

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA presents

DKMHB 08

(Mental Health Benefit 2008)

Honoring Donald Keyes



Our annual fundraiser is now the Donald Keyes Mental Health Benefit. Dr. Donald Keyes served as the auctioneer for the event each year since its inception 18 years ago. His death last year left a void in the arts community that will never be filled. The Board of Directors of Mental Health America of Northeast Georgia asked the permission of the family earlier this year to honor Donald with the renaming of the event. Born on Christmas Eve in 1940 in New York City, Keyes graduated from Yale University, and earned his doctorate in art history from New York University.

Besides his time at the Georgia Museum of Art, he taught at The Ohio State University and Smith College and was director of the Marietta Cobb Museum. Keyes was very active in the cultural life of the state as one of the founding members of Atlanta Photography Gallery and Five Art in Athens which houses Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA) and artists' studios. He also coordinated the artists' market for AthFest, the annual music and art extravaganza. As curator at the Georgia Museum of Art, Keyes organized numerous exhibitions and published articles, books, and exhibition catalogues. These included studies about American Impressionism, art and artists in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, Stuart Davis, the nineteenth-century Southern itinerant painter George Cooke, the Woodstock painter Andrée Ruellan, Impressionism in California, and European and American photography. Always a supporter of artists and an opponent of censorship, Donald Keyes was a cornerstone in the local arts community. In renaming the Benefit in his honor, we hope to remind everyone of his contributions to the strong role the arts play in this area.

-Eddie Whitlock

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553 Prince Avenue
Athens

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Athens

House of 10,000 Picture Frames
1285 Cedar Shoals Drive
Athens

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2061 Experiment Station
Watkinsville

Starting prices may be included. Artists may request a 20% rebate on the sale price to cover materials. Supplies can be expensive, but talent is priceless! **Accepting artwork through January 24th.**

FIVE EIGHT



Rockers FIVE EIGHT Kick Off Benefit Week

Let's say you're already familiar with Athens, Georgia three-piece rock outfit Five Eight. You'd know then that they're one of the Southeast's pivotal rock groups and that they've been untiring torch bearers of the Athens music scene for the past 15 plus years, sharing bills with everyone from hometown mates R.E.M. to punk rock brethrens the Ramones while amassing a heaping of praise from critics who have declared them the best live band most folks have never heard. In fact, when it comes to a thrilling, no gimmick, full throttle, rock 'n' roll experience, no band delivers on stage quite like Five Eight. But you also know that as explosive as they are in concert, the band has always been about songs. Great songs, as a matter of fact - the kind of songs that are full of melody and an unchecked desperation that is rock'n'roll at its purest. They're songs that possess an undeniable appeal that calls for repeated listenings and have lyrics that are earnest, confessional and sung with the sincerest of force and effect.

Five Eight has weathered every storm the biz has sent their way. They signed to Walter Yetnikoff's Velvel Records in 1997, and yes, their deal with the former CBS Records chief and music leviathan went south, just as his label did. But that's something that seems to be par for the course these days. So is the departure of band members, and perhaps so is even a divorce, depression, drugs or a manager's death. The real story though - the one that separates Five Eight from the rest - is not that they've faced the worst; it is that when faced with the worst, they have always survived.

FIVE EIGHT will open the events of the Donald Keyes Mental Health Benefit with a performance Friday, January 25, at the 40Watt Club in Athens.

-Obtained with permission from the band's website bio: www.fiveeight.com/fiveeight/

Alternative Country Singer Caroline Monroe to Perform at DKMHB Reception

Caroline Monroe is a city girl who sings country songs. A native Atlantan who now lives in Athens, Ga. Caroline fronted a rock group, Umpteen, but she realized her heart was in country music and the high lonesome sound of the Appalachian South. She met Athens Outlaw Fester Hagood, now with King Cotton, a Southern rocker who had a similar passion for country. They played Athens' clubs as a duet while Hagood produced Caroline's first CD, "Ghost Town," backed by some of the top musicians in Athens. The songs range from humor ("See Rock City") to heartbreak ("Right Here In My Heart") to hell-raising ("Sunday Sinner"). Since her CD's release, Caroline has been playing clubs in Athens and Atlanta. She's branching out from hard-edged country into a more reflective alt-country style that suits her distinctive, haunting voice -she's been compared to Emmylou Harris, Iris Dement and Lucinda Williams. Mostly, people say Caroline sounds like a country Natalie Merchant. And her fans enjoy Caroline's relaxed and unpretentious stage presence. As she grows as an artist, Caroline is writing more and more of her own material to match her strikingly original sound.



Caroline will perform during the reception Sunday, January 27, at Cups Coffee on Barnett Shoals Road in Athens.

-Obtained with permission from Caroline's website: www.carolinemonroe.com

BENEFIT EVENTS

Reception to Feature Artist/Spokesperson Carol Coussons de Reyes

The Donald Keyes Mental Health Benefit will recognize the artists and everyone who makes these events possible with a reception on Sunday, January 27, at 3:00 p.m. at Cups Coffee, 1911 Barnett Shoals Road in Athens.

Speaking at the reception is Carol Coussons de Reyes. Ms. De Reyes is a Certified Peer Specialist, Director of Consumer Relations and Recovery Section with DHR: DMHDDAD, a member of the National Consumer Survivor Mental Health Administrators, and the statewide coordinator for the Campaign for Mental Health Recovery by the SAMHSA and the Ad Council in Georgia. She also does public speaking on her lived experience with mental health issues, recovery, stigma, and creativity. She is also a wife, an aunt, a writer, a poet, and an artist.



FILMS



The Donald Keyes Mental Health Benefit will continue on Tuesday, January 29, with a 7:00 p.m. showing of "Away From Her" at the Georgia Museum of Art.

The film stars Gordon Pinsent and Julie Christie as a couple whose marriage is tested when Christie's character begins to suffer from Alzheimer's and moves into a nursing home, where she loses virtually all memory of her husband and begins to develop a romance with another nursing home resident. The cast also includes Olympia Dukakis, Michael Murphy, Wendy Crewson, Alberta Watson, and Kristen Thomson. The film was made by 20-something writer/director Sarah Polley, who combines sensitive direction and stunning performances to create a film described by critics as "genius" and worthy of Academy Award consideration.

There will be no charge for admission to the film. A discussion and refreshments will follow at the Georgia Museum of Art's reception area.

"Rocket Science" will be shown at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, at the Georgia Museum of Art. There is no charge for admission.

This 2007 comedy, written and directed by Jeffrey Blitz, is described by one critic as watching a character "functioning amidst dysfunction." Hal Hefner keeps trying to function in a dysfunctional family. His parents have separated; his Mom Juliet periodically moves in a lover and his son Heston; and Hals angry, violent older brother Earl could be semi-certified as a Misfit.

It is thus no great surprise that Hal has turned into a high-schooler who stutters both verbally and emotionally. Meeting top-notch Debating Team star Ginny gives him a REASON to try to improve his life. He is not always successful at his attempts, but his WILLINGNESS to start making really sincere EFFORTS to improve is what is important. Starring Reece Thompson, Lisbet Bartlett, Vincent Piazza, and Anna Kendrick.



ART AUCTION, Saturday Feb 2nd

the Georgian Hotel, 630pm

www.fightthestigma.com

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for the mentally ill and victory over mental illness."*

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