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Event Announcement

Event: Amy Fedel 20th Anniversary Memorial Benefit Concert

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The 2018 Amy Fedel Memorial Benefit Concert - marking 20 years since her loss - will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018. 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 three organizations that have helped us with Amy's loss and Lisa's recovery: the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, Michigan MADD, and the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. The concert is being produced by the Amy and Lisa Fund.

Music will be provided by The Bonfire Poets and Five Miles More, with special guests including Patti Jarosz, Katie Geddes, David Vaughn, and Jeff and the Deck Chairs.

The Bonfire Poets (www.bonfirepoets.com) perform acoustic and electric favorites.

Five Miles More (www.bandmix.com/kwpannarb/) play jazz and standards. Patti Jarosz is a powerhouse singer who has been part of these concerts since 2003.

Katie Geddes (katiegeddes.com) is an Ann Arbor favorite who sings traditional and contemporary folk, country-folk and folk-pop tunes.

David Vaughn is a local vocalist and pianist whose repertoire spans Broadway, spirituals, and a variety of other styles.

Jeff and the Deck Chairs play rock, country, and pop songs with enthusiasm and humor.

As always, the show will feature the Singalong Jukebox. The audience choose 3 favorites from a list of songs then performs them after intermission.

Donations will be accepted at the door in lieu of fixed ticket prices. (Suggested donation is \$15.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids.) Please don't let cost stop you from coming and supporting these organizations. Donations are tax-deductible, please make out your check to 'BIAMI', 'MADD', or 'Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan'.

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.

Information about this and past shows can be found at www.fedel.com/amyandlisa.

More information about the Brain Injury Association of Michigan can be found at www.biami.org. More information for Michigan MADD can be found at www.madd.org/mi. More information about the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan can be found at www.epilepsymichigan.org

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 underwent brain surgery in 2010. Lisa graduated in 2016 with a B.A. in English from Adrian College and is currently living in Lansing, Mich. More information on the family can be found at 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 20 years, the events have raised over \$7,000 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.