Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission



164 W. Broad Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission Regular Meeting for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 3:00 pm

In Person: County Administration Building 164 W. Broad Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 Virtual: Microsoft TEAMS/Teleconference (856) 209-3537 conference ID 110 467 932#

Agenda

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, this regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was duly advertised in The South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal. A notice was also filed with the Cumberland County Clerk's Office at the Court House and posted at the County Administration Building and County Complex in compliance with this act.

- I. Chair calls to Order, Open Public Meetings Act Statement, Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes September 22, 2022
- III. Discussion of Annual Writing Competition
- IV. Discussion of Annual Music Compilation (The Sounds of Cumberland County)
- V. Discussion of 2023 Grant Applications Received
- VI. Appointment of 2023 Budget Subcommittee
- VII. Appointment of Nominations Committee
- VIII. C&H Commissioner Reports
 - IX. County Commissioner Liaison Reports
 - X. Planning Department Update Matt Pisarski
 - XI. Public Comment
- XII. Other Old/New Business
- XIII. Correspondence
- XIV. Adjourn

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

September 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 3:00p.m., via teleconference and/or in-person at The County Administration Building & Potter's Tavern both located in Bridgeton, NJ.

Present: Michael Cagno Suzanne Merighi

Marianne Lods Maria Cerda-Moreno Penny Watson Yogesh Thakur

Karen Barnett

Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator

Matt Pisarski, Department Head/Director Wanda Riviera, Confidential Assistant Matt Horowitz, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – August 25, 2022

Mr. Cagno indicated, following Roll Call, that a quorum was met and would like to entertain a motion to approve the August 25, 2022, Cultural & Heritage (C&H) Commission meeting minutes. A motion to approve the August 25, 2022, meeting minutes was made by Ms. Merighi, seconded by Ms. Lods, and passed unanimously by the Commission.

Discussion of Special Request Grant Program

Mr. Williams said three separate documents were included within the meeting packet starting with the document labeled Special Request Criteria. He said this first document would be for anyone coming before the Commission to receive special request funding. It outlined the specific qualifications the Commission would be asking of them. Mr. Williams said the next document was a Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission Special Request Application for Calendar Year 2022 form. He stated there were recently some questions raised as to how special requests were coming in and this form would help make such requests more uniform when coming before the Commission. The new form would help further explain where the requested funds were intended to go. Mr. Williams said the third form was labeled C&H Special Request Final Report, which would document specific details following the event itself.

Numerous corrections were suggested to update Mr. Williams' County email contact address, as well as adding a brief recap to the final report chronicling exactly how the money was spent. It was suggested that a certification line would be added above the signature line and additionally include some sort of language indicating that this would be a one-time application and next time, they would have to apply under the block grant. It was mentioned to add additional acknowledgement details to the application itself, as well. A motion to approve the Special

Request Grant Program forms presented (with the edits discussed) was made by Ms. Lods, seconded by Ms. Cerda-Moreno, and passed unanimously by the Commission. Mr. Pisarski thanked Mr. Williams for putting these additional materials together.

Discussion of Annual Writing Competition

Mr. Williams said the Annual Writing Competition flyer was included within the meeting packet; although, to date, staff had yet to receive any submissions, unfortunately. Mr. Williams explained the initial submission deadline had been extended from September 28th until October 14th. Mr. Williams stated it would still be fall-themed, the anthology publication date would be slightly pushed back, and staff would try some additional avenues to help get the word out. Ms. Lods asked to be sent the updated flyer to pass it along to someone she knew, and Ms. Merighi suggested getting the information directly to creative writing teachers. Mr. Pisarski added, as a completely new program, it may not launch. He suggested partnering with some of the local County and municipal libraries for similar programming in upcoming years.

Discussion of Annual Music Compilation (The Sounds of Cumberland County)

Mr. Williams said staff had received five submissions (two which were usable) to date based on lyrical content. Artists who were not applicable, had been contacted by staff giving them the opportunity to re-submit something edited or more family-friendly. Although, Mr. Williams said staff did have verbal commitments from roughly 10-12 artists, who showed interest. Facebook & Instagram Boosting with ads had recently been done on social media, as well. Staff were hopeful they would still get in additional submissions for the planned compilation.

Recap of Grant Writing Workshop – September 8

Mr. Williams said the Grant Writing Workshop went really well and he wanted to report back to the Commission. There were three new organizations that had come out, as well as Hands Up Silent Theatre, who attended, gave the information to another organization they knew. Mr. Williams felt as though there would be some new and additional organizations joining the grant program for the 2023 round. Mr. Williams extended his thanks to Mr. Pisarski for an extremely well-done workshop, answering questions, and making sure everyone was as well-prepared as possible. Mr. Williams said the latest Grant Writing Workshop was a success and he looked forward to the next grant round. He explained a follow-up email would be sent to those in attendance ahead of the upcoming October 14th deadline.

Recap of A Day Along The Maurice River (Artists' Day) - September 10

Mr. Williams said Artists' Day had been expanded this year to become A Day Along The Maurice River. Staff had 17 artists in attendance, as well as Gina Martucci, who did chalk drawings, and Clay College with tiles available to paint. Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Lods for coming out and helping work the Tourism booth. Jim Albertson, Steve Byrne, and The Snake Brothers had done a great job performing music. Mr. Williams said it was a larger turnout than last year, due to some of the added events, such as the speaker series, the trail walks, and the architectural house tour. Mr. Williams said they wanted to expand the event even more next years and would be having a wrap-up meeting in the coming weeks to start planning. Mr.

Pisarski said the Historical Society had completely sold out of baked goods and hot dogs. Ms. Lods added she had spoken to one of the artists since, who said the event was spectacular and very well-attended by all. Mr. Williams hoped to make it even bigger and better for 2023!

C& H Commissioner Reports

Mr. Cagno stated All That Dance Studio had a very successful summer program, as well as dance and yoga classes. Mr. Cagno said staff there started their new class last week. Ms. Merighi explained, last weekend, the Langston Hughes program was presented at the Cumberland County Library. She was unable to attend the presentation but said there would be another similarly-minded program held on October 22nd centered around Edgar Allan Poe.

Planning Department Update

Mr. Pisarski said the DRAFT New Jersey Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan was included within the meeting packet. As an interested party, he added the Cultural & Heritage Commission was encouraged to provide comments. Mr. Pisarski stated it was a lot and he would give everyone some time to read through it, but if they had any comments, to please send them to him, via email. Mr. Pisarski added he could draft a letter on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Pisarski thought was pretty clear and concise, for what it was. He liked that the different periods were highlighted and categorized. Mr. Pisarski said the general idea was that they wanted to promote, through marketing, the importance of Preservation in the State of New Jersey.

Ms. Watson asked if it was put together by a consultant and if so, did Mr. Pisarski knew who did it. Mr. Pisarski did not know or see who the consultant in question was. Mr. Pisarski said if there were any comments and he did decide to draft a letter, he would provide it to the Commission prior to sending. Mr. Pisarski said, additionally, staff were looking at some Departmental changes and additions happening within the next 30 days. Once public, Mr. Pisarski said he would let the Commission know about this expansion of programming, via email, which would not directly affect the Board, but he felt would be both collaborative and beneficial.

Public Comment

Ms. Lods said she wanted to quickly let the Commission know where they currently stood with the proposed mural on the space within Glasstown Plaza: they had sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to about 10 South Jersey-based muralists. They had five who answered back quickly and would like to submit in proposals of their own. Ms. Lods said potential artists would have until October 11th to submit their designs and then, the committee at the Holly City Development Corporation would meet right away to select an artist for the mural.

Mr. Pisarski added, regarding the funding line and the \$80,000.00 recommended for operating expenses as a supplemental award for the eight block grant recipients would likely be approved by the County Commissioners at their meeting the following Tuesday. Following the meeting, staff would be reaching out to each of these eight organizations to let them know about the award(s). Ms. Lods mentioned that upcoming Saturday would be the 10th Anniversary Gala at the Levoy Theatre. She said there would be a show, as well as celebrations, food, and drink. Ms. Lods added Saturday would also be the Plein Air Competition in Millville with 19 artists

currently signed up to participate, as well as the final farm market of the season.

Other Old/New Business

Ms. Watson said Lisa Deline for the National Park Service would be coming to Greenwich the following Tuesday to walk through the town and review the updated National Register of Historic Places listing. Ms. Watson stated Ms. Deline would be examining the nomination Jim Burton had submitted, which they were trying to get on the Register as Nationally Significant. Ms. Watson added Ms. Deline would also be going to the Bayshore Discovery project, as well.

Mr. Pisarski said he and Mr. Williams had met with the interim director of the Bayshore Center, as Brian Keenan had recently resigned. Mr. Pisarski stated the interim director was a board member, who had retired as the executive director from the Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia. Mr. Pisarski said he was a great interim director but was not interested in maintaining the position permanently. He explained the Bayshore Center would actively be looking for a new executive director through a search process. Their feeling was that over the summer months, Port Norris does not provide enough foot traffic for the sails of the A.J. Meerwald. Mr. Pisarski said Bayshore staff were looking for a partner port they could set up in over the summer, which would have adequate foot traffic for the Meerwald. Mr. Pisarski had reached out to staff at Cape May and the Delaware River & Bay Authority about porting there.

Ms. Watson asked if the Dallas Landing Skirmish display/oculus had ever been put back in place. Mr. Pisarski said he did not personally know but would have staff go check. Ms. Watson asked where the money had come from for the archaeological investigation and Mr. Pisarski said It had come from a Federal Revolutionary War grant. Ms. Watson mentioned she was currently researching the link between Trench War and the Revolution. Mr. Pisarski said, unfortunately, this would not quality for that specific funding source, but staff could look for additional funding. He mentioned the Council for The Humanities as a potential funding source.

Correspondence

Mr. Williams indicated Karen Barnett was coming from another meeting and got on a little bit later but wanted to circle back and give her an opportunity to make comments about the Special Request Grant Program documents. Mr. Williams reiterated the areas that had been mentioned by Commission members and would be added onto the documents. Ms. Barnett said, via the TEAMS Chat function, that she was "good" with all of this. Mr. Pisarski added anyone current in a special request, staff would send the Final Report form and new/future applicants would be required to fill out the whole application.

Mr. Williams said the two items of Correspondence this month included 1.) a letter from the Vineland Regional Dance Company (VRDC) inviting County Commissioners and Cultural & Heritage Commissioners to attend their upcoming performance of The Nutcracker ballet and 2.) a newsletter from All That Dance Studio detailing their upcoming programming and performances. Mr. Pisarski recommended first reaching out to the liaison for the VRDC to see if they wanted the tickets.

Adjourn

Mr. Cagno asked for one final motion: a motion to adjourn the September 22, 2022, Cultural & Heritage Commission meeting. A motion to adjourn the September 22, 2022, Cultural & Heritage meeting was made by Ms. Merighi, seconded by Ms. Watson, and passed unanimously by the Commission. Mr. Williams, again, thanked everyone for the attendance.

Cumberland County Writing Competition

The competition will be open to high school students, grades 9 - 12, that live or go to school in Cumberland County.

The competition is seeking engaging and interesting stories in the horror genre or that are Halloween-themed.

Stories must take place in Cumberland County or be based on a local legend.

Stories must be between 1,500 and 2,000 words.

Stories are due by **October 14**.

Over \$500 in prizes are available and the top 20 stories will be published in an anthology

Stories will be judged on: Creativity, Grammar, Overall Enjoyment, Flow & Adherence to Guidelines

> Visit the website: co.cumberland.nj.us/shortstorycompetition for contest rules and online submission

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First Annual THE SOUNDS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUSIC COMPILATION

❖ Do you want to be a part of the first annual The Sounds of Cumberland County Music Compilation?

- Are you an artist or band from Cumberland County?
- We are looking to feature 15-18 of the best tracks (of any genre) that Cumberland County has to offer.
- We are looking for songs that:
 - Are shorter than 5 minutes in length.
 - Are radio-friendly or edited versions.
- Submissions are due by September 30th
- ❖ The compilation would be available for free download and on CD's.
 Selected artists will receive copies of the CD's to distribute

For Additional Information and Submission Details Visit Us at: www.co.cumberland.nj.us/soundsofcumberlandcounty







Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State and the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners through the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission. <u>Dana Isles & Facedown</u> (DIFD) first began in Vineland, New Jersey. Gathering together from all walks of life, DIFD began 20 years ago with college friends learning how to play guitar together. Moving on to bass, drums, and song-writing, the band has since released four CD's, three of which are original music. Dedicated to worshiping Jesus Christ and sharing the message of hope, the band travels the world to wherever the doors are open. Ministering on mission trips, at conferences, retreats, recovery events, coffee houses, biker Sundays, and festivals is where you will see Dana Isles & Facedown.

Name of The Artist or Band: Dana Isles & Facedown Names of The Members of Band: Dana Isles, Tammy Vaughn, Jennifer Baker, Gary Bailey & Lois Robinson

Social Media Links & Website: danaislesandfacedown.com www.Facebook.com/Facedownministries.com

Please answer the following question: "What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?" - The Diversity:)

<u>Eric Coslop</u> - song composer, keyboards, vocals John Paul Austin - bass guitar John Wilhelm - drums

Eric Coslop was born in Vineland and has lived in the area all his life. He learned to play piano as a child and continues to this day. Opting to stay here and raise a family rather than pursue a full-time music career, he was blessed to have played music in venues around South Jersey with many of the talented musicians this area has produced. He has recorded some of his original music over the years, much of which is accessible online.

"My favorite thing about Cumberland County is that it's home. I love the diversity of its people and rural landscapes. When I'm away, I look forward to the warm feeling of driving back into beautiful Cumberland County."

https://music.apple.com/us/artist/eric-coslop/515183294 https://music.amazon.com/search/eric+coslop?filter=IsLibrary%7Cfalse&sc=none https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY3qvJC2C-aHIROpri5yGkw

Hello, my name is <u>John Workman</u>. I am a primarily self-taught musician. I learned to read music at a very young age and gained an understanding of music theory and composition. I've always been attracted to the art of composition and the creative process. The guitar is my first instrument. However, I lean heavily on the rhythmic instruments for my creative outlet. The songs I am submitting are "Way to Let Go" and "The Day He Left Home." "Way To Let Go" is a spirited feel-good song and the opener to my album, The Ballad of Shang XI. "The Day He Left Home" is an emotional song with two guitars and vocals crying over a personal loss of my friend from the tragedy of suicide.

For why I love Cumberland County it would have to be the outdoor life we have here. From the lakes, rivers, and streams to the forests, we have a very unexpected natural beauty here that you have to explore and find for yourself.

https://www.facebook.com/john.workman.56679

https://instagram.com/shang_xii?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=

https://music.apple.com/us/album/way-to-let-go/1556318430?i=1556318432

https://music.apple.com/us/album/the-day-he-left-home/1556318430?i=1556318744

Dale Pantalione was born 9/11/74 raised in Cumberland County. He's the founder of the Experimental band, Liquid Eclipse. Pantalione is an award-winning multi-instrumentalist, arranger, independent film composer, and producer. Liquid Eclipse has undergone several line-up changes since it was formed in 1995. As the music has evolved over some 12 albums, it has been a vehicle for Pantalione's sonic exploration in different genres from Space-Rock, Prog, Jazz, Folk, Ambient, Electronic, and World Music. Atmospheric, melodic, and always interesting, Pantalione remains one of Cumberland County's true architects of sound. The latest Liquid Eclipse album is titled Acqua Di Luna.

"What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?"

"I love that it is very diverse in terms of creative and talented people... and, also, the great parks and lakes, of course, too"

I have been writing songs and playing music in bands, small groups, and solo for many years. I have lived in the Cumberland County since 1972. Besides being a musician, I have had professional positions as a behavior technician, math and science teacher, probation officer, and supervisor for the Cumberland County Probation Department. I play at many types of venues, including coffee houses, art shows, The Riverfront Renaissance for The Arts in Millville, Rowan College of South Jersey Cumberland Campus, The Millville Library, churches, New Jersey Folk Festival in New Brunswick with Jim Albertson, and many others. My songs have, also, been aired on local radio stations. Most of my songs are Folk style because I like to tell stories when I sing. (Rich Fuller)

I am Warren Crescenzo, a member of <u>The Rowan College of South Jersey Cumberland Jazz Band & Wind Symphony</u>. The submission is for The Jazz Band, which was performed at The Bayshore Center on September 10, 2022. I was the vocalist for "What A Wonderful World." The music is purchased by The College, which, also, includes performance rights.

The Jazz Band & Wind Symphony are actual for-credit classes, which include students and volunteer community musicians. Both groups are under the direction of Joseph Akinskas, who is now in his 40th year of directing. The groups play for local events, local venues, and provide four on-campus concerts per year. We have played in Ocean City, Egg Harbor Township, Vineland, Millville, Cape May, and in New York and Washington, DC. We can be found in on Facebook, under the listing of Cumberland County College Jazz Band & Wind Symphony.

Please answer the following question: "What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?" My personal favorite thing about Cumberland County is the natural and historic beauty of the area.

Steve Byrne:

<u>T.J. Fry</u> is a home-grown singer/song-writer/multi-instrumentalist from the South Jersey area. While he is best known as a solo artist, Fry, also, plays in various duo, trio, and full-band settings performing. In these arrangement T.J. plays acoustic guitar, electric guitar, harmonica, and mandolin while, also, singing lead and back-up vocals. He can be found playing at various wineries, breweries, and restaurants mostly in the Southern New Jersey region. In 2019, T.J and one of his bands, Grass'n Gravel, released an EP, which he took part in writing. He has put out two full-length original albums, No Name Street (2011) and more recently, Monday Night Sessions, which was released in July of 2022. These can be found on most streaming services including Spotify, iTunes, Apple Music, Amazon Music, and Pandora.

Social Media Links: www.facebook.com/tjfry3 www.facebook.com/tjfrymusic www.instagram.com/tjfrymusic

Downloadable links:

"Anchor" - https://youtu.be/QdLtG5wkees

"West Jersey Line" - https://youtu.be/pN7gMM24nYo

<u>Wendy Gardner</u> is a Classical pianist who currently plays for churches and choirs and is an awesome alto that sings duets with <u>Miya Miyamoto</u> when requested and is a friend of The Vineland Villager Community Choir.

The Vineland Villagers Gospel Company is a community choir made up of people from various churches in Cumberland County or don't belong to a church at all. We call it a "Gospel company" and not a "choir" because it isn't mandatory that you sing to be in it; we love percussion and other instruments and forms of expression, such as spoken word poetry and praise dance. We love to spread Gospel through contemporary song all while preserving history of spirituals and hymns.

Favorite thing about Cumberland County is that it is wide and diverse culturally and has lots of rich history all throughout The County. Big food companies have made their humble beginnings here in The Garden State. It has beautiful scenery and a river runs through it, something for everyone made of settlers from all over the globe through generations.

We appreciate your consideration and what an awesome idea to capture the audio/sounds of The County, love this \heartsuit

I'm Jovan Guilford born 10/28/92. everybody calls me <u>VON J</u>. I was born in Camden, NJ. Growing up in the foster system was a challenge within itself. I was adopted at 6-years-old only for my adopted mother to pass away. I began writing rhymes at 6-years-old and kept composition books. I never told anyone of my new talent; I kept it to myself. Watching B.E.T.'s 106 & Park helped me develop my talent and was a daily escape. My day-today struggles with molestation and rape drove me to go harder with my lyrics. Until one day, I exploded and ended up doing 10 years in prison at the age of 12 for murder. Throughout

my whole bid, I grew closer to God, wrote lyrics every day, performed on the cell blocks every day for cops and inmates, and everyone told me I was going to "make it." When I came home, I changed my life. I just needed someone to believe in me. At this current day, I'm doing interviews, mentoring kids, own my own business called VONTIME, and I've published three mixtapes and one album that have brought me a long lifeline of fans that hear my story and don't judge, but use my story as an outlet. I can claim today that you're looking at one of the greatest.

Question Answer: My favorite thing about Cumberland is when we come together, we come together. It's a beautiful thing.

SOLO ARTIST NAME: VON'J

FB: VON'J Guilford
IG: Von_j_guilford
YouTube: VON'J Official

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Artist: The God Zyarhon (° Ž♀Δ♪¬\ππ)

Genre: Hip-Hop/Rap

Bio: Listening to ° \check{Z} \P Λ \uparrow \star π , you will be encaptured in the dreamy nature of his music. With a unique Rap style that brings nostalgia of The Golden Age of Rap coupled with creative concepts that will challenge you mentally; you will love to listen to his music again and again. Known for his dazzling delivery and clever wordplay, "The Nu Jeru" artist is a fan-favorite that is destined to shine new light in the game.

Website: Black9Sun.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/blacksun312/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/triple9king/?hl=en

My favorite thing about Cumberland County... is the uniqueness of people that we have. I feel that our area breeds some of the greatest spirits and most talented people in the world.

Name of Band: AlphaOmega

Members: Zeus Cruz

I have been making music for over 20 years and I founded Olympian Multimedia deciding to create musical content for local artists. I create instrumentals with some vocals and effects embedded within the production. I create music as if we are telling a story and allowing the listener to visualize as they listen. I have published five studio albums and created an online music store.

The best thing about Cumberland County is the connections you build with individuals within our diversified communities.

alphaomega.infinity.airbit.com <u>www.olympianmultimedia.com</u> Olympian Multimedia on YouTube

Name of The Artist or Band: aubeydoo

Names of The Members of Band: Aubrey Hickman & Jason Brown

aubeydoo is the music project of song-writer Aubrey Hickman. They produce/engineer their D.I.Y. Power Pop love songs in their South Jersey-based home studio, Cellar Sounds Studios. Their latest singles, "Bottom Line" & "Bad Animal," will be on their upcoming 2022 EP release.

Social media links and website -

Bandcamp: https://aubeydoo.bandcamp.com/
Twitter: https://mobile.twitter.com/aubeydooo
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/aubeydooo/

Spotify: https://open.spotify.com/artist/45LhZhRtJO3oik4PqejBP5?si=rl6D9ORKQhCRxdRIwhJKiA&nd=1

Apple Music: https://music.apple.com/us/artist/aubeydoo/1632152963

Please answer the following question: "What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?"

Aside from all the love, friendships, and family ties I have, I think the best thing Cumberland County has to offer is the beauty of nature. Cumberland County has some of the most serene places where you can truly appreciate what life on Earth has to offer. The coastal bay beaches and all the veins of waterways connected are the places I spend most of my time, other than at home or at work. I once made direct eye contact with a bald eagle on my way to Money Island as it sat on a lump of dirt in the middle of a pond. To be able to witness fawn grazing grass is such a blessing to me. The nature of Cumberland County has offered me more peace and tranquility than any other thing has.

Music Group: FRND CRCL

Members: Zac Johnson & Aaron Smith

Bio: FRND CRCL is a Punk band that bears influence from not only the explosive Pop-punk bands of the early 00's, but from genres across the modern Punk Rock/Indie landscape of genre defiance. Founded in 2016, FRND CRCL has released two full-length albums, an EP, and multiple singles to date.

Website: www.frndcrcl.com

Social Links: @FRNDCRCL (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)

Answer: That Cumberland County is a large, yet close-knit county and community. Events from many different cultures expand across the area throughout the year, but you will still see familiar faces wherever you go to hold a nice genuine conversation.

