

Union Alley Coffeehouse Opens 2011 Performance Season March 5, 2011

The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association (BCTMA) will begin its 2011 performance series at the Union Alley Coffeehouse (UAC) with an “Opening Night – Open Mic. - Open House” on March 5, 2011. Doors open at 7:30pm and the show starts at 8pm. There is no charge for this show.

The “Open Mic. - Open House” format for the March 5th show is in response to interest in providing individuals and small groups an opportunity to perform a short 15 minute set on the UAC stage. Plans are to showcase six acts during this show. Acts wishing to perform at March 5th show or future Open Mic. shows at the UAC should submit their request and a short bio to bctma@ymail.com.

The UAC is pleased to announce two additional performances scheduled for March. On March 12, Nancy Joyner and Early Station will be performing straight-up bluegrass. Nancy Joyner (guitar & vocals) is joined by Bob Joyner (banjo), Ron Parrish (bass), and Frankie Harrison (mandolin).

On March 26, UAC is pleased to announce the return of Amelia's Mechanics. This trio of young women from Greensboro will be performing original songs from their popular North/South album released last year and will be introducing new tunes for their forthcoming second album due for release this fall. Molly Miller (lead guitar, ukelele, vocals), Mollie McGinn (rhythm guitar, lap steel, vocals) and Kasey Horton (viola) describe their music as “vintage country with a moonshine concerto”.

Tickets for the March 12 & 26 shows are \$8 with a BCTMA membership and \$10 for non-members and may be purchased at the door. Seating begins at 7:30 and shows begin at 8:00 pm.

The UAC is located in the Inner Banks Artisans' Center, 158 W. Main St. and is a project of the BCTMA, a non-profit performing arts association sponsored by the Beaufort County Arts Council. For more information about the UAC and upcoming shows, please visit www.unionalleycoffee.com.