Comparisons have been made between Brian Bergeron's sound and many pre-eminent artists including Damien Rice, David Gray, Ryan Adams and Jack Johnson. His stage show more accurately resembles the comical storytelling and wit of Matt Nathanson. One can certainly hear all of these artists in Brian's sound but there is also something singular and individual to this up-and-comer that people have been responding so positively to.

Recent WestConn graduate, Derek Waldron, returns to the coffeehouse having been one of the most popular feature acts over the first two years of the coffeehouse’s existence. Derek’s piano and vocal skills consistently knock the audience out of their chairs. He is an outstanding performer and also a huge crowd pleaser.

One of the most talented and energetic singers/songwriters in the area, Chris has consistently thrilled the coffeehouse audience every time he has served as a feature act or occasionally dropping by the coffeehouse to sing for open mic.

Brian Chasanoff is known for her "sultry voice, and she writes dark, melodic songs about love" - Danbury News Times. Brienne's passionate vocals speak to the listener intimately through her sensitivity and her depth of emotional expression. Her angelic voice has a soothing, natural clarity.

Featuring some of the most talented young jazz performers in the area, the ensemble, composed of WCSU’s music department’s finest, are always a hit.
November 1
WCSU Faculty/Staff Talent Showcase
Music/Poetry/Comedy

The sound is eclectic—the live show finds the band juggling a multitude of instruments, from saw to typewriter, accordion to 5-gallon bucket. This New England-based group, led by songwriter and mouthpiece Reva Williams, presents a very eclectic sound. Whether through the existential pinch of a digital pulse, the ecstatic heights of an operatic line or the muddy optimism of a gospel choir, Gretel’s palette is broad. Each song sits within its own well-deserved world, refreshingly interpreted and never underexposed.

November 15
Lara Herscovitch
Acoustic/Folk/Pop/Latin

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www.laramarecords.com/home.html

November 22—No Coffeehouse

Thanksgiving Break

November 29
Play It By Ear
A Capella

A group of 14-16 students—both music and non-music majors—who have performed extensively a capella on and around campus and have a great campus following.

Underscore is made up of 5 music students hailing from different parts of Connecticut and New York that go to school together at WestConn. They are passionate for writing music and performing fun live shows and are in the process of recording and releasing a E.P.

www.myspace.com/underscorect

December 6
Underscore
Alternative Rock

A small Jazz Combo made up of some of WestConn’s outstanding Music faculty.

December 13
WCSU Jazz Combo

Midtown Coffeehouse
Fall 2007 Schedule

October 25
Arildo de Souza
Acoustic Soul

Local Brazilian performer Arildo de Souza was a hit at last year’s Coffeehouse and returns with a strong Latin sound.

You won’t want to miss this Coffeehouse as many of our very talented faculty will perform folk music, jazz, poetry, musical theater and much more. This has been a big hit over the past two years with a very special guest MC. Stay tuned for a list of faculty/staff performers.

November 8
Gretel
Folk/Acoustic/Pop

www.gretelmusic.com

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