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Event Announcement

Event: Amy Fedel Memorial Benefit Concert

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The 2016 Amy Fedel Memorial Concert will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2016.

The concert will be held at Green Wood (United Methodist Church), 1001 Green Road, Ann Arbor, Mi. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is a benefit for the Brain Injury Association of Michigan and Michigan MADD. The concert is being produced by the Amy and Lisa Fund.

Music will be provided by Hali Hammer, the Bonfire Poets, Five Miles More and Patti and the Pick-Ups.

Hali Hammer (<http://www.halihammer.com/wp/>) is a singer-songwriter from Northern California. Hali has been performing in a variety of styles for over 40 years and is actively involved with the Freedom Song Network, SF Folk Music Club and other groups. She coordinated *Sing Out for Earth Day* in 2012, with 33 different groups around the country (including Ann Arbor) singing *This Land Is Your Land* in the same key at the same time and is listed in the *Who's Who of American Women*.

The Bonfire Poets (<http://www.bonfirepoets.com>) perform acoustic and electric favorites. FiveMilesMore (<http://www.bandmix.com/kwpannarb/>) plays jazz and standards. Patti and the Pick-Ups play standards and R&B. All three groups are based in Ann Arbor.

The show will also feature the Singalong Jukebox, a regular segment during which the audience selects from a list of songs then performs them after intermission.

Suggested donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids. This is a donation, not a ticket fee, so please don't let cost stop you from coming. Donations can be cash or check made out to either 'BIAMI' or 'MADD'. Donations to these organizations are tax-deductible.

Advance reservations are not necessary.

Green Wood is located on Green Road, West of US 23 and South of Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor. For more information, directions, or other questions, email mfedela2@gmail.com. Please do not call Green Wood, BIAMI, or MADD directly.

Updated information about this and past shows can found at <http://www.fedel.com/amyandlisa>. More information about the Brain Injury Association of Michigan can be found at <http://www.biami.org/>. More information for Michigan MADD can be found at <http://www.madd.org/local-offices/mi/>.

Background: Amy and Lisa

Amy Fedel was 8 years old when her family's van was hit by a drunk driver in the summer of 1998. She died of massive head injuries. Her sister Lisa suffered a closed head injury and was in a coma for two weeks. She has made a wonderful recovery but has experienced seizures as a result of her head injuries. She is currently an English major at Adrian College and has ambitions to become a stand-up comic. More information on the family can be found at <http://www.fedel.com/amyandlisa>.

The concert is being produced by the Amy and Lisa Fund. The Fund was established with donations from hundreds of people who read about the family's situation and wanted to help them get back on their feet. The first concert was held in 1999 and helped fund the first year of the Amy Fedel Memorial Reading Program.

Over the last 15 years, the events have raised over \$5,000 for MADD, the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, and the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

Sponsors and Involvement

We always welcome volunteers for a variety of tasks the night of the show, primarily for setup before and cleanup after. Volunteers can contact Mike Fedel at mfedela2@gmail.com.

Anyone interested in helping offset the costs is welcome to contact Mike at mfedela2@gmail.com.