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INTRO

hrough MILL, we've tried to use our cover to provide a focus on some of the best works by local artists. Our first cover featured sculpture; our second, printmaking; and last month, a winter-themed work from one of the area's best photographers. This month we answer the question, "When

are you going to do something about music?" For that, we stepped back into the past and for good reason. Although they haven't played a note together in nearly 20 years, the Pressure Boys were and remain one of the key homegrown musical acts from this area. Their music was not indicative of the jangly guitar rock that came to be emblematic of "the Chapel Hill sound." But they were straight outta Chapel Hill High School and filled the clubs with their classmates and locals. They also took to the road and for a lot of people in the world beyond Orange County, their first contact with a band from this area was at a Pressure Boys show.

They return to the stage after an almost 20-year hiatus May 2 in a benefit show at Cat's Cradle (see story on page 10). We mention it this early because tickets just went on sale. If the sales go well, the band plans on adding another show the next night.

There is, of course, a lot of music ahead between now and then, notably at The ArtsCenter, which kicks off its annual Roots Music Series with a two-night benefit this weekend (Jan. 4-5) for WCOM radio.

We can think of plenty of ways to survive the chilly days ahead, but probably none better than basking in the warm glow of a good song. — KIRK ROSS



In their days on the road, the Pressure Boys went through three vans — Death Pete, Crüel Eugene and Almighty God. They were the home away from home for a crew of eight. They all bore the scars of the road. By the time Death Pete was retired it was probably more object d'art than transportation. Fans and other bands slapped stickers on it or spray painted slogans in layer after layer. Pictured above is Pete parked at a club in Austin, Texas in 1984.



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ON THE COVER



A portion of the cover of Krandelebaum Monumentus – the last Pressure Boys Lp.





ART NEWS

ARTSCENTER

ArtsCenter to host open house for African-American community

The ArtsCenter will host an interactive open house for the African-American community on Sunday, Jan. 13 from 2:00 to 5 p.m. The open house will feature a community-led roundtable, refreshments, local entertainment and tours of the facility.

Organizers say the event is part of the center's ongoing effort to make sure programming better reflects the community.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. with entertainment by Turbo in the Earl and Rhoda Wynn Theater, Teli and Mabiniti on Kora and Balla in the gallery, and T.J. demonstrating Capoeira in the dance studio. Whole Foods will be providing refreshments, and tours of The ArtsCenter will also be offered. ArtSchool teachers will be on-hand to provide mini classes and demonstrations and staff members will be available to answer questions and hear feedback. At 4 p.m., participants will gather in the West End Theater to provide feedback and suggestions in a community-led roundtable. The event is free and open to all.

BRANCH LIBRARY

Workshops at Carrboro Branch Library

A free workshop on textile art will be part of an exhibit of textiles curated by local artists Anita Wolfenden, Linda Carmel and Nerys Levy at the Carrboro Branch Library.

The exhibition, which features 21 local textile artists, is designed to present an overview of the range and possibilities within the discipline of fiber art — from wool and felt to silk, paper to soft sculptures.

At the January 20 reception, there will be demonstrations of some of the processes involved in the production of textile art. Also during the life of the exhibition, the library will hold a free art workshop led by one of the show's participating artists. The exhibit is made possible by the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library and the Fowler Foundation. For more information, call 969-3006.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, the library will feature a workshop based on the library's current art exhibit, "Water, our most precious resource." Artist Sudie Rakusin will teach a free art workshop on the theme "Underwater animals and plants," based on her altered book techniques.

Spaces at the workshop are limited. Children under 10 must be accompanied by adults. To enroll, please call the library at 969-3006. Supplies list given on enrollment.

UNC CAMPUS

Jewish studies talks to probe music, the South, more

Jewish music, Zionist ideology and Jewish merchants in the post-Civil War South are among topics to be explored in a spring lecture series at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

UNC's Carolina Center for Jewish Studies will present the free public lectures, all at 7:30 p.m. in the theater of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History at 150 South Road. Dates, titles and speakers for the four lectures will be:

Jan. 14: "Israel and the Diaspora: Convergence or Rupture?" Derek Penslar, Samuel J. Zacks Professor of Jewish History at the University of Toronto. In his talk, UNC's Morris, Ida and Alan Heilig Lecture in Jewish Studies, Penslar will examine how Zionist ideology and the Israeli state are not as far removed from Diaspora Jewish norms as is commonly thought.

