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Extreme Measures



Hawkapella



Mouse Noise



Rubyfruit

Rockville Downtown Association's 'A Cappella Slam 2008' To Be Held On April 12

Rockville, CT ~ The Rockville Downtown Association (RDA) is pleased to announce the four selected finalists for the upcoming 'A Cappella Slam 2008' to be held on **Saturday evening, April 12, 2008**. This year's singing groups will include **Extreme Measures, Hawkapella, Mouse Noise, and Rubyfruit**. These collegiate groups represent some of the finest a cappella singers from around the state in a heads-on competition for first place at this popular historic downtown Rockville event. The program will take place for the fifth year in a row at the Vernon Senior Center located at 26 Park Place, Rockville, CT beginning at 7:00pm. The cost of admission is \$20.00 and **tickets are on sale now** at a variety of locations throughout Rockville and the RDA office. Tickets are again expected to sell out quickly as the seating capacity is limited to 275 persons.

RDA Promotions Committee co-chairpersons, Mark Nadeau and Philip Pietras, indicated they expect tremendous performances this year with a combination of mixed female and male groups that have solid experience and great stage presence. Everyone attending the event will be treated to a wonderful night of musical entertainment.

'A Cappella Slam 2008' (vocals without instrumental accompaniment) combines a traditional concert with a touch of American Idol as the four selected groups perform twenty minute sets and then, during an intermission, the audience is asked to vote for their favorite group. A first place cash prize is awarded to the most popular group and they get to perform an encore set to conclude the evening program. The other finalists also receive compensation for their participation as well as the first place winner.

Dozens of RDA member volunteers and non-member volunteers help to put on the 'A Cappella Slam' event each year. Many of the volunteers are local residents and representatives of numerous businesses throughout Rockville. Thanks to their efforts, the audience will be treated to an intermission of beverages, refreshments and excellent dessert selections. **The main event partner with RDA for this year's 'A Cappella Slam 2008' is Rockville Bank** and their commitment to the program has continued year after year. **Tolland County Church of Christ** has joined in as a major sponsor this year as well. The program begins sharply this year at 7:00pm and concludes at 10:00pm.

Event partner:
ROCKVILLE BANK
CONNECTICUT'S BEST COMMUNITY BANK

Major sponsor:
Tolland County Church of Christ

Tickets may be purchased at:
Crystal Blueprint & Stationery, Rockville Bank, Vincent's Pharmacy,
or call the RDA office at 875-7439.

Tickets may also be purchased on-line via PayPal at www.rdact.com

A Welcome Choice



Swathantra Kumar Melekote, MD
MRCPC, FAAP



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Locations in Manchester and Rockville



CHILDREN'S DOCTOR

ECHN welcomes Swathantra Kumar Melekote, MD, to its active medical staff. Board certified in pediatrics, Dr. Melekote is experienced in children's primary and preventive health care, neonatology, and pediatric asthma, allergy and immunology. He

provides newborn care at Rockville and Manchester hospitals. Dr. Melekote completed his residency in Pediatrics at NY Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, NY and is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at UConn School of Medicine, John Dempsey Hospital. He welcomes new patients up to age 21.



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Help us celebrate the "Countdown to 200"
as Vernon prepares for its
200th Birthday on October 13, 2008



Proceeds to benefit the Town of Vernon's Bicentennial Fund
which will help finance other events for the year-long celebration

visit our website: www.vernon2008.org

a message from the Vernon Bicentennial Committee

Upcoming RDA Events!

Mark your calendars . . .

April 12

RDA 'A Cappella Slam 2008'
Vernon Senior Center Performance Hall
7pm - 10pm

April 20

Downtown Spring Cleanup & Paint The Park
Central Park, historic downtown Rockville
11am - 3pm

June 12

2nd Thursday Music Concert In The Park
'Arizona Maid' band - Central Park
7pm - 8:30pm

July 1

July In The Sky
historic downtown Rockville
6pm - 10pm

July 10

2nd Thursday Music Concert In The Park
H.U.S.H.H.
7pm - 8:30pm

September 13

RDA Car Show
historic downtown Rockville
9am - 3pm

*Spring Cleanup Day - Sunday, April 20 - 11am - Help Spruce Up Your Community!
Volunteers needed - meet at the RDA office - 30 Park Place, Rockville*



public service announcement from RDA

Connecticut Mission Of

The Connecticut Foundation for Mercy Dental Outreach and the Connecticut State Dental Association are proud to introduce the Connecticut Mission of Mercy (CTMOM). CTMOM will be a large scale, multi-chair dental clinic that travels around the state annually to underserved areas. The concept is simple: to create a multi-day dental clinic in a large facility and then open the clinic door to the community. CTMOM will be staffed by volunteer dentists, UConn dental students, dental hygienists and dental assistants. Dental services will be provided to anyone (children, adults, and the elderly) who is without dental insurance and in a low income situation. Patients will be screened and treated based on their most urgent dental needs. The clinic will provide cleanings, fillings and extractions at no cost. There are no appointments scheduled – treatment is on a first come, first served, basis.

