



A non-profit organization

Press Release — COFFEE HOUSE

Release date: Immediate

Contact: Sybil Moser **631-425-2925**
info@fmshny.org

MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

September 15, 2007 — 7:30 pm

The **Folk Music Society of Huntington's HARD LUCK CAFÉ** will present four performers:

An evening with HOPE MACHINE and friends

"Ever since the beginning, there's always been the guys designated to carry the coal. Remember? See, when the tribe's fire went out, when they moved on, someone had to carry the last hot coal to start up the next fire with at the next campfire. They needed this fire to cook with, sleep near, and even for some good 'ol talks and songs. Now many of these coal holders, over time, became folk singers. Later, some went electric. Some even became rock and rollers. (Hey, different tribes, different instruments) However the job has never changed." -Nora Guthrie

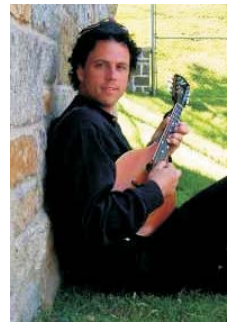
Hope Machine is a group of coal-holders, keepers of the flame, messengers; foot-stompin', guitar-bangin', drum-beatin', song-leadin', harp- blowin', hand-clappin', human hoping machines. Based in New York's Hudson Valley, Hope Machine started out singing the songs of Woody Guthrie. These days they sing plenty of Woody, Pete Seeger, traditional, and original songs with messages of hope, love, and spiritual transformation in celebration of the human spirit. They incorporate old-time, modern, native-American, folk, rock, and whatever other influences give strength to the spirit of their coal-holding. They encourage people to sing along, dance, yell, yodel, jump up and down, or to do whatever else their spirit moves them to do.

Fred Gillen, Jr. (a prolific singer-songwriter, guitarist, washboard player and past president of Tribes Hill) and **Steve Kirkman** (a roots-rockin' Americana singer-songwriter, who grew up in rural North Carolina) carry the message of human unity, hope, and spiritual freedom handed down to them by their elders. They sing songs that make you take pride in yourself and in your work. An ever-evolving group, Hope Machine often invites other musicians to join them. Its 2006 debut album, *March*, features Steve Chizmadia and Abbie Gardner & Laurie MacAllister of Red Molly.

Sharing the stage with Gillen & Kirkman tonight and performing both with them and solo will be **Matt Turk** and **Lara Herscovitch**. Turk is an acoustic folk troubadour who also can rock out. Along with Gillen, he won a coveted spot in the MTA's Music Under New York Program in May. Herscovitch is a Connecticut-based singer-songwriter and 2006 finalist in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest, whose music blends folk, pop and world styles. She also was one of the featured song swap artists during the recent Huntington Folk Festival.



HOPE MACHINE
FRED GILLEN STEVE KIRKMAN



MATT TURK

LARA HERSCOVITCH



High res digital photos available on request to webmaster@fmshny.org

ABOUT THE CONCERT AND VENUE:

Concert at 7:30 pm, at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A).

An "open mike" segment precedes the main concert. All are welcome at the open mike; sign up is before 7:15 p.m.

Refreshments, including home baked goods, will be available throughout the entire evening.

General admission for this event is \$10, with \$7 for members. For more information regarding this event please call **(631) 661-1278** or email to info@fmshny.org

Addition information about the Folk Music Society of Huntington and our concerts are available on our website:

<http://fmshny.org>