Feb. 4: "Jewish Merchants and Former Slaves: The Economic Relationship in the Post-Civil War South," Eric Goldstein, director of the graduate program in Jewish studies and associate professor at Emory University. The talk will be UNC's Sylvia and Irving Margolis Lecture on the Jewish Experience in the American South.

March 3: "Jewish Music and All That Jazz," Joshua Jacobson, professor of music and director of choral activities at Northeastern University. In the Kaplan-Brauer Lecture on the

Contribution of Judaism to Civilization, Jacobson will examine the impact of American life on Jewish composers and the impact of Jews on American music.

April 14: "A Brief History of 3200 Years," Richard Elliott Friedman, Ann and Jay Davis Professor of Jewish studies at the University of Georgia, will discuss why understanding present-day Israel involves exploring its history dating back to biblical times. The talk is made possible by a grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation in honor of Eli N. Evans of New York City, a 1958 UNC alumnus.

The lectures are co-sponsored by other campus units including the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, the Center for the Study of the American South and the departments of music and religion.

For more information, visit http://ccjs.unc.edu or call (919) 962-1509.

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CARRBORO/ CHAPEL HILL

The annual community celebration of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held Jan. 21 begining with a rally with speeches and song at 9:30 a.m. at the Peace & Justice Plaza at the Franklin Street Post Office. At 10:30 a.m. particpants will march west on Franklin Street to First Baptist at 106 N. Roberson Street for the annual service commenrating King's life. The Rev. Curtis Gatewood, former president of the Durham Chapter of the NAACP, is the featured speaker at the 11 a.m. service.

CHATHAM COUNTY

The annual Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, Jan. 19 at 8am at the Holy Trinity Church in Siler City. Donation is is \$8 For more information, contact Alma Taylor at 774–8492.

TRIANGLE WIDE

The 27th annual Triangle Interfaith Prayer breakfast will be held Monday, Jan. 21 at 8 a.m. at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. The event is free nd open to the public. Information is available on the web at www.king-raleigh. org. Dorrs open at 7:15am

ON CAMPUS

JAN 20 6pm – 23rd Annual University/ Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banguet, William Et

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY EVENTS

Ida B. Friday Center for Continuing Education, Keynote Speaker: Rev. Chancy R. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC and senior advisor to the governor of North Carolina. To purchase tickets, please contact 962–6962 or visit unc.edu/diversity/mlk/schedule

JAN 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Observance

• Day for Service, 8:30 a.m., Meet at Great Hall, Carolina Union

• MLK Youth Leadership Program, 9:30 am www.unc.edu/rocts.

• He Was a Poem: A Gathering in the Tradition, 7 pm Robert and Sallie Brown Gallery and Museum, The Sonja Haynes Stone Center

This event will explore King's legacy through music, poetry and spoken word with musician Bradley Simmons of the Duke University Djembe Ensemble, poets Michael and Lita Simanga and spoken word artist Kim Arrington.

JAN 22

• Candlelight Vigil, 6:30pm, Mc-Corkle Place, around the Old Well

 MLK Keynote Lecture: Ruby Dee and Presentation of 26th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship, 7pm, Memorial Hall, Ruby Dee UNC Students: free tickets available, Jan 10, General Public: free tickets available Jan 16. Limit 2 tickets per person. Memorial Hall Box Office Information: 843–3333

JAN 23

 Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest, 7:30pm, Caberet, Carolina Union, Oratorical contest participants will address "From Dreams to Reality: The Illusion of Full Inclusion."



JAN 24

• Screening and Discussion, 5pm, Auditorium, Fedex Global Education Center, Join filmmaker Michele Stephenson for the North Carolina debut of "Faces of Change," an award-winning documentary following the stories of five activists working to eradicate racism in New Orleans, Mauritania, India, Brazil and Bulgaria. A discussion with the filmmaker will follow the screening.

• Unity Dinner, 7:30pm, Seminar Rooms and Gallery, Campus Y Carolina students from an array of organizations will come together to share dinner and make new connections. Registration is limited.

JAN 25

• The Lived Experience of Race: Reflections on "A Class Divided " and MLK's Dream of a Better Tomorrow, 12:15pm, 1:15pm and 2:15pm, Great Hall, Carolina Union

In this experiential screening, participants will be seated based on eye color to view selections of the PBS documentary "A Class Divided," which recounts school teacher Jane Elliot's "blue eye, brown eye" exercise, and Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech.

• "I, Too, Sing America": The New Frontier, 7pm, Great Hall, Student Union,

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ART CALENDAR



LINDA CARMEL - "CAROLINA CATHEDRAL" PART OF "WINTER BLUES" AT THE HILLSBOROUGH GALLERY OF ARTS

CARRBORO

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THE BEEHIVE SALON 102 E. Weaver Street 932-4483 thebeehive-salon.com

Paintings by Lynne Clarke, featuring portraits and still lifes. Reception from 6-9 p.m. 2nd Friday, exhibit through Jan 31.

CENTURY CENTER 100 N. Greensboro St. 918-7385 townofcarrboro.com/rp/cc.htm

Under the Big Blue Sky, self-taught artist Valerie

Tan paints with acrylics and oilbars and has developed a style using "poster" colors and house/neighborhood themes.

CARRBORO TOWN HALL 301 W. Main St. 942-8541

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Photographer Natasha Johnson's work is a reflection of her appreciation for the simple moments in life that inspire her.

DEWITT LAW, PLLC 118 E. Main St Suite A 338-8200 dewitt-law.com Acrylics by Douglas Clark,

focusing on landscapes and automotive. Showing through Jan. 31.

FIFTH SEASON GARDENING CO. 106 South Greensboro St. 932-7600

FLEET FEET GALLERY 406 E Main St. 942-3102

Deborah Russell. Paintings. Through Feb. 1.

NC CRAFTS GALLERY

212 W. Main St. 942-4048. "Watercolor Reflections" Watercolor paintings by Kathleen Gwinnett of Burlington, Jan. 2-Jan. 31

NESTED 118 B East Main Street 338-8023

nestedhome.com Works by Sondra Dorn – Through Jan 30.

OPEN EYE CAFÉ 100-C E. Main St., 968-9410

Main room: David Sovero, paintings, through Jan. 31. Side room: Duncan Morgan, mixed media, through Jan. 31.

PANZANELLA

www.panzanella.com 929-6626

"The Conversation" New paintings by Steven Silverleaf. Through Feb 4. Public reception: Mon, Jan 21, 5:30-7:30pm.

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CHAPEL HILL

ACKLAND ART MUSEUM - South Columbia St. and Franklin St. Chapel Hill, 966-5736 "Picturing the World," Carolina's celebrated phototournalists. Jan.

11 through April 6. "Theme and Variation," print sequences from ornament to abstraction. Through Feb. 24.

ANIMATION AND FINE ART

- University Mall, Chapel Hill, 919.968.8008. Works by Roy Lichtenstein. "Shapes, Colors, Dots and Pop." From Jan 11 to Feb. 7.

CAFFE DRIADE

1215A E. Franklin St 942-2333 caffedriade.com Paintings by Jeff Newell of

FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER

Chapel Hill, through Jan. 31

301 Pittsboro Street 962–2435 "The Faces of Child Trafficking" There are an estimated 27 million slaves living in the world today, the majority of them children. This exhibition shares the stories of children whose families sold them into slavery in Ghana's Volta Region.



TURNING POINT GALLERY University Mall 967–0402

Annual Dutch Auction of current stock Jan 11 through Jan 19.

SOUTHERN VILLAGE

BLOOM 708 Market Street, Southern Village 942-9880 Oils by Jacquelin Jenkins Perry,

Marcia DeMartino and Sam Shelby. Various oils by other artists. Ongoing exhibit.

BAGWELL, HOLT, SMITH,

TILLMAN & JONES, PA 400 Market Street, Suite 103 932-2225. Shannon Bueker. "A Fall Mix. Until Jan. 31. Drop ins welcome.

HILLSBOROUGH

HILLSBOROUGH GALLERY OF ARTS 121 N. Churton Street, Suite 1-D 732-5001 hillsboroughgallery.com

"Winter Blues" a show of works by the gallery's member artists . Reception Friday, Jan. 25 from 6–9pm. Through Feb 23. The is located at, Hillsborough.

PITTSBORO

CHATHAM COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL 115 Hillsboro Street 542–0394 chathamarts.org

Photographs by ChathamArts Gallery member photographers and the Chatham Camera Club. Reception Jan. 5, from 12 noon to 5. Featured artists in January include: Gerald O. Dukes, R.L. Parker, Cara O'Connell, Elaine A. Rhoades, and Claire Levitt.

