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Local Musicians to Participate in Youth Connection “Spring Fling Benefit Concert”

Nationally Known Louie Zagoras plus Other Local Bands to Perform

For Immediate Distribution. April 18, 2014. Youth Connection of Wilmette is holding a “Spring Fling Benefit Concert” on Friday, May 9, 7pm-12pm at 27 Live in Evanston. Funds raised from the event will be used to run Youth Connection’s programs for 5th-8th graders in Wilmette, many which are provided at no cost to students or parents.

The live entertainment will include Louis Zagoras who is the founder, lead singer/lead guitarist and primary songwriter for the band ROLLOVER. The band has supported top rock acts including The Allman Brothers, Joe Satriani, Sheryl Crow, Dave Mason, The Neville Brothers, Blues Traveler, John Hiatt, Hot Tuna, Johnny Winter, Jimmie Vaughan, Buddy Guy, Buddy Miles, Robin Trower, Cheap Trick, and Eddie Money. For the last 17 years, Louie has been writing songs with Roy Marinell (who co-wrote Werewolves of London and Excitable Boy for the late great Warren Zevon). Louie is multi-instrumentalist who plays drums, sitar, bass, harmonica, piano, and several other instruments.

The benefit concert will also feature The T-Byrdz, Pink Lightning, and Maiden America. The T-Byrdz is a local popular band that supports many charitable events. Pink Lightning and Maiden America are bands comprised of students who attend Wilmette Junior High School and who recently participated in Youth Connection’s Battle of the Bands.

Here is the line-up for the evening’s entertainment:

Pink Lightning: Olivia Schotz, Piper Phillips, Daniela Sirott, Alaina Vivian

Maiden America: Jimmy McDermed, Mick Flannery, Brian Kaiser, Libby Markham, Nathan Yamaguchi

The T-Byrdz: Danny Yohanna, Lee Kiser, Mack Reynolds, Phil Palumbo, Byrd Rhyne-Fisher

Louie Zagoras

Tickets to the “Spring Fling Benefit Concert” are \$75 each and include heavy appetizers, beverages, and live entertainment. There will be an open bar of selected beers and wines from 7-9pm. All other drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets may be purchased at **www.youthconnectionwilmette.org**.

All proceeds will benefit Youth Connection and its after-school programs. Youth Connection is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides social, service, and educational opportunities to Wilmette-area 5th-8th graders during a critical period of growth in their lives. The organization was founded in 1988 in response to findings outlined in a report by the New Trier Committee on Youth. Fifth through eighth grade is a critical time in the lives of our pre-teens and teens, especially during the transition period between 3:00 to 6:00pm. Youth Connection makes sure that children who are not signed up for structured activities have a safe, secure, positive place to go.

Youth Connection remains committed to making its after-school programs available to any family, regardless of their ability to pay a participation fee or make a financial contribution. RAD, the DEN and both homework clubs continue to be drop-in programs provided free of charge to all students. This commitment to providing no-cost drop-in programs remains strong even in the face of a continued slow economy and the corresponding decrease in contributions. Youth Connection’s programs include after-school homework clubs, art clubs, plays, and drop-in centers.

27 Live is located at 1012 Church Street in Evanston, IL.

For more information about the Spring Fling Benefit Concert, contact Carrie Winter at carriewinter1@gmail.com or go to **www.youthconnectionwilmette.org**.