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Area Musicians Perform at Kennett Flash Open Mic Nights to the Delight of Local Audiences

Kennett Square, PA – July 29, 2010 – Area musicians perform at the regular Kennett Flash **Open Mic Night** every Sunday and **Blue Monday Jam** every Monday evening to the delight of local audiences. A recent addition to area Open Mic Night offerings during the month of August includes the multi-venue **Battle of the Open Mics**. Attendees of Kennett Flash open mics, which includes performers and audience members, enjoy an entertaining, yet affordable, night out with great music, fun crowds, and tasty fare in downtown scenic Kennett Square. The Kennett Flash is located at 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square, PA 19348. The intimate, all-ages concert venue features national recording artists Thursdays through Saturdays. For additional information and to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.kennettflash.com>



What: OPEN MIC NIGHTS
When: Sundays
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Show starts at 8:00 p.m.
Where: Kennett Flash
102 Sycamore Alley
Kennett Square, PA
Charge: \$4 at the door, \$4 BYOB
Info: www.kennettflash.org

A longstanding tradition, the Kennett Flash invites the public to get on stage and perform every Sunday night. All levels of singers, songwriters, bands, comics, and poets are welcome. Performances regularly include a combination of originals and covers by a number of regional musicians.

Patrons are invited to perform or kick back, relax, and enjoy the show. The Kennett Flash provides drums, keyboards, and amplification; performers are welcomed to bring additional instruments such as guitars. Manager Jim Hamilton says, "one thing that differentiates Kennett Flash Open Mic Nights from other venues, is an audio technician who produces a professionally mixed sound for all performers." Hosted by Butch Zito, who has opened for such musicians as Canned Heat, Loudon Wainwright III, The Dinosaurs, Zero, Roky Erikson & the 13th Floor Elevators, and the Buddy Cage Band.

Come early, check out the Flash menu featuring sandwiches, soups, salads, and deserts, and hang out with Butch and countless talented regional musicians.



What: BLUE MONDAY JAM
When: Mondays
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Show starts at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Kennett Flash
102 Sycamore Alley
Kennett Square, PA
Charge: \$3 performers, \$5 audience, \$4 BYOB
Info: www.kennettflash.org

Hosted by Rob “Cool Hand” Mastrippolito and Rob “Biff” McNeil, the Blue Monday Jam is an entertaining night out in downtown Kennett Square for blues musicians and enthusiasts and locals looking for a fun and easy-going Monday evening. House band, Rolling Thunder Blues Review, kicks off the evening festivities for 30-minutes before opening the stage up to performers who jam with the house band and/or other musicians from around the region.

Performances are always entertaining and musicians frequently play together for the first time at the Blue Monday Jam. The audience watches players easily fall into rhythm with the common language of blues riffs and beats from likes of Grateful Dead to BB King. **As audience members take turns on stage, patrons get the real sense they are hanging out with the band.**

The Blue Monday Jam is also an opportunity for musicians and bands to network. Amps, drums, and keyboard are provided by the Flash for use; performers are welcomed to bring additional instruments such as guitars. Mook Maddrey, a Blue Monday Jam regular, will open at Thursday’s *Chris Thomas King* show at the Flash. Flash Manager, Jim Hamilton says, “Mook plays like his pants are on fire.”

House band, Rolling Thunder Blues Review play a mean version of Dale Hawkin’s *Susie Q* and other blues favorites with Kennett Flash’s own sound technician, Rob “Biff” McNeil, on the sax. Singer and guitarist, Rob Mastrippolito is also in the local band, The Sermon!, which will perform at the Kennett Flash on Friday, August 6, and features Josh Komoroski on vocals. Since forming Rolling Thunder Blues Review at the Blue Monday Jam, the band has also played The Note and Anson B. Nixon Park’s Free Wednesday summer concert series. Mastrippolito says the Blue Monday Jam, “grew on it’s own over the past year and a half, now it’s got a life of it’s own.”



