

Duke concert series widens scope

Weekly shows to include local bands

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As much as Triangle college towns are great incubators for music, students are often not the main audience for the bands.

Duke University senior Corina Apostol is out to change that. As president of the university's Campus Concert Series, she has expanded the lineup this year to local bands and more shows.

"A lot of people on campus want to hear something else. They don't want to hear everything that's on MTV," Apostol said, explaining why she thinks students will be receptive to local music on campus.

Apostol has led Carolina Campus Series to expand its lineup to include 14 weekly shows at the Armadillo Grill on Duke's West Campus this semester. Shows are on Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to about 10 p.m.

The series kicks off Friday with the Hey Man! Festival, featuring Durham's Red Collar, Chapel Hill's I Was Totally Destroying It and Raleigh's The Secret Theatre, in addition to Duke-student band Panda Force.

Chamindra Goonewardene, president of the Duke University Union which funds CCS, said that he supported the expansion because it will help to remove the divide between Duke and the rest of Durham.

"Especially at Duke (students) tend to be sort of distant from the music scene," he said. "We're trying to build that bridge and make sure students are exposed to local music. That's one thing that we really want for them to do."

The series's funding for the year was expanded to \$15,300 to facilitate the expansion.

Apostol said she was excited

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to include local bands because of the great experiences she has had going to local shows.

"My first semester here I felt really trapped on campus," she said. "I wanted to go out there and see something else."

Some of her friends began taking her to off-campus concerts and she was hooked immediately.

"There was a lot of live music. All the musicians came and talked to you," she said. "I thought that if I put in the bands that I really liked, if I brought them here people would think, 'Oh this is a really good band, I want to listen to these people.'"

Goonewardene said he is also supportive of the initiative because of the opportunity it gives student bands to share a bill with more established local groups.

"The idea of having a local band and a student band was actually thought of by Corina, and I think it's fantastic," he said. "You give exposure to bands on campus, and you give exposure to local bands."

Jason Kutchma, lead singer of Red Collar, said he's excited for the series as an opportunity to get stu-

dents excited for local music.

"It's important that you go where they are," he said. "They simply don't know what's out there. You have to bring it to them first. You can't expect them to necessarily leave their comfort zones."

Kutchma also emphasized that he thinks CCS is an example of how possible making this happen can be.

"A lot of universities say, 'We should get local music playing here,' but they look at that as such a large pain in the ass," he said. "All it takes is one person who's willing to work, a small amount of money and somebody who's hopefully tied into the local scene," he said.

Apostol is hopeful that the series will get Duke excited about local music, using herself as an unlikely example of a student who didn't.

"I'm from Romania originally. I had no connection. The only thing we watch is MTV. If I came to the point where I love what's going on here and want to support it, I think it's possible."

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DIVERECOMMENDS.....

Album from the Vaults:

Lilys, *The 3-Way*: As a band, Lilys has made a career out of shifting its shape, all while remaining within the general category of Brit-inspired psychedelia. On this 1999 gem, the band goes a little more mod with fuzzy guitars and glorious organ fills.

Movie from the Vaults:

"Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery": This classic spoof of the even more classic spy genre really is quite funny, despite all of its overwrought ridiculousness. If nothing else, it will serve as a necessary reminder to brush your teeth.

Something Random:

Carrboro Farmers Market: As the calendar begins to change towards fall, take advantage of fresh summer fruits and vegetables while they are still available right down the street. As a subcategory to this recommendation, Dive recommends making a tomato sandwich with mayo and lots of pepper.

Events:

THURSDAY

The Graves of Fairmount

Nightlight | Paul O'Keefe, who is the sole performer of The Graves, delivers intimate performances of his heartbroken anthems. He and adorable pop duo Birds and Arrows open up for country-rocking Wisconsin band The Championship. 9 p.m., \$5

FRIDAY

Red Collar

Duke University | One of the triangle's best live acts, Red Collar, brings its modern punk aggression

to the Armadillo Grill on Duke's West Campus. Edgy pop-rock outfit I Was Totally Destroying It and Raleigh synth-pop band Secret Theatre open. 5:30 p.m., Free

The Old Ceremony

Cat's Cradle | Chapel Hill's sassy pop-rock outfit The Old Ceremony and Athens' outfit Modern Skirts take the stage for a night filled with piano hooks and Elton-John worship. 9:30 p.m., \$10

SATURDAY

Caitlin Cary

Central Park, Durham | The former Whiskeytown member and the beautiful voice that blends so well in Tres Chicas leads an impressive lineup of N.C. bands including the lovely pop of Schooner, the country-twee of Midtown Dickens and Chapel Hill mini-folk-orchestra Lost In The Trees. 4:30 p.m., \$12 to benefit Durham's Coalition to Unchain Dogs.

Barack the Cradle

Cat's Cradle | D.C. imports Caverns join local favorites Hammer No More The Fingers, Tooth and Kaze to rock and rap in support of the newly named Democratic nominee for president. We're not too keen on politics but Hammer, Tooth and Kaze are more than enough to get us out. Really, this is going to be a cool show. 9 p.m., \$10

SUNDAY

Liam Finn

Local 506 | The son of New Zealand elder-statesman Neil Finn brings his dreamy brand of pop to the stage after The Veils. They're not that good, but their MySpace says their from 3 countries, so that's at least a little bit impressive, right? 9 p.m., \$10.

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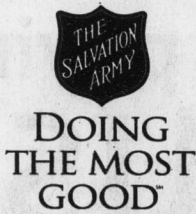
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