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MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

EMERGING ARTISTS SHOWCASE



JUD CASWELL - eloquent song poet

Jud Caswell lives where the two Maines meet: where ex-hippies play cribbage with fishermen and a kind of rural poetry is salted with Yankee gumption. He grew up on a little farm in Maine, picking carrots and milking goats; listening to records by Cat Stevens and the Beatles, reading Mark Twain and Kahlil Gibran. A multi-instrumentalist from an early age, he wandered through jazz bands, orchestras and medieval ensembles before finding his home on the acoustic guitar.

Heralded by Sing Out! magazine as "one of the leading singer-songwriters on the current scene," Jud has won eight nationally recognized songwriting contests, including the Dave Carter Memorial, Boston Folk Festival, and Kerrville New Folk contests. His song "Blackberry Time" is being taught in the songwriting curriculum at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Jud is currently supporting the release of his latest CD, "Blackberry Time," released in 2007.

CHRIS O'BRIEN

mellifluous vocals - talented lyricist

Boston based singer/songwriter Chris O'Brien is an artist on the rise. Since the release of his CD "Lighthouse," Chris has caught the attention of many. He was chosen from a pool of nearly 1,000 contestants to appear on Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion" in the "People in Their Twenties" talent contest, he was one of Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's Emerging Artists, and also was a finalist in the Mountain Stage New Song competition. In addition to all that, Chris appeared at a Farm Aid event and a big benefit show for the ABC show "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" for a deserving family in Vermont.



High resolution 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 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available during the intermission.

General admission for this event is \$20, with \$15 for members. For more information regarding this event please call (631) 425-2925 or email to info@fmshny.org

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