What: **BATTLE OF THE OPEN MICS**
A Multi-Venue Open Mic Contest Featuring the open mics of Kennett Flash, Burlap & Bean, MilkBoy, and Steel City Coffee House

When: Sunday, August 1, 8, and 15
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

Where: Kennett Flash
102 Sycamore Alley
Kennett Square, PA

Charge: \$4 at the door, \$4 BYOB

Info: www.kennettflash.org

Be a part of the hottest local music event of the season! The Kennett Flash is one of four venues hosting a series of *Open Mic Nights* within the area that will select two semifinalists each to compete to win the *Battle of the Open Mics*. Semifinalists of the Kennett Flash *Open Mic Nights* will be selected from the regularly scheduled Sunday, August 1, 8, and 15 events.

Semifinalists of Open Mic Nights from Kennett Flash, Burlap & Bean, Milkboy Coffee, and Steel City Coffee House will battle at Steel City Coffee House on Wednesday, August 25, 8 p.m. The winner will receive \$150 cash, \$30 Steel City Card, and a mini-tour of performance slots at participating venues.

The auditions at the Kennett Flash promise to be great shows. Audience, solo performers, and bands (5 members or less) are invited. Kick back, relax, and come early to check out the Kennett Flash menu. For more information about Kennett Flash Open Mic Nights, please visit <http://www.kennettflash.org>

Event Details (available at <http://steelcitycoffee.stores.yahoo.net/1stanemtaco.html>)

Attend any of the participating open mic's from August 1st-20th, 2010. Sign up to be considered the

venue's representative in the Battle of the Open Mics to be held at Steel City Coffee House on Wednesday, August 25th at 8 p.m. Each open mic will have TWO representatives. 1st Place Winner will receive: \$150, \$30 Gift Card from Steel City, a mini-tour of performance slots at each venue in 2010/2011 music season. 2nd Place winner receives: \$25 Gift Card from Steel City.

General Rules

- Participants may sign up and perform at any of the participating venue open mics between August 1st and August 20th.
- The open mic host will choose two open mic participants to represent his/her venue. No voting necessary.
- Participants must be available to perform at the Battle of the Open Mics (if chosen) on Wednesday, August 25th at 8:00 PM at Steel City Coffee House including a sound check at 6:00 PM.
- Employees and Open Mic Hosts of participating venues are not allowed to participate.
- First Place Winners of previous Steel City Coffee House competitions are not allowed to participate.
- Bands must be 5 or less members.
- Performers chosen by the venues MUST perform in the same configuration at the finale as they did at the open mic they participated in.
- At the finale at Steel City Coffee House, the audience votes for the best open mic act.

Schedule (check venue websites for signup times and rules)

Sundays @ 7:00 PM: Kennett Flash, Kennett Square (www.kennettflash.org)

Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM: Milkboy Coffee, Ardmore (www.milkboycoffee.com)

Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM: Steel City Coffee House, Phoenixville (www.steelcitycoffeehouse.com)

Thursdays @ 7:30 PM: Steel City Coffee House, Phoenixville (www.steelcitycoffeehouse.com)

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM: Burlap and Bean, Newtown Square (www.burlapandbean.com)

Wednesday, August 25 @ 8 p.m.: Steel City Coffee House, Phoenixville (www.steelcitycoffeehouse.com)

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PARKING IN KENNETT SQUARE

Patrons of the Kennett Flash can conveniently park in the municipal garage accessible from North Union Street (Rt. 82) on East Linden Street. Exit the parking garage on foot through the glass doors directly into the downtown.

ABOUT THE KENNETT FLASH

The Kennett Flash is an all-ages concert venue where national, regional, and local recording artists get up close and personal with 100 of their most loyal fans. Every seat is a front row seat where lights, sound, and performance immerse the audience. All genres of music such as folk, rock, bluegrass, country, blues, jazz, and family shows make their way to the stage of Kennett Flash. The Kennett Flash has a light tasty menu of soups, salads, sandwiches, pastries, and beverages. The Kennett Flash is a BYOB venue (proper ID required).

ABOUT HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE

The Kennett Flash is a project of Historic Kennett Square, a non-profit 501(C)3, whose mission it is to actively support and enrich community vitality and pride, to help preserve the historic district and small town atmosphere, to promote economic and positive, productive relationships within Kennett Square and the surrounding townships. For more information including event calendar, visit <http://www.historickennettsquare.com>

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