Please spread the word to those who may need or know of individuals who may need dental treatment but cannot access or afford it and do not have dental insurance. This event has been held in other states and has served an amazing number of people. Urge folks to get there early – people travel from all over and spend the night waiting in line to be seen.

This year's event – the first in Connecticut – will be held at the former Tolland High School, 1 Eagle Hill Drive, Tolland on Saturday April 12, 2008 from 5am to 5pm and Sunday, April 13, 2008 from 5am to Noon. For more information, go to: <http://www.csd.com/ctmom/ctmom1.html>.

Community Message Boards To Enhance The Downtown

RDA's Design Committee has received final approvals from the Town of Vernon to have two Community Message Boards installed at the corner of St. Bernard Terrace and Park Street. The new message boards will be capable of displaying 4x8 signs on sheets to be provided to any organization obtaining temporary sign permits from the Vernon Building Department. The attractive units will include gooseneck downlights set between vintage poles recently removed from Central Park and refurbished for this project. The goal was to establish an attractive means of promoting various events and activities in town while enhancing the aesthetics of the historic downtown. Our thanks are extended to the Town of Vernon, CL&P, and the Vernon Public Works Department for their assistance in helping this project along. Installation should be completed this spring or early summer. Special thanks to Jeff Hutton, Bob Hurd, Dave Lee and Richard Tariff of the Design Committee for coordinating this project.

The Rockville Downtown Association, Inc. Membership Pledge Form

(simply return this form and RDA will contact you or enclose a check)

Name(s): _____
 Business Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State: _____
 Zip: _____
 Phone: (day) _____
 (eve) _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

• Community Partner Membership:

- Platinum Sponsor \$4,000 per year _____
- Diamond Sponsor \$2,500 per year _____
- Gold Sponsor \$1,000 per year _____
- Silver Sponsor \$ 500 per year _____
- Bronze Sponsor \$ 250 per year _____
- Friend of the RDA \$ 150 per year _____

(above sponsorships may include recognition packages)

• Business Membership:

- No. of Employees: 1-5 = \$ 50.00 _____
 6-10= \$ 75.00 _____
 11-20= \$125.00 _____
 20+= \$200.00 _____

Exact # of employees at your location: _____

• Supporting Individual Membership:

- Individual \$ 25.00 _____
- Seniors/Students \$ 15.00 _____

Questions? Call our office at 860-875-7439

Additional Donations welcomed for:

- () Greenspace Program \$ _____
- () Cultural Arts Event \$ _____
- () Downtown Events, Concerts & Festivals \$ _____
- () Other - please specify \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

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The RDA Mission Statement:

The RDA is a grassroots, non-profit organization whose mission is to *Preserve, Promote and Enhance* Rockville's Historic Downtown and to create partnerships that stimulate economic activity and action for a renewed sense of pride and community.

The RDA recognizes the following businesses, individuals and organizations for their continued generosity and financial support . . .

Silver Sponsors

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- New Alliance Bank
- Mark Nicholas & Son, Inc.
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- St. Bernard Church
- Swiss Cleaners
- Union Congregational Church

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- Gold Sponsors**
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- William & Mary McGurk
- Anne Miller Real Estate
- Rockville Public Library
- Sovereign Bank - Vernon
- Springville Mill Development
- Liz & Malcolm Stevenson
- Superior Energy, LLC
- Vernon Regional Adult Education

**Sunday, April 20, 11am-3pm
Downtown Spring Cleanup Day
& Paint-The-Park!
Calling all Volunteers and
'Wanna-Be Artists' of all ages!**

The entire community is invited to participate in the 8th Annual Downtown Spring Cleanup Day. Donate just a little of your time from 11am to 1pm to help keep our historic downtown looking great. Rakes, gloves, garbage bags -- bring them or we will provide plenty. Then, join in on the fun as everyone paints a 300 foot banner to be displayed in Central Park. Children, teens, adults, seniors -- everyone is invited to participate. The "theme" will be commemorating the Bicentennial with "What Makes Rockville Rock?" Paint, brushes, supplies will all be provided free. So get your creative thinking hat on and mark your calendar for April 20!

Pizza and refreshments for those who assist with the cleanup.

Help us with both, or show up for either part of the event Let's have a great turnout!

Our thanks to Amerbelle for donation of the banner fabric and to Vernon Park & Rec for installation assistance!



Sponsored by RDA,
event partner - Community Block Watch

