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**MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Saturday, March 21, 2009 - 7:30 pm**

The **Folk Music Society of Huntington's HARD LUCK CAFÉ** will present six performers:

# ISLAND SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE

The Island Songwriter Showcase (ISS) is a Long Island-based volunteer organization of songwriters, lyricists, producers, engineers, performers, and DJ's with a common purpose: to develop and support musical talent through community, workshops, peer review and live performances. The ISS has become the largest, most visible and sought-after group of songwriters on Long Island.

The Hard Luck Café is proud to present six of the top singer-songwriters of ISS performing a solo set and as writers-in-the-round.



## Jim Baron

Jim is best identified by his haunting vocals, his evocative lyrics and his elaborate but catchy songs that he welds out of folk, pop, rock and blues. Jim is primarily a soloist and has always allowed his instincts to guide him. He has performed at folk festivals as well as having teamed up with cowpunk bands, rock groups, latin rock and power pop acts, and he has even shared the stage with Pete Seeger.



## Vincent Crici

Vincent has made a career of music. He has played in various bands and duos over the years and is just as comfortable as a soloist and still has found time to earn both a B.S. and M.S. in Music Education. Known as a writer's writer among the singer/songwriter community, his melody and harmony are standouts and his vocals are smooth and personal, all of which has brought him favorable reviews on his recent solo CD release *Against the Moonlight*.



## Lois Morton

A clutterholic, began writing songs in the 60's and continues to this day. She has recently performed in cabaret at *Don't Tell Mama* on Restaurant Row in NYC, and has worked with the renowned teacher and performer Helen Baldassare. She now focuses on clever, humorous songs of social commentary on such subjects as clutter, cell phones and other topics. She sings in several languages with a special emphasis on French and the songs of Edith Piaf.

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## Frank Gambino

A teacher and track coach for 27 years and a member of ISS for about 10 years. His talent for crafting songs can be heard on his two CD's: *If Ignorance is Bliss, How Come You're So Sad?* and the new *Backin' Out Ass First*. His writing style is varied, according to a review: "Some songwriters are funny, others are philosophical, and yet others deadly serious. Frank manages to be all three."



## Tim Dillon

Tim began performing back in the early 70's with the acoustic rock band *Full Circle*. He began writing songs and was influenced by the music of Dylan, Paul Simon and CSNY. He writes about the people, places and life experiences he has met along the way always leaving a little room for hope in his songs. Tim has often won the ISS Writers Choice award and has become one of the favorites with his soft tone and heart felt songs.



## David Bailey

A talented, up and coming, Long Island singer/songwriter. He's an active member of the Island Songwriter Showcase (ISS), a Long Island-based volunteer organization of songwriters, lyricists, producers, engineers, performers, and DJ's. David has been a featured performer at several local venues, and he has played open mikes across Long Island, including many FMSH open mikes. He recently shared the bill at our Hard Luck Café and performed to great acclaim.



High res digital photos of some performers available on request to [webmaster@fmszny.org](mailto:webmaster@fmszny.org)

### ABOUT THE CONCERT AND VENUE:

Concert at 7:30 pm, at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A).

An "open mike" segment precedes the main concert. All are welcome at the open mike; sign up is before 7:15 p.m.

Refreshments, including home baked goods, will be available throughout the entire evening.

General admission for this event is \$10, with \$7 for members. For more information regarding this event please call **(631) 425-2925** or email to [info@fmszny.org](mailto:info@fmszny.org)

Additional information about ISS visit: [www.islandsongwriters.org](http://www.islandsongwriters.org)

Additional information about the Folk Music Society of Huntington and our concerts are available on our website:

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