FINE BOOKS FEARRINGTON VILLAGE CENTER, PITTSBORO 542-3030

fearrington.com/village/mcintyres

JAN 4, 2PM Bill and Susan Seaforth Hayes Daytime soap operas' first golden couple Bill and Susan Seaforth Hayes will be starring in Sanford's Temple Theatre's production of Love Letters. The pair will take a break to discuss, Like Sands Through The Hourglass, which chronicles their love story on and off the screen and their rise to stardom as Doug and Julie on Days of Our Lives.

JAN 5, 11AM

Budd Titlow, wetland scientist and wildlife biologist, will discuss Seashells: Jewels From The Ocean. In this book he takes a non-technical approach and portrays the life histories and uses through the ages of a wide variety of mollusks that occur along the Atlantic and Gulf Coastlines of the United States. He will also give a brief overview of Low Impact Development.



JAN 12, 11AM

UNC Professor of creative writing and Kenan Visiting Writer **Joni Tevis** will read from The Wet Collection. Tevis gathered much of the material for her collection of essays during the summers she spent as a seasonal park ranger in state parks in SC, GA, and Oregon.

JAN 30, 7PM Rita Mae Brown reads from

the new Sneaky Pie Brown mystery, The Purrfect Murder.

MARKET STREET BOOKS 610 Market Street in

Southern Village 933–5111 marketstreetbooks.com

JAN 10, 7PM

Writer and food enthusiast Ross Pipes will read and sign Paris Chef

JAN 17, 7P.M. Valerie Yow will read and sign Betty Smith: Life of the Author of A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

JAN 18, 8PM

Book launch with Joanna Catherine Scott for the paperback edition of Charlie

JAN 24, 7PM

UNC Professor of creative writing and Kenan Visiting Writer Joni Tevis will read and sign The Wet Collection.

JAN 27, 3 PM

Marcy Smith will discuss and sign An Idiot's Guide to Crochet as well as teach a little crochet. Attendees can make squares to donate to Project Linus (www.projectlinus.org)

CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill 968–2777 chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/

JAN 8, 11:30AM

1pm "Books Sandwiched In" Bring a brown-bag lunch to the Friends' bookclub for a discussion on My Name is Red by Orhan Pamuk.

JAN 18, 3:30

5pm Meet-the-Author Tea, After Jackie: Pride and Prejudice and Baseball's Forgotten Heroes by Cal Fusman.

CLASSES, SEMINARS Chatham County Artists Guild

WRITERS SERIES Conference Room, Building 2



JAN 12, 1–4PM Technical Writing with Victor Manos

JAN 19, 1-4PM

Poetry Workshop with Ruth Moose To register call Molly Matlock at 919-542-0394 or email molly.matlock@ chathamarts.org

LITERARY CALENDAR





1/3 AND 1/41/4A HAPPY NEW YEARSAM

FROM HELL DSI Comedy Theatre Comedy presented by The Delta

Boys at 7:30 and 9:30 Thursday and Friday. \$12, students \$10

1/4 AND 1/5 AMERICAN ROOTS SERIES OPENING WEEKEND & WCOM BENEFIT The ArtsCenter

With Club Boheme, The Ramblers and Missy Raines & the New Hip performing Friday. Lucy Sumner & The Second Third, Django Haskins and The Allen Boys play Saturday. Price: \$15



1/5

"DIAMONDS ARE FOR NEVER" Cat's Cradle

Dance party with DJ Forge, proceeds benefit The Global Action Foundation for relief in Sierra Leone. Dancing starts at 9.

1/6

PHOTOGRAPHY OPENING ChathamArts Gallery

Photography by local artists & members of the Chatham Camera Club, reception from 12-5 p.m. Show lasts until February.

1/10

THE FREEWHEELING YO LA TENGO The ArtsCenter

An "almost-acoustic" show with audience participation. 9 p.m., \$25 1/12 ROBOSAPIEN Local 506 With Miss Mary Wanna.

JANUARY SHOWS & OPENINGS

1/11

PICTURING THE WORLD: CAROLINA'S CELEBRATED PHOTOJOURNALISTS Ackland Art Museum

Works by Andrea Bruce, Jamie Francis, Janet Jarman, Charles "Stretch" Ledford, Susie Post Rust & Ami Vitale and more. Reception from 6-9 p.m. Show through April 6.

1/11 GREG HAWKS CD RELEASE

The ArtsCenter Greg Hawks releases his new CD "Coming Home." 8:30 p.m. \$13.



