

Midtown Coffeehouse

Thursdays
8:00pm

Fall 2008 Schedule

Alumni
Hall



September 4
Natalie Gelman
Acoustic/Folk Rock/Indie

"Singer/songwriter Natalie Gelman is quickly gaining acclaim and recognition for her music. Her passionate music is a means to articulate her response to current affairs as well as reveal parts of her inner self with the world.

At the age of 22, Natalie has already lent her talents to audiences across the United States, in Austria, and in the Caribbean. Her Caribbean performance of "Take Me Home" received a standing ovation of over 1,200 people." www.myspace.com/nataliegelman

Arildo de Souza has earned his status as the most respected and talented Brazilian musician in CT through over 17 years of hard work. His first CD - INDIGO - named after his daughter, defines his musical personality, and expands his Brazilian musical influences into an original expression of world music. Drumbats, real life, poetry, acoustic guitar and the Portuguese language are the ingredients that make each track on his CD amazingly captivating. www.myspace.com/arildodesouza

September 11
Arildo de Souza
Acoustic Soul



September 18
Dan Cummins
Comedian

"I've been booking comedy for close to 25 years and I have never seen an act so ready for the "big time". He has it all, incredible creativity that is totally his own, charismatic stage presence, immense likeability on and off stage and he's a handsome man with all kinds of potential for sitcom, movie success."

Donna Richards, National College/Corporate Booker

www.dancummins.tv/

Led by coordinator of jazz studies area Jamie Began, the group features alumni Jonathan Blanck on tenor saxophone, Jamie Began on guitar, and alumni Tim Walsh on drums. They will perform new interpretations of classical jazz standards.

September 25
WCSU Jazz Trio
Jazz



October 2
Chris Kiley!
Folk/Acoustic/Pop

One of the most talented and energetic singers/songwriters in the area, Chris, a recent student at WestConn, 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.

www.myspace.com/chriskiley

"A huge voice with songs to match: file under talent yet to be discovered This is a definite grower as the songs reveal their secrets with repeated listens... a cut above your average female singer songwriter... I bet she's phenomenal live." **Americana UK**
www.myspace.com/rebeccapronsky

October 9
Rebecca Pronsky
Indie / Alternative / Americana



October 16
Derek Waldron
Piano/Vocals

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.

www.myspace.com/dwaldron

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October 23

Ryanhood

Acoustic Soul

Their performance at the 2005 NACA National Conference landed them on the conference "Top-20 Hot List" according to Campus Activities Magazine, who would go on to call the duo "one of the hottest new bands in the college market today." From humble and hot Tucson beginnings, Ryanhood's uncanny ability to connect with concertgoers and to leave them smiling has become their calling card.

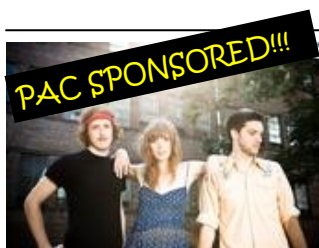
www.ryanhood.com

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.

October 30

WCSU Faculty/Staff

Talent Showcase



November 6

The Spring Standards

Indie

The Spring Standards (formerly Old Springs Pike) are an energetic force of three-part harmony circling over a rock n' roll sound with an old country aftertaste. From small towns to big cities, they explode on stage with spirit, spontaneity, and a style all their own. MTV's John Norris says "They willingly embrace dissonance, and their execution is impeccable, from their tight, CSN-worthy vocal harmonies to their wickedly intense percussive power." www.myspace.com/thespringstandards

"DCJames, is a Composer, Singer and Virtuoso Guitarist. His guitar instrumentals are breathtaking and his singing and playing is a musical highwire act, that raises the performance bar precipitously. He performs almost exclusively in intimate live concerts most recently in CT, Washington DC, Florida & LA."
www.myspace.com/guitarmusic01

November 13

DCJames

Acoustic/Jazz/Contemporary



November 20

Surrender the Arms

Progressive/Metal/Funk

"Surrender The Arms is made up of 4 music students hailing from different parts of Connecticut and New York. We have a wide variety of musical influences ranging from classical, jazz and funk to metal and progressive rock. Our goal as musicians is to share the ideas from our creative subconscious, along with music that displays a message that is left only to be interpreted by the listener." www.myspace/surrenderthearms

November 27—No Coffeehouse

Thanksgiving Break

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.

December 4

Play It By Ear

A Capella



December 11

Some Call Me the Poet

Rock/Pop/Powerpop

"Some Call Me the Poet are four best friends who love to play music and have a great time. Blending straight up rock 'n roll with pop sensibility and dancey grooves; Dan, Matt, Brendan, and Pete use their combined influences to create something that is both unique and exciting. Known for their spirited live show and endless energy, SCMtP is throwing the party and everyone's invited!" - ECF www.myspace/somecallmethepoet