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MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

February 18, 2006 — 8:00 pm

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

TORNADO ALLEY

A year ago, Island Songwriters Showcase members Sonny Speed, Tim Huss and Vincent Crici — three singer-songwriters with very distinct musical personalities — decided to join forces with percussionist Robert Langley and form 'Tornado Alley'. As their distinctive styles merged into a unified sound, an experiment in original American roots music was born.

The members of Tornado Alley challenge themselves to write all original material that reflects the many genres of roots music: bluegrass, country, gospel, traditional blues and folk idioms found in California, New England and the Texas plains. A signature of Tornado Alley's sound is their emphasis of three- and four-part harmonies, coupled with up-tempo energy and universal appeal. The Tornado Alley line-up is also adept at seamlessly switching instruments and roles: Vincent Crici on vocals, guitar, bass and mandolin; Tim Huss on vocals, guitar and bass; Robert Langley on percussion and backing vocals; Sonny Speed on vocals, guitar, mandolin bass, harmonica and melodica.

Tornado Alley has just finished recording its first CD. Come see them in their Hard Luck debut.

GERRY McKEVENY

Gerry McKeveny grew up wanting to play the guitar. His musical education led him along a varied and meandering path, with early influences ranging from Van Morrison to John Fahey to Merle Travis and beyond. Well known for his exquisite fingerstyle compositions, Gerry is familiar to Folk Society audiences; he has performed at the Hard Luck Café with his musical partner Joe Caggiano, and he was a featured performer at one of Bob Westcott's Holiday Revues.

Gerry has an elegant and understated vocal style, but he has concentrated on showcasing his dynamic fingerpicking on his most recent CD release *Healing Season – Guitarsong*. Gerry's lyrical style has gotten the attention of luminaries such as Artie Traum and David Roth, as well as Grammy-award winner and American songwriting icon Roseanne Cash.

Come see Gerry in his long-awaited return to the Hard Luck Café.

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://fmsyny.org>