YO LA TENGO 1/10 ARTSCENTER

1/12 ANIMALIA BY HO

ANIMALIA BY HOBEY FORD'S GOLDEN ROD PUPPETS The ArtsCenter

A puppet show exploring natural wonders, suggested for K – 6th Grade. 11 a.m., \$7

1/12

TONY WILLIAMSON BAND

Trails Clubhouse Mandolin master performs with his band at 8 p.m. Information at www.fortyacres.org.

1/13

ART OPENING Somerhill Gallery

Ceramic sculpture and works on paper by Lydia Thompson and paintings by Michael Barringer. Reception from 2–5 p.m. Show lasts until February 16.

1/13 AFRICAN-AMERICAN OPEN HOUSE

An open house and community roundtable to discuss The ArtsCenter's current offerings and to provide feedback on the needs of the African-American Community. Refreshment and entertainment provided. From 2–5 p.m.

1/14

THREE GIRLS & THEIR BUDDY TOUR Memorial Hall

Featuring folks and roots musicians Emmylou Harris, Shawn Colvin, Patty Griffin and Buddy Miller. Call 843–3333 for tickets.

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1/9 THROUGH 1/13 2.5 MINUTE RIDE Playmakers

Lisa Kron performs her OBIE Award-winning performance taking us from Auschwitz to an amusement park in Ohio, the ride of her life. Tickets at playmakersrep.org

1/15

IMPEACHMENT DEBATE Carrboro Century Center Coalition for the Constitution will host a Debate on Impeachment between Republican Bruce Fein (pro-impeachment) and Democrat Michael Tomasky (anti-impeachment). 7 p.m.



SUPER FURRY ANIMALS 1/29 CAT'S CRADLE

1/16 THE ROSEBUDS

Cat's Cradle Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Advance tickets only \$10!

1/18

"AN IVES EXPERIENCE" Memorial Hall

Pianist, composer and scholar Stefan Litwin joins UNC colleagues in a program devoted to America's most original 20th-century composer, Charles Ives. 8 p.m., tickets \$15, \$10 for students.

1/19

WINTER GREENS HIKE Occonneechee Mountain

Hiking at 11 a.m. For information, 383-1686.

1/19

"THE LAST OF THE REALLY GREAT WHANGDOODLES" East Chapel Hill High School Adapted from the book by Julie Andrews Edwards; presented by Studio A Dancers. At 2 & 6 p.m. \$5 tickets, call 967-4100.

1/19 THE OLD CEREMONY

Cat's Cradle "Rock For Roe" benefit with Cuntry Kings, Old 86 and more. Music at 9:15, advance tickets \$10.

1/19 LEON RUSSELL

The ArtsCenter

Rock-and-roll legend Leon Russell has released a muchanticipated new album,



ANAMALIA 1/12 ARTSCENTER

"Angel In Disguise." Part of The ArtsCenter's 5th annual American Roots Series. Show at 8:30 p.m., tickets \$31.

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ELEMENTS OF VISUAL ARTS PART ONE: TEXTILES Carrboro Branch Library

An exhibition by 21 local textile artists. Reception from 2-4:30 p.m. involves demonstrations of production.

S PlayMakers Repertory Company presents a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Suzan-Lori Parks. Two brothers fight for position and legitimacy in the world. Tickets at playmakersrep.org

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1/26

The Cave

1/27

PlayMakers

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Fin Fang Foom and Caltrop.

TOPDOG/UNDERDOG

7:30. Around 10, local rockers

SIX ORGANS OF ADMITTANCE Local 506

Psychedelic folk from the West Coast. Show at 9:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 advance, \$10 door.

Hillsborough Gallery of Arts Works by the gallery's member artists. Reception from 6-9 p.m., Show lasts until late February.

SUPER FURRY ANIMALS Cat's Cradle With Fiery Furnaces and Holy F. Show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$15.

