camera-Ready Copy. If you want us to do typeset and layout for you, add one-time \$15 set up charge).

1/8 page: \$30 per issue  
1/4 page: \$40 per issue  
1/2 page: \$50 per issue  
full page: \$80 per issue  
WEB BANNER -- \$75/yr

**30% Discount** for 8-12 consecutive issues; 20% for 5-7 consecutive issues; 15% for 3-4 consecutive issues; 10% 2 consecutive issues

Full Payment must accompany all ads. Make checks payable to: CSA Newsletter, PO Box 511 Mystic CT 06355. Deadline for ads is the 15th of the preceding month. (Commissions available for CSA members who sell ads).





# Mystic River Folk Concerts

CSA brings you a great series of National and Regional acts

**Celebrating 25 years of CSA, 15 Years of LUNCH and 350 Years of Mystic. All shows at Union Baptist Church, corner of Route 1 and High Street, Mystic. (just up the hill from Mystic Pizza). All proceeds benefit social service agencies in Connecticut through LUNCH. Snacks and beverages available** (If you would like to be considered for an opening slot, contact Kay@kaypere.com)

*Did you know that at any given time, there are 33,000 homeless people in Connecticut and 40% of them are children? In our state, more than 16,000 people are turned away from homeless shelters every year. There are 100,000 children under the age of 12 in Connecticut who do not have enough food to eat. Your support of these events makes a difference in the lives of others ! Please post this schedule by your calendar.*

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**Friday, May 14 -- 7:30pm.** Tickets: \$10. For more info, contact <kay@kaypere.com>. Proceeds to benefit social services through LUNCH This is a Special Concert featuring the incredible harmonies, songwriting, and musicianship of **Mad Agnes** <www.madagnes.com> . This well-known trio of Margo Hennebach, Adrian Jones and Mark Saunders is an audio-visual delight. This concert is a must-see for appreciators of good songcraft and quality artists.

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**Saturday, May 22 --Lift your Spirits in "A Day of Praise"** A round robin concert with accomplished artists performing spiritual and inspirational music. 7:00pm. Tickets: \$10. For more info contact <bill@billpere.com>. Proceeds to benefit social services through LUNCH <www.lunchensemble.com>

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**Saturday, June 19 --7:30pm** Tickets: \$10. For more info, contact <kay@kaypere.com>. Proceeds to benefit social services through LUNCH. Special guest from Ohio -- The Wisdom and Wit of Patti Witten ("*Thoughtful folk-pop with subtle poetic beauty*" -- Performing Songwriter Magazine) Opening act by CSA's Lara Herscovitch.

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**Saturday, August 14 -7:30pm** Tickets: \$10 For more info contact <kay@kaypere.com> .Proceeds to benefit social services through LUNCH In conjunction with the annual **Mystic Outdoor Arts Festival**, come hear two of Connecticut's Official State Troubadours, Mike Kachuba, with Jeff McQuillan, in a show that celebrates the visual arts through music. as they present songs based on paintings of "The American Artist in Connecticut". With opening songs by Kay Pere and Bill Pere

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**Saturday, September 18 -- The Mystic History Concert** in honor of Mystic's 350th Anniversary. 7:00pm. Tickets: \$10. For more info, contact <bill@billpere.com>. Proceeds to benefit social services through LUNCH A concert featuring CSA artists presenting songs about Connecticut and Mystic history. Official Connecticut State Troubadours **BILL PERE** and **TOM CALLINAN** , joined by Kay Pere and other guests a present songs from their original individual and collaborative repertoires, and well as some traditional favorites. Bill will perform selections from his CD's "Crest of a Wave" and "Profiles of Connecticut" . Kay will debut some songs from her "Dolphin's Daughter's " collection

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**Saturday, October 16 -7:30pm** Tickets \$10 For more info contact <kay@kaypere.com> .Proceeds to benefit social services through LUNCH **Legendary singer-songwriter JACK HARDY** from the heart of the New York music scene . Visit Jack's website at [www.jackhardy.com](http://www.jackhardy.com) to learn all about this icon of contemporary folk and folk-rock. Jack will perform with his trio. Reserve early.

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**Friday, Nov 12 - 7:30pm.** Tickets \$10. For more info contact <kay@kaypere.com>. Proceeds to benefit social services through LUNCH . Featuring the uplifting music of Second Circle, with CSA's Jack Kavanaugh.

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**Saturday, December 11 -- The 8th Annual LUNCH Holiday Show** .Featuring Bill Pere , Kay Pere Scott Sivakoff, and the LUNCH Ensemble with songs of the season, new original songs, and an original stage play. . This year's show is "The Gift of the Madguy" .Show starts at 7pm with live pre-show music beginning at 6:15. Tickets in advance: \$8 (adults) \$6 (kids under 12); At the door: \$10 (adults) , \$8 (kids under 12) \$8 (CSA members). Proceeds benefit social service agencies and provide holiday food baskets for those in need. . **Come support this important community outreach effort.** Tickets and Info: 860-572-9285 or e-mail bill@billpere.com

