

Midtown Toffeehouse

Fall 2007 Schedule





September 6 FIza

"Elza is one of the best and sexiest live performers I've seen in a long while." Walter Yetnikoff, CEO, Commotion Records.

"She has the pipes to spare on her independently released 'Elza,' which sounds like a blend of Joni Mitchell and Paula Cole. The songs are catchy, melodic and radio friendly."

> The Post and Courier, Charleston, SC www.elzamusic.com

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.

September 13

Brian Bergeron & the Late Greats

Acoustic-based Rock www.brianbergeron.net





September 20 Thris Kiley! Folk/Acoustic/Pop

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.

www.myspace.com/chriskiley

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







October 4 Brianne Thasanoff Pop

Brianne Chasanoff is known for her "sultry voice, and she writes dark, melodic songs about love" - Danbury News Times. Brianne'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.

www.briannechasanoff.com

Live Band Karaoke. The name says it all. Karaoke with a LIVE BAND. Combining the silly fun of karaoke with the energy of a live rock band. Live Band Karaoke allows anyone to fulfill their rock and roll fantasy.







October 18 WGSU Student Lazz Ensemble 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.



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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 1 WCSU Faculty/Staff Talent Showcase
Music/Poetry/Comedy





November 8 Gretes Folk/Acoustic/Pop www.gretelmusic.com

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.

A unique and charismatic singer and songwriter, Lara Herscovitch is "...a breath of fresh air in the acoustic world." - BestFemaleMusicians.com It's about music. Great music. Smart and soulful music. Highly original acoustic / folk flavored with pop and Latin/world styles. Regardless of which song or which melding of styles, listeners, fans and friends agree: Lara is a true original and a gem. www.laramarecords.com/home.html

November 15 Lara Herscovitch Acoustic/Folk/Pop/Latin



November 22—No Coffeehouse



November 29 Flay It By Ear

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

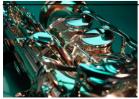
around campus and have a great campus following.

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 Asternative Rock





 ${\cal D}$ ecember 13 WCSU Lazz Combo

A small Jazz Combo made up of some of West-Conn's outstanding Music faculty.