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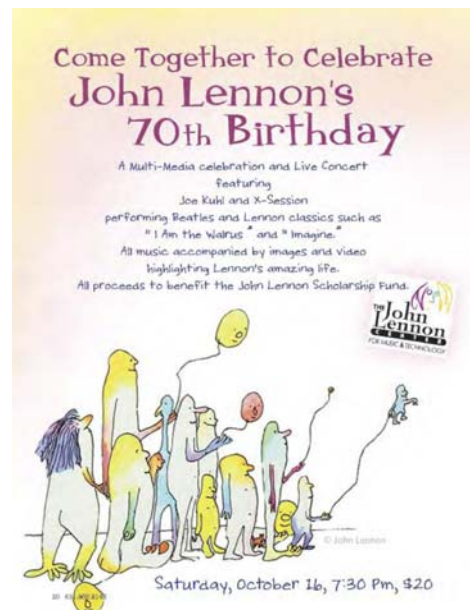
John's 70th Birthday

Live Concert and Multimedia Event will feature Lennon's Work
recreated by Joe Kuhl and X-Session Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit John Lennon Scholarship Fund

Sept. 25, 2010, Dix Hills, New York --
The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center and John Lennon Center for Music and Technology at Five Towns College will present a special celebration of what would have been Beatle founder John Lennon's 70th birthday on Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The celebration will include live concert performances of select Lennon works and Beatle classics by noted local artists Joe Kuhl and the band X-Sessions.

Tickets for the event are \$20. Proceeds will go toward funding the Five Towns College John Lennon Scholarship fund.

Critics have often compared singer Joe Kuhl's voice to that of John Lennon. He is a local Long Island vocalist with several albums to his credit, whose original music, including his most recent album, *Bottom Feeders*, has also been compared to Radiohead. The Lennon influence on his work is unmistakable.



Wrote reviewer Dan Macintosh on CDBaby.com: Joe Kuhl has clearly soaked up the best parts of 60s rock... But Kuhl borrows these elements to spice up his personalized songs, rather than trying to go back to that era in some kind of a musical time machine."

X-Sessions, one of Long Island's premiere cover bands, has played more than 800 performances throughout the New York metropolitan area and nearby resorts such as Foxwoods. Founded in 1995 by drummer, percussionist and lead singer, Jim Del, it also includes Eddie Profet Jr. on bass guitar, harmonica and vocals, Pat Montefusco on acoustic, lead guitar and many lead vocals, while newest member Joe DeJesu joins on guitar and vocals.

Collectively, X-Session boasts eighty years of professional experience, having entertained the likes of Donald Trump in his penthouse on the east side of Manhattan, Alec and Billy Baldwin at the Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Benefits at the Grand Hyatt Ballroom in Manhattan and - annually since 1998 - prominent political and military figures at the U.S. Army Officer School at West Point.

Additionally, X-Session has shared performance evenings with internationally known artists Kool and the Gang, David Lee Roth, The Marshall Tucker Band, Lil' Kim, Richard Marx, Roberta Flack, Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr., and The Trammps. The ensemble has also had the honor of performing the national anthem, *a capella*, at Shea Stadium prior to a Mets game, and have done so annually since 2003.

Despite his untimely death in New York on December 8, 1980 at the age of only 40, John Winston Ono Lennon continues to inspire young artists and musicians through both his extensive body of work, both as a founder of the Beatles and long-time collaborator with band mate Paul McCartney, and subsequent solo projects spanning several decades. Lennon's work is now considered among the classics, and his inspiration has also continued through the generosity of his family.

The John Lennon Center for Music and Technology at Five Towns College includes a video and audio production center and a John Lennon Library containing catalogs of important historical artifacts from the Beatles era and John's subsequent solo careers. John's widow, artist Yoko Ono, serves as Honorary Chairperson of the Center's Advisory Committee. She was present at the Center's original dedication. Since then, numerous other artists and musicians have visited the Center to both lecture and to perform. Visitors have also included Beatle producer Sir George Martin, original Apple Records engineers, Radio personalities and other dignitaries.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org. Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).