Sean Friel Tom Buckley Greg Jones T.J. Fry

Grass'n Gravel was sprung from the vines of South Jersey's Farmlands. You see, sometimes, life is like walking on grass. Other times, it's like walking on gravel. Inside an expansive sound of guitar, mandolin, harmonica, bass, and percussion nourished by rich vocal harmonies, Greg Jones, T.J. Fry, Sean Friel & Tom Buckley traverse the grace and the grit. Grass'n Gravel brings listeners on a distinctive sonic journey where Alt. Country, Roots/Jam Rock, and Folk converge. Whether drawing from their deep well of original material or creating next-level covers, the South Jersey group consistently delivers a musical experience that organically grooves. With decades of combined experience weaving thoughtful music and honest lyrics, performing in intimate settings and before large crowds and recording in the studio, Grass'n Gravel is tapping into many, many hearts—as evidenced by their fast-growing and loyal base of fans. The self-titled EP from Grass'n Gravel-six original tracks boasting a delicate balance of raw and emotional, sweet and heartfelt, tight and polished-has quickly lauded media attention since its July 2019 release. In addition to already receiving airplay on Philadelphia's 88.5 FM WXPN ("Panic") and Delaware's 93.7 WSTW FM ("What Goes Up Comes Down,") as well as being selected to be part of Pandora streaming services, the band has performed live on-air in-studio on Philadelphia's iHeartRadio's 104.5 FM WRFF ("Disaster") and live on television on Philadelphia's FOX 29 on The Q ("From The Crash.")

Website: www.grassngravel.com

YouTube link from live on television performance at Philadelphia's FOX 29: https://youtu.be/t1EjOrLiJu8

Our favorite thing about Cumberland County is The Pine Barrens and everything outdoorsy that Cumberland County has to offer!

<u>Joel Howard</u> lives in Millville, works as a bilingual teacher in Bridgeton, and was raised in Vineland. He is a husband to Sophia and father of three. He has written over 400 songs and nearly 1,300 poems and is, also, a visual artist. His two albums, Here's to The Journey (2010) and Shepherd Songs (2021,) can be found wherever online music is sold. He has, also, written six books of poetry, including Be A Tree, a

children's inspirational book, which he dedicated to the students of Quarter Mile Lane School in Bridgeton. One of Joel's biggest goals is to spread the message that life is a journey worth living, no matter who you are. His work can be found at www.connectedanduseful.com.

What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?

The people, who are vastly diverse, humble, and yet full of surprises, each with their own unique story.

Song: "Long Walk" - https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=YkPV9TUcykA&feature=share

Website: https://www.connectedanduseful.com https://www.facebook.com/joelhowardauthor

https://www.youtube.com/joeldavidful https://www.twitter.com/herewithAbba https://www.amazon.com/author/joelhoward

The Millville Woman's Club (MWC) Chorus has evolved from a small group of 12 people with a love of music in 2016 to an accomplished group of 32 dedicated performers. Debbi Permito, retired music educator, is the director. She keeps the mood light as she and the group do the hard work of learning parts. In addition to providing musical entertainment at churches, nursing homes, assisted living, and social organizations in the community, The Chorus is a good will ambassador for the MWC, increasing awareness of The Club's many volunteer activities, which benefit our community. As a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs (NJSFWC,) The Chorus has consistently taken first place in the Performing Arts competition at the annual NJSFWC Convention in Atlantic City. Donations received by The Chorus are put toward a scholarship for a female senior graduating from Millville High School, who is pursuing a career in the fine or performing arts.

We are a group of women who have lived and worked in this county for many years. What we love about Cumberland County is the abundance of natural resources. We have miles and miles of beautiful forests and farmland, lakes, rivers, and streams. The aquifer system is the primary source of the County's groundwater, which is used for public, domestic, commercial, and agricultural irrigation. Our water quality is very high and it is amazing how much natural water runs beneath this county. However, our greatest resource is our people. We have performed all over and have found a wonderful sense of community and spirit here in Cumberland County.

Members List: Diane Alcantara, Jackie Andaloro, Cindi Berry, Ellen Booz, Cecilia Brandt, Marcella Camp, Marcella, Katie Coltri, Carol Coffee, Joan Cooper, Judy Growe, Consuelo DeRose, Caroline Dickson, Elaine Duncan, Angela Esposito, Nancy Hammond, Louise Jones, Carole Killeen, Becky Konschak, Rosemary Lambert, Judyth Lapaire, Patricia Moore, Sharron Moseley, Barbara Mulford, Janet Page, Debbi Permito, Margie Perrotti, Donna Pio, Jeanne Riley, Carol Smith, Roberta "Bobbi" Stubee, Karen Symanski & Sheila Veale-Scherer.

Bio: Michael Hurban was born in Buena, NJ and eventually moved to Vineland at the age of 14. Michael began playing bass guitar by taking an acoustic guitar owned by his brother and putting four strings on it. I wrote my first song, "I'm In Love with A Girl," walking through my neighborhood at age 17. I currently have two albums out available on Distrokid.com, My third album should be out by Christmas and is cleverly entitled, Seedy Three.

What I love about Cumberland County has to be the access to everything here. I love the fact that we are still mostly rural and it hasn't become the "hustle and bustle" of a big city. We are fairly close to a few large major cities and, also, have access to many miles of beaches, which can be reasonably driven to. Cumberland County still has a very "nostalgic feel," although, many generations have come and gone.

The easiest way to find **Nevermind**'s music is by going to Distrokid.com There, you will be directed to over 80 platforms of digital music where you may purchase music by Nevermind.

Name of artist: R.G. Evans

Name of song: "Could've Been The Stars"

Band members: R.G. Evans (guitar and vocals,) Tony Mascara, Jr. (drums,) John Paul Austin (bass,) Mike Dancik (keyboards,) Tim Campbell (lead guitar and pedal steel,) and Amy Broza & Maureen McCrink (background vocals.)

R.G. Evans is a song-writer, fiction writer, poet, and teacher. His books include Overtipping The Ferryman, The Holy Both, and Imagine Sisyphus Happy. His debut album, Sweet Old Life, was released in 2018 and his follow-up, Kid Yesterday Calling Tomorrow Man, came out in 2022. Evans taught language arts at Cumberland Regional High School for 34 years and currently teaches creative writing at Rowan University.

Social Media: www.rgevanswriter.com; https://www.facebook.com/RGEvansSweetOldLife/https://youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_nLsBRd-MrLtWLd1_p-yz95vyUZGBbfbgEhttps://www.instagram.com/rgevansmusic/

What is my favorite part about Cumberland County? I love the County's natural beauty from the seemingly endless farmland to the lovely expanse of the bay and its shoreline.

Name: Randy Richardson

Randy Richardson is a musician and music producer from Southern New Jersey. He's released two EP's of solo material and his first full-length album, Still Connected, dropped in September of 2022, along with a music video for the song "Pleasure In Pain" off the album. As well as being a solo artist, he is, also, a member of the band Good Look, Sigourney. Former groups he has been a part of include The Turnstyles AKA, Cheezy & The Crackers, Redhouse, and Drop Dead Sexy. He has released several CD's, appeared on the Guitar Center: Fresh Cuts compilation, alongside Sublime with Rome, and has shared the stage with such bands as The Wailers, Live, Sponge, and Less Than Jake just to name a few.

What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?

One thing that I've always thought was great about living in Cumberland County is its central location to so many things. Perhaps, it's because I'm a musician, but I've always felt fortunate knowing that in no time at all, I could make my way to play a show in Atlantic City, Philadelphia, or Asbury Park and pass by numerous billboards along the way advertising for acts and performers from around the world playing those same cities, sometimes, at the very same venue I'm on my way to play. I, also, think that this, at least in part, has a bearing on why the music and arts scene in Cumberland County is as thriving as it is.

Song: "Pleasure In Pain" off the album Still Connected written and performed by Randy Richardson, recorded by Randy Richardson (RandyRockPublishing.)

SONG DOWNLOAD LINK ---> https://drive.google.com/file/d/14dPeBMUO6hgPVfyFDmfxAicM6Oj-ym8W/view?usp=sharing

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YouTube - randelite - https://www.youtube.com/randelite/

Hi, I'm Jason Brown and I have a band called <u>Sapwood</u>. The band line-up now consists of me on guitar and vocals, Aubrey Hickman on bass and vocals, and Buzz Lombardi on the drums. Sapwood started as a home recording project in 2014 with Sean Sanderlin in various bedrooms, basements, garages, and sheds with me (Jason Brown) being the sole song-writer/producer/engineer. The band has seen many line-up changes throughout the years, but for most of the albums, all of the instrumentation is performed by me, as well. From 2015 to 2022, there's been 37 releases on our Bandcamp, about half of which are full LP's. We've just assembled a live band as of last year with the help of Aubrey Hickman on bass guitar and even more recently, Buzz Lombardi on the drums. Last year's release, Dinosaurs On The Shelf, TV Smiles & Outer Space is the band's latest full-length studio quality album that even has seven music videos to accompany some of the songs, which were all mostly directed and filmed by me, as well. Sapwood is all about D.I.Y.!

Here's some links! sapwood.bandcamp.com https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaExQn-jnEkEgQgJ09fDvjQ https://www.instagram.com/sapwood.jb/

My favorite thing about Cumberland County is our beautiful natural landscapes, trails, and parks that I frequently hike and bird watch on! I've written most of my songs just taking a walk in the woods. :)

Name: The MaineStreet Band

Members:
Wallace "Wally" Maines
Chuck Maines
Rick LeDent
Dave Green
Gary Dalgleish
Tony Mascara, Jr.

Biography: How would you define The MaineStreet Band? How about a mixture of many different influences, styles, ideas, stories, and personalities? Their catalog of albums offers a variety of choices for your listening pleasure. It has a very unique sound, as all six of The MaineStreet Band (TMSB) boys lend

their unique perspectives on each tune. TMSB takes the listener on a musical journey that takes the listener through the ups, downs, twists, and turns of life and love. Using infectious melodies and soul-searching lyrics each track will take you on a new experience that only an honest Rock band can deliver. All six of TMSB's members hail from Cumberland County, with an import from Scotland, and have been involved in the music scene for over 20 years.

Social Media:

https://themainestreetband.bandcamp.com/ https://www.facebook.com/themainestreetband https://mobile.twitter.com/mainestreetband

https://www.instagram.com/themainestreetband/?hl=en

Song: "Live for Today"

Download Link: https://tinyurl.com/43dnrxeu

What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?

Cumberland County is home. No matter where we travel or try to make our mark on the world, home is home. Beautiful and diverse, Cumberland County offers many opportunities for people to grow and thrive. Honest and hard-working people became our best supporters and fans. And, hey, we are the home of Mike Trout and C.J. Camerieri, which isn't too shabby.

Name of the Artist or Band: The Next Chapter

Names of The Members of Band: Ken Bailey, Patti Bailey, Ken Booz, Charles Caldwell, Bob Cirocco, Cheryl Golden, Nancy Hammond, Jeff Harris, Karen Harris, Celeste Riley, Gene Tubertini (Director & Arranger,) Charles Wettstein, and Nicole Wettstein.

The Next Chapter is a mixed a cappella group formed in early 2014 by Gene Tubertini. Gene is a retired school administrator and K-12 Fine & Performing Arts Supervisor for Millville Public Schools and arranges all of the music the group performs. Many of the group's members are Gene's former students. The name of the group comes from the phrase "you can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one." This group and the music they perform is a continuation of the story of their common love for music.

Social media links and website - Facebook: The Next Chapter

Website: www.thenextchaptervoices.com

Attach the song to the email or send via a download link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pyNmg2TVYWQsi0V-42spwMqHXLxpHC8o/view?usp=sharing

Please answer the following question: "What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?" The group's favorite thing about Cumberland County is its dynamic diversity: its cities, industry, farmland, and outdoor recreation, its rich culture and history, and how its leaders and citizens strive to make it a better place for everyone.

Name of The Artist or Band: <u>Vacation School</u> Names of The Members of Band: Dave Jamil

Vacation School is the pseudonym of Dave Jamil, a singer/song-writer from Vineland, New Jersey. Dave has been an active musician in the South Jersey area since the early 2010's writing and performing with a number of bands both locally and across The Tri-State Area. In more recent years, as he has shifted his efforts into his professional career outside of music, he continues to moonlight as a song-writer, and occasional performer, releasing music under the moniker Vacation School.

Social media links and website: Soundcloud.com/vacationschool Instagram @davejamil

Please answer the following question: "What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?" My favorite thing about Cumberland County would have to be its people. As a musician, this community has been so supportive and it keeps inspiring me to do what I love.

I am a singer songwriter who hails from Millville, NJ in Cumberland County. Music has been kind of swimming around in my mind my entire life. Using piano and guitar, I have written over 50 songs over the last three years. My music is greatly influenced by individuals and bands like The Beatles, ELO, Queen, David Bowie, Jukebox The Ghost, Weezer, Sondre Lerche, Telekinesis, The Zolas, and Spoon. My main influences for my music are my wife and two children. The song, "Dream," is a song I wrote about playing with my daughter, who was 7-years-old when I wrote it. "It's You" was written as a love song to my wife, who loves to watch Hallmark Channel movies and an old show called The Gilmore Girls. And "No Taking It Back" was inspired by a lesson I was trying to teach my children about saying things that you might not actually mean. (William "Bill" Benfer)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv9ycbdLqfKPuaVQwBOO-1w

Please answer the following question: "What is your favorite thing about Cumberland County?"

I grew up in Cumberland County and have fond memories of walking in the woods during the different seasons. In winter, I loved to walk down a trail behind my parents' house where the only footprints that I could see were my own. The snow on the tree limbs and the cool, clean air always made me smile. The woodlands and the ponds and streams live forever in my mind as part of my childhood. I lived in San Diego, CA for over 11 years and always missed the beautiful fall leaves and the great green summers of Cumberland County. So, I came back to allow my two children to experience the same things growing up.



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2023 Regrantee Applications Received

History:

- 1. Center for Historic American Building Arts
- 2. Downe Township/Union Hall
- 3. Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter DAR
- 4. Maurice River Historical Society
- 5. Mauricetown Historical Society
- 6. Millville Army Air Field Museum
- 7. Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center
- 8. Vineland African American Community Development Corporation

Arts:

- 1. All That Dance Studio
- 2. Art C South Jersey
- 3. Barn Studio of Art
- 4. Bayshore Center at Bivalve
- 5. Boys & Girls Club of Vineland
- 6. Bridgeton Public Library
- 7. City of Vineland Senior Center
- 8. Clay College
- 9. Cumberland County Library
- 10. Cumberland Players
- 11. Festival Puertorriqueno
- 12. Gallery 50
- 13. Gateway Community Action Partner
- 14. Hands Up Silent Theatre
- 15. Jewish Federation of Cumberland County
- 16. Maurice River Historical Society
- 17. Millville Public Library
- 18. Off Broad Street Players
- 19. Puerto Rican Action Committee
- 20. Project Inspir8tion
- 21. Rair Causes Incorporated
- 22. Revive South Jersey



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