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MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

November 19, 2005 — 8:00 pm

The **Folk Music Society of Huntington's Hard Luck Café** will present two performers:

JOHN FLYNN

Ticket Magazine places John Flynn "at the near end of a long line of American poets, thinkers and folk artists, stretching from Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman, all the way up to Kris Kristofferson".

Kristofferson himself praises John's songwriting: "The truth is in the details; the gifts are an ear for accurate dialogue, an eye for powerful imagery and anything funny, and a heart open to surprises and the possibilities of moving the emotions." As a young father Flynn left a staff writing gig in Nashville and began writing songs for his kids and for his life. These songs yielded CDs that are informed by the trademark humanity and humor that Flynn sees as the essential tools for parenthood and living. Recently the 48 year-old Delaware resident has turned his attention, and his songwriting, to the world his four children will one day inherit.

In recent years John has toured extensively playing folk festivals, theaters, clubs, church basements and coffeehouses. Presented simply, with nothing more than an old Martin D-28 and harmonica, John's compelling songs, strong voice and open hearted approach to his audiences, are making strangers believers, and believers friends throughout the country.

This is an artist on the way up, and we're honored to have him featured on our Hard Luck Café stage.



MIKE SOLOWAY

Long Island based Mike Soloway will perform an eclectic mix of original and traditional songs and guitar instrumentals for our live audience. He is famous for his infamous "Office Vermin", "Love Slave" and "Fifty G's In The Hole" in addition to his less infamous "Russian Rag" and other more or less fabulous infamous selections.

Mike has a repertoire of the world's most well loved baroque, classical, romantic and impressionist favorites — his development as a classical guitarist began at an early age and led to studies with some of the world's most renowned teachers, leading to well-reviewed performances at Carnegie Recital Hall.

He is also a writer of songs for children, with major influences from Pete Seeger, Leadbelly, Woody Guthrie and his own father. His songs reflect Mike's desire to encourage a feeling of community, an appreciation of sharing and a firm moral grounding. Mike presents these positive messages subtly and with a spirit of fun, humor, enthusiasm and love.

We warmly welcome Mike back for a return engagement on our Hard Luck Café stage.

Concert at 8 pm, at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A). An "open mike" segment will precede the main concert. All are welcome at the open mike; with sign up before 7:50 p.m. Refreshments, including home baked goods, will be available the entire evening.

General admission for this event is \$8, with \$6 for members and \$7 for seniors. For more information regarding this event please call **(631) 661-1278**.

More information about the Folk Music Society of Huntington and our concerts are available at: <http://fmshny.org>