

Welcome

As we move close to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday and that time for gathering with friends and family, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for coming tonight to share in this joyful evening of music and friendship. We are grateful for your presence here tonight and for your support of the incredible work we have been doing for over thirty years to help create sustainable community development for the people of Nagarote, Nicaragua.

We are so thankful to all the musical artists who have given their time and talents to make this Cabaret come to fruition. Music is a language we can all relate to and the ways it brings us all together, lifting spirits and uniting our hearts is a blessing.

Our project continues to evolve and flourish. From its' beginnings over thirty -five years ago to the present, we have witnessed the tremendous impact it has had on the lives of the young people who have been nourished by the programs made available to them. A measure of that success can be found in the number of college scholarships we now offer. The program has truly lifted lives and given young people opportunities to better themselves and make a life in their community and country.

So sit back, enjoy conversation with friends, fine food, fabulous music and know that so many people in Nagarote are so thankful that you are here tonight.

Tom Kretsch-President NNSCP

Many Thanks to Our Fine Performers

Emily and Bill Hall

This daughter and father duo is no stranger to the musical world of Fairfield County and beyond. Emily began her career with her talented parents, Bill and Maryann Hall through their prestigious program "Music For Children." She starred in numerous productions at Staples High School and then went out into the professional world of theater. Her credits include "Follies"(Broadway), "Gypsy"(St Louis), "Whistle Down the Wind (World Premiere and more. She released a solo CD of children's songs entitled "Sun in the Morning Til the Moon at Night" which recently won a Parent's Choice Award. More recently she released a new CD "All Things On My Mind" with original songs.

Bill has been a professional singer all his life performing in the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic, Musica Sacra, Broadway Companies. He has been part of the choir at Temple Israel for the High Holidays and is part of the Choir of Greens Farms Congregational Church. With a Masters from the University of Michigan in Vocal performance and Pedagogy, Bill has been a vocal teacher for many accomplished singers who have starred in high school, college and Broadway.

Celestial Choir from Calvary Baptist Church

The Young Adult Choir was formed in 1986 by the late Katherine Perry Bibbs Brown, but is now under the musical direction of "Dr" Greg Detroj. The choir consists of young people at heart, who together share the gospel of Jesus Christ through song. Their purpose is to encourage believers in their Christian walk, lead the congregation in worship and set a warm atmosphere. It is a way for them to share their gifts and be an integral part of the worship experience. The Choir has performed at the annual Martin Luther King Memorial Program in Norwalk and at many other choir events throughout the City of Norwalk.

The Calvary Dance Ministry

The Calvary Dance Ministry is a combination of three Liturgical Dance groups L.O.G., F.U.T.U.R.E. and S.O.P. The mission of these groups is to set the atmosphere for worship. Through their choreography and movements, they use their bodies as instruments of praise. This group is always eager to introduce God to others and touch the heart of the believer through their dancing. Dance is truly one of the arts that enable one to tell a story, express an idea or emotion through the body and the Calvary Dance Group takes enormous pride in their abilities to create their pieces.

Blended Hearts

Blended Hearts is a 17 member Women's A Capella Choir from Sacred Heart University. Directed by Dr. John Michniewicz, Director of Choral Programs at SHU, the group celebrates the art and precision of all-female a capella singing. Formed in the fall of 2013, during the University's 50th anniversary year, the ensemble made their campus debut opening for the world-renowned Pentatonix. Since then they have continued successful performances in the "Family Weekend", "Christmas Extravaganza," and both classical and pops concerts each spring. Blended Hearts is in high demand for performing and entertaining at receptions and special events. Most recently they were invited to perform at the home of University President, Dr. John Petillo for his annual Christmas Dinners and participated in "The Acapocalypse!" at Manhattanville College (NY), where they performed for other college a capella groups in an all-day convention. Blended Hearts is highly honored to sing for the Norwalk Nagarote Sister City Project's "A Little Night Music" event.

Greg Detroy

Greg has been participating in our Cabaret since its inception. He is an extremely talented keyboardist and uses his talents to play a wide range of music including gospel, pop, jazz, blues and spiritual. He has worked with church choirs as an accompanist and arranger of musical selections. "I enjoy working with singers and choirs.

Music is a creative and spiritual way to connect with people." He is married to Lyn DeTroy and has a family of six children, all of whom are musicians with some playing professionally.

Sarah LeMieux

Sarah LeMieux grew up making music, with a mom who studied and taught French folk and classical guitar, a dad who played the blues, and a little brother who kept everyone awake with the drums. Her work in New York City as a session vocalist and guitarist, in studios and on stages, created many opportunities to interpret, create and absorb a broad spectrum of music, and inspired her to create and perform original work. Sarah earned her MFA in Music Composition at Vermont College of Fine Arts, an experience that greatly enriched her musical palette, and led to new explorations in electroacoustic and soundscape music. Sarah's compositions and performances have graced the stages of the National Women in Blues Festival, the International Festival of Arts and Ideas, Infinity Hall, and International Women Arts (SWAN) Day Festivals, as well as radio stations from Australia to Japan. Sarah's jazz quintet has won "Best Jazz" three times at the Connecticut Music Awards, and Album of the Year for 2015. She couldn't do any of it without her wonderful husband and amazing kids.



The Norwalk/ Naragote Sister City Project
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development between Nagarote, Nicaragua, and
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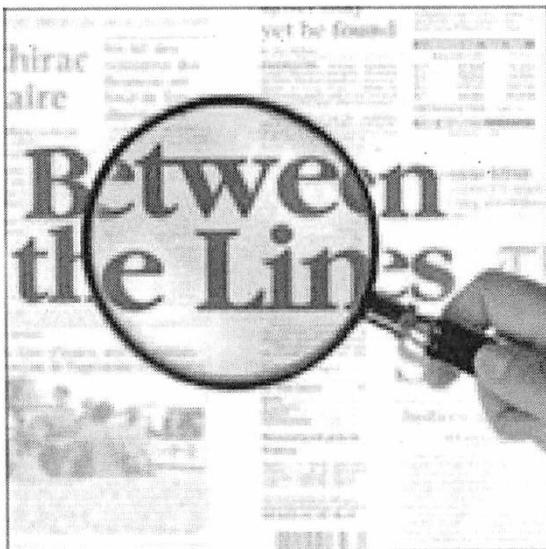
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Helen Stein

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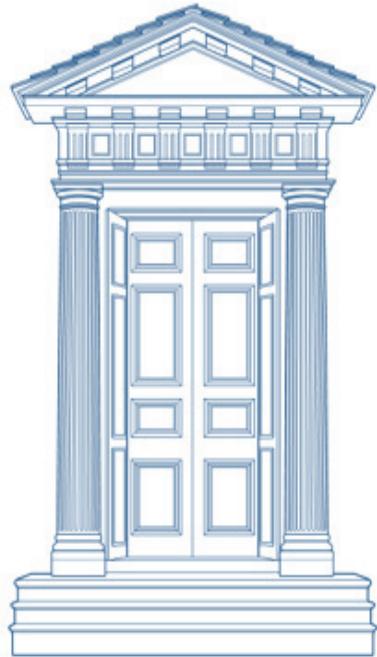
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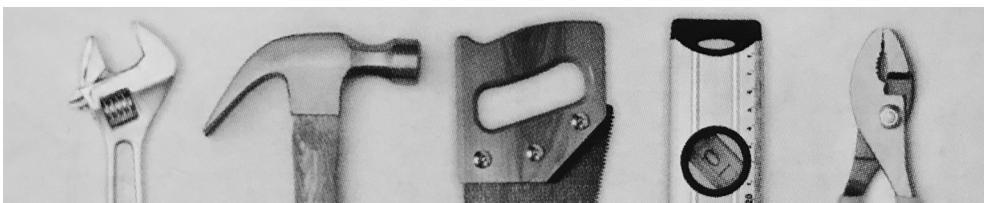
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