

SIMPLE GIFTS COFFEE HOUSE

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WE HOSTED 9 SHOWS:

October 1, 2011 - Cosy Sheridan and TR Ritchie

November 12, 2011 - 35th Parallel

December 10, 2011 - Frank Morey; Acoustic Baza opening

January 14, 2012 - Squeezebox Stompers

February 11, 2012 - Local Performers Showcase w/ host Sarah Blacker

March 17, 2012 - Matt and Shannon Heaton

April 14, 2012 - Vance Gilbert

May 5, 2012 - Woody Guthrie Tribute/Fundraiser - w/ host Steve Edington. The event raised \$1500 for Huntington's Disease Society of America. This event hosted our largest attendance of the year - over 135 people came out to support and enjoy Steve's presentation.

May 19, 2012 - Singing Against Homelessness

A singer songwriter competition hosting 12 phenomenal artists and a panel of three judges: Joe Sparkman, Billy Parker, and Jared Holland. The audience participated in the voting for their favorite performer. Many of our local businesses supported the event with gift certificates for raffles held during the event; food and people to prepare the food were graciously donated by El Paisano, a local eatery and market. Our two finalists were:

First place Heather Pierson

Second place Tim Scott

Honorable Mention Kevin G Moore

Heather chose to work with Emmy award winning producer Joe Sparkman to produce one of her songs. Tim will be our feature performer at next season's Performer's Showcase.

This event was conceived by Simon Rios, church member. \$700 was raised and will be donated to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

This was the first event worked in conjunction with the churchwide initiative EHH - Ending Hunger and Homelessness in Nashua. We will continue to work together with our raffles and fund raisers focused on area organizations dedicated to people without homes.

Though our feature shows were not attended as heavily as they have been in the past, we are not overly concerned. Other coffee houses experienced the same. We were able to host amazing musicians, create great musical experiences, and meet contracts. We realize that the economy played a big part in low attendance. We have an amazing line up started for next season and look forward to seeing you there!