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PLAYMAKERS

2.5 MINUTE RIDE January 9 - 13 DOUBT January 26 - March 1 TOPDOG/UNDERDOG January 27 - March 2 Tickets @ playmakersrep.org

MOVIES

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Jan 4, Romance and Cigarettes, Attonement; Jan 11, Starting Out in the Evening, The Diving Bell and the Butterfly; Jan 18, Jimmy Carter..., The Savages, There Will Be Blood; Feb 1, Youth Without Youth

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HOUSE SHOW IN THE COUNTRY

CLOCKWISE, FROM BOTTOM LEFT: Innovators of genres often perfect the art as well. Think Van Eyck and oil painting or James Brown and funk. I can't think of anything done in bluegrass that trumps Bill's crazy ultramodern cubist solos. MIDDLE LEFT: Joe Thompson, a fiddler from Mebane, won a National Heritage Award last year. His advice in the quote refers to the agressive clawhammer style of banjo (different from the "picky picky" style of bluegrass) one needed to play a dance. TOP LEFT: Kerbloki played an amazing show with Juan Huervos at the Nightlight during this evening. The quote was not from the bass player actually but was overheard as part of the great conversations in the alley between sets. ABOVE: About 50 people sat quietly in the middle of a house to hear Des Ark and a bluegrass band from the Czech Republic play without microphones. There's nothing quite like the sound of an unamplified voice and instrument in a cold room packed with people.

THE RETURN OF THE PRESSURE BOYS

Out of action for close to 20 years, a legendary local band reunites for a benefit show at Cats Cradle

BY KIRK ROSS



The Pressure Boys circa mid '80s (left to right) Jack Campbell, Greg Stafford, John Plymale, Rob Ladd, Jay Widenhouse and Bryon Settle. PHOTO BY LISA 10 TUCHEK

 he better part of two decades has passed since the last notes of the last Pressure Boys gig faded into the crowd at the April 1989 opening show of the Cats Cradle on Franklin Street.

For John Pylmale, it was the end of an era. The band had effectively broken up already, but after playing the closing show at the old Cradle location the year before, they'd agreed to return to open the new location.

In the span since, the idea of a reunion has never been appealing. The feeling, Plymale said, was that the band "had run its course" and to just let it be a memory.

"So much of what gave us our kick was due to the irreverent nature of the band," he said. "Twenty years later, we're not quite the same people and it would be hard to be that as adults with children."

It was only after he and longtime friends Lane Wurster and Steve Balcom of The Splinter Group — a Carrboro-based design and marketing firm — were exploring how to follow-up last year's Songs for Sixty-Five Roses — a benefit record and series of concerts for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation that the idea surfaced. Plymale, whose young daughter Allie was diagnosed with CF in 2004 ("sixty-five roses" was her term for the disease), said Wurster and Balcom proposed a P-Boys gig as the best way to do something big.

For the first time, the idea seemed right, Plymale said, with a reunion coming in support of a cause rather than an attempt to recapture the past. Upon being contacted, the rest of the band jumped at the idea, and tickets for a May 2 show at Cats Cradle went on sale last week. If there's enough response, another one the following night may happen as well.

Like Plymale, Pressure Boys guitarist Bryon Settle was pretty well convinced the band would never take the stage again, although he admits he secretly wished it would happen.

Their parting wasn't due to acrimony among the members, Settle said, but after putting in roughly 100,000 miles on the road together, it was time to do something else. He agreed with Plymale that, at the time, there was a feeling that the band had had its run.

"That's exactly right," he said. "We'd all reached a point where we had other things we wanted to do." The run started in 1981, when most members were still at Chapel Hill High School. Over the next 10 years, the band went through three bass players, three trumpet players and three vans. But the core — Settle, Plymale, saxophonist Greg Stafford and drummer Rob Ladd — remained constant. Together, they toured the country, playing almost 500 shows.



John Plymale and his daughter Allie PHOTO BY YORK WILSON

Once the decision was made to go ahead with the benefit, the band took a serious look at the songs and started pulling together a set list. Drawing on their love of Ska, the P-Boys were known for their tight rhythm section and punchy horns.

"We definitely talked about how we wouldn't want it to suck, and it was going to take a little work to make it not suck," Plymale said.

Settle has been going over his old guitar parts in his rehearsal studio, a converted barn behind his house in Hillsborough.

"That stuff is hard," he said. Plymale, whose musical work for the last several years has been mostly as a producer at Durham's Overdub Lane, has been working on getting his singing chops in order.

Later this month, Ladd and bass player Jack Campbell are flying in from the West Coast for rehearsals. Stafford, now a lawyer in Pittsboro, and trumpeter Jay Widenhouse, who's been playing old-time jazz with the Firecracker Jazz Band in Asheville, will resume their roles in the horn section.

Tickets for the show are \$16 in advance and can be purchased on the Cats Cradle website at www.catscradle.com.

All proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



MUSIC CALENDAR



THE ARTSCENTER

Club Boheme, The Ramblers & Missy Raines, The New Hip (1/4) Lucy Sumner & The Second Third, Django Haskins, The Allen Boys (1/5) The Freewheeling Yo La Tengo (1/10) Greg Hawks (1/11) Nappy Brown Orchestra , Sean Costello and Big Joe Maher (1/1) Leon Russell (1/19)

CAT'S CRADLE

Dex & The New Romans, The Caligulettes, Nightstick, Max Indians. (1/4) DJ Forge (1/5) Cosmic Charlie (1/11) Mark Kozelek, Josh Nowlan (1/1) The Rosebuds (1/16) The Old Ceremony, Cuntry Kings, Old 86 (1/19) L In Japanese (1/0) Lotus, Telepath (1/3) Virginia Coalition (1/4) Perpetual Groove (1/6) Super Furry Animals, Fiery Furnaces, Holy F (1/9) Corey Smith (1/30)

THE CAVE

Brandon Herndon & John Pardue (1/3) Johnny Cook, Buddhacat, Hundred Air (1/4) Pagan Hellcats, The Young Antiques, Tony Raver (1/5) Mike Got Spiked (1/7) Dead To Society, The Shotdowns (1/8) Ezra Furman & The Harpoons (1/9) Blaine Ziglar (1/10) Crushed by the Numbers, Vinyl Strangers, Cool Ethan (1/11) Solgay, Luego (1/12) Miss Tess & The Bon Bon Parade, Christabel & the Jons (1/15) Chris Freeman, Kings of Prussia, The Houstons (1/17) Chuck Champion & The Big Tippers, A Songwriter's Salute (1/18) Mark Cool & The Folk Stars, Skeeter Brandon (1/19) FunCtry (1/23) Left on Cates, Modena, Expire (1/24) Simple, Prabir & The Substitutes, Jen Richelson (1/25) Highway 54, Fin Fang Foom, Caltrop (1/26) Wedlock (1/30) Garrett Moore, Somebody Sam, Lam Lam, Resist Not (1/31)

RESERVOIR

Evil Bebos, Ruscha (1/10) Black Skies, Howl, The Curtains of Night, St. Jude (1/11) Lex Vegas, Tooth (1/21) The Moon and Bad Times, Something About Vampires and Sluts (1/31)

NIGHTLIGHT

Sweater Weather, Wil Donegan & The Apologies, Margot & The Ghost of Tarryton (1/3) Fighting Poseidon, Transit Union, Wheatie Mattiasich (1/4) DJ Nasty Boots, The Sumpbucket Ticklers, Dom Flemons, DJ Jason Perlmutter, Pykrete (1/5) Jeff Crawford, Amo Joy, Sounds of Singles (1/8) Dickie Hayden, Hard Luck Stories, Lindsay Holler & The Dirty Kids (1/10) Maple Steve, Monsonia, Caverns (1/12) In the Year of the Pig, Curtains of Night, Ungdomskulen (1/16) Future Islands, Glass Witch, Lonnie Walker, Swan Quarter,



Scott Waite Debacle (1/18) Eberhardt, Harmute,

Israel Darling, The Nothing Noise (1/19) Justin Et The Cosmics (1/22) All The Saints, Calabi Yau (1/25) Weather Maker, I Crime (1/26)

LOCAL 506

Children of the Horn (1/3) Heart of Glass, Amps Do Furnish a Room, Guitars in the Sky (1/4) Hammer No More the Fingers, Gray Young, I Was Totally Destroying It, Citified (1/5) Dan, Deacon, Ultimate Reality, Juan Huevos, Dj George Brazil (1/6) The 1900s, Wye Oak (1/8) Stephanie's ID, Violet Vector & The Lovely Lovelies (1/10) Kerbloki, Sexy Prime, Minnie Skirt & The Bootlegs (1/11) Robosapien, Miss Mary Wanna (1/12) The Busy World (1/13) JohnnyDirtyShoes, Phoebe's Carousel (1/14) Airspace, Phillip Pledger (1/15) Yeasayer, MGMT (1/17) Drug Rug (1/18) To The Republic (1/21) The Howlies (1/22) Six Organs of Admittance (1/23) Max Indian, Jeff Crawford, Brother Henry (1/24) SHIPS (1/27) Fujiyama Roll, Triple Overhead Cam (1/28) Ken Devine, Dave Elkins, Jealous Girlfriend (1/29) The Whigs, The Sammies, Bull City (1/30)



THE TIPSHEET

anuary brings in a new year's worth of great performances.

