

‘Celebrating Differences’ Film Festival & Art Exhibit
March 3, 2012, DCCC, Media, PA

Tentative Live Performers & Short Films as of 1/26/2012

Johnny Crescendo

Johnny is a tireless activist and advocate of disability rights. He confronted many issues and met many amazing people and these experiences inspired Johnny - he was one of the first artists to write songs and poetry which so candidly told the story of the disability rights movement. Johnny has touched many people with disabilities all over the world through his advocacy and music.

<http://www.johnnycrescendo.com/>

Willy Potts

Willy Potts is the brand name for the American contemporary composer and pianist, born William G Walton 3rd in 1951. He is widely acknowledged for his skills on the piano. His performances are noteworthy for containing lengthy and intricate solos. He was mentored by the renowned Buzz Barkley whose compositional style figured prominently in his repertory. In 2001. Building of his home studio, Bovine Meadows, commenced in 2003. By 2005 he began his first recordings of original material. His first CD, *“meadowmorphosis”* was released in October 2006, followed by *“Reflections”* in September 2007 and *“VOICES (of the Angels)”* in June 2008. His CD’s contain completely original material, what Potts refers to as “conceptual improvisations”. His live performances have been described as engaging if not a tad bit unorthodox and feature a collection of re-worked songs as well as many originals.

<http://willypotts.com/>

ArtsYOUiverse

Arts YOUiverse offers Dramatic Arts programs to the students at Verve Vertu. Last year, three of the students were featured in a full length play called Dandelion, presented at Arts YOUiverse. They brought a welcome freshness and energy to our talented ensemble. And thanks to a generous grant from the Luzerne County Down Syndrome Network at the Luzerne Foundation, Arts YOUiverse had the pleasure of creating 10 weeks of arts programming for 11 very special performing artists that learned to play ukulele and handbells, act, dance and sing.

<http://www.artsyouiverse.com/>

Sara and Anthony Abo-Harb

Sara, a student from Haverford who sