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### **MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**May 5, 2007 — 7:30 pm**

The **Folk Music Society of Huntington's FIRST SATURDAY CONCERTS** will present:

# **KING WILKIE**

*Traditional Bluegrass — and beyond*



High resolution digital photos available on request to [webmaster@fmshny.org](mailto:webmaster@fmshny.org)

An exciting bluegrass group — performing the live roots of musical tradition shot up with a kind of synthesizing organic sensuality and poignant urbanity

Named after bluegrass "founding father" Bill Monroe's favorite horse, King Wilkie digs deep for the live root of musical tradition and shoots it up with a kind of synthesizing organic sexuality and urbanity that zings through simple lonesome words. Rendering beloved standards along with Pitney's and Burgess' poignant originals, singer John McDonald and Burgess' warm duets and heartfelt phrasing convey a vital tension between the straight-up, strait-laced, god-fearing past and a soulful, conflicted contemporaneity.

Think of it as if the Stanley Brothers, the Louvins, and old Monroe himself had undergone orthodontia and a Foucault seminar or two. They've been showered with accolades from peers and eminences, have made multiple appearances on the Grand Ole Opry and have the honor of being named the International Bluegrass Music Association's Emerging Artist of the Year. In a short time, King Wilkie went from free shows at bars to headlining in nightclubs, theaters, and concert halls. We're lucky to have them on Long Island!

**If you love traditional bluegrass and mellow new interpretations, don't miss this evening**

#### **ABOUT THE CONCERT AND VENUE:**

Concert at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A).

Handicapped  
accessible

Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. with a one-hour "open mike" segment; main concert performer at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome at the open mike; sign up is before 7:20 p.m.

Refreshments will be available during the intermission.

General admission for this event is \$25, with \$20 for members. For more information regarding this event please call (631) 425-2925 or email to [info@fmshny.org](mailto:info@fmshny.org)

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