The first weekend will begin with The ArtCenter's American Roots Series, a series of big performances that will last throughout the month. On Friday, January 4, Club Boheme, The Ramblers and Missy Raines & the New Hip perform. On Saturday Lucy Sumner & The Second Third, Django Haskins and the Allen Boys perform. Both shows start at 8:30 and cost \$15 or \$13 for friends of the ArtsCenter. The shows benefit WCOM and on Saturday a CD commemorating the 5th year of the series will be available.

On Sunday, the ChathamArts Gallery will showcase photography by local artists and members of the Chatham Camera Club and host a reception from 12 to 5 p.m. The show will be on display through the month.

The next weekend, Lisa Kron performs her OBIE award-winning play entitled 2.5 Minute Ride, a whirlwind tour of a life story at Playmakers. Performances are from January 9 to 13.

On Thursday, January 10, the ArtsCenter hosts The Freewheeling Yo La Tengo, an "almostacoustic" performance by Yo La Tengo in which the band will work with the audience to tell stories of their past as a rock and roll band.

On Monday, January 14, the Three Girls & Their Buddy Tour comes to Memorial Hall and features roots and folk musicians Emmylou Harris, Shawn Colvin, Patty Griffin and Buddy Miller. Tickets at 843-3333.

On Wednesday, January 16, indie duo The



Rosebuds will play Cat's Cradle at 9:30. Door tickets \$12, advance tickets \$10.

On Friday, January 18, composer-pianistscholar Stefan Litwin will play with UNC colleagues in a program honoring 20th century composer Charles Ives. The performance is at 8 and tickets are \$15 or \$10 for students.

On Saturday, January 19, local rockers The Old Ceremony, Cuntry Kings and Old 86 will play at Cat's Cradle in a 'Rock for Roe' benefit. Advance tickets are \$10, door tickets \$14.

Also on Saturday, bearded rock and roll legend Leon Russell will release his new album "Angel in Disguise" as part of The ArtsCenter's American Roots Series. That show is at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$31 or \$29 for friends of the ArtsCenter.

On Sunday, January 20, the Carrboro Branch Library will host a reception for its new exhibit *Elements of Visual Arts Part One: Textiles*, a show by featuring 21 local artists working in many textile mediums.

On Wednesday, January 23, the very psychedelic Six Organs of Admittance play the Local 506. Tickets in advance only \$8 and \$10 at the door.

Nearing the end of the month, Playmakers will debut their show Topdog/Underdog, a Pulitzer Prize-winning play about two brothers named Lincoln and Booth struggling to find a place in the world.

On Friday, January 29, the goofy Super Furry Animals will perform with Fiery Furnaces and Holy F at Cat's Cradle. The show is at 8:30, \$15.

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Jan	uary Shows		
1/3 THU	CHILDREN OF THE HORN		
1/4 FRI	HEART OF GLASS, AMPS DO FURNISH A ROOM, GUITARS IN THE SKY		
1/5 SAT	HAMMER NO MORE THE FINGERS, GRAY YOUNG, I WAS TOTALLY DESTROYING IT, CITIFIED		
1/6 SUN	DAN, DEACON, ULTIMATE REALITY, JUAN HUEVOS, DJ GEORGE BRAZIL		
1/8 TUE	THE 1900S, WYE OAK		
1/10 THU	STEPHANIE'S ID, VIOLET VEC- TOR & THE LOVELY LOVELIES		
1/11 FRI	KERBLOKI, SEXY PRIME, MIN- NIE SKIRT & THE BOOTLEGS		
1/12 SAT	ROBOSAPIEN, MISS MARY WANNA		
	THE BUSY WORLD		
1/14 MON	JOHNNYDIRTYSHOES, PHOEBE'S CAROUSEL		
1/15 TUE	AIRSPACE, PHILLIP PLEDGER		
1/17 THU	YEASAYER, MGMT		
1/18 FRI	DRUG RUG		
1/21 MON	TO THE REPUBLIC		
1/22 TUE	THE HOWLIES		
1/23 WED	SIX ORGANS OF ADMITTANCE		
1/24 THU	MAX INDIAN, JEFF CRAW- FORD, BROTHER HENRY		
1/27 SUN			
1/28 MON	FUJIYAMA ROLL, TRIPLE OVERHEAD CAM		
1/29 TUE	KEN DEVINE, DAVE ELKINS, JEALOUS GIRLFRIEND		
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