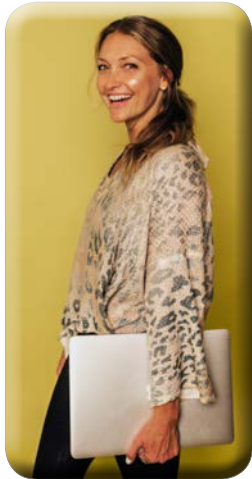


Local Spotlight with Danielle: Let's Get Cozy at the Tile Works for "A Night of Song"

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Join in the history of the Tile Works this season for the "Songwriter Showcase" in the "Big Room" hosted by none other than Joe Montone.

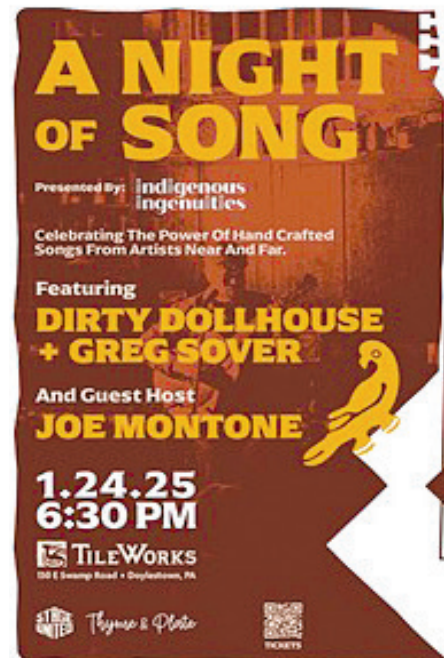
Picture a cozy space with dim lighting, great food, music, and passion. The idea was born from the Tile

Works executive director Katia McGuirk and Joe Montone, Bucks County's go-to for everything music and production. Each month will feature two artists. Joe will introduce them and have a Q&A, asking questions that spark energy and inspiration. Then the artists will perform their music for the crowd. The artists come from near and far to perform in this beautiful space, to share their love for life, their trials and tribulations, and the beautiful music that is born of their experiences. "It's cool to bring people into the artist's world a little bit," says Montone.

The space is a part of the show. Katia came to Joe with the inspiration to activate the space in the Tile Works "Big Room" for the winter. "To create live music experiences that are intentionally focused on the feeling of the space," is the plan, states Montone. The artists songs will sing back to Henry Mercer's legacy in this "cozy container" of a space. This seated performance is very intentional and intimate.

So how does songwriting parallel tile-making and the space that this music series resides? They still make tiles at the Tile Works, which dates back to 1911, when Henry Mercer built the foundation. At the Tile Works, they say they "Honor the Past and Craft the Future", much like music and those that write it. Music is a compilation of experiences, stories, and a vision for taking that and transforming it into melody and lyrics to touch the lives of others. Each person has a different lens through which they view the world, and each song carries a different tune and meaning through which the listener can adapt it to life.

What Joe loves most about the series is showcasing music, the process of music, and songwriting. Putting pen on paper, just like tile making and the result is different each time. "It's a beautiful thing to be able to inspire others through the story of



songwriters," says Montone. This series is amongst many different series that Tile Works puts on in Doylestown, including the Summer Blue Grass Series.

Chef Dan Gallo of Thyme & Plate Catering will be dishing out plates for the guests to sit, eat, and enjoy. Limited tickets are being sold for each event and the tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.thetileworks.org/events> the next show is January 24th, featuring Dirty Dollhouse & Greg Dover. The artist's work can be viewed on Instagram: @dirtydollhousemusic @greg_sover1

Many of you locals may know Joe Montone as the producer of the Picnics on Pine, shows at Puck LIVE, and collaborations with local singer/songwriter Anthony Green.

Stage United (founded by Montone) is the organization behind this and many music offerings coming to our local community. The mission of Stage United is to inspire communities by providing greater

access to powerful live music programming. Stage United will plan these concerts with representatives of each location, source refreshing artists relevant to those spaces, provide marketing tools for the festivities, and help financially support costs associated with the production. "My focus has always been to create platforms for communities to flourish," says Montone.

Special Thanks to Indigenous Ingenuities, your local Garden Design company who is making this all happen. Without them, the show can't go on!

So Bucks County, who is ready to cozy up with some passionate storytelling, good eats and unforgettable music, for an unforgettable evening? See you on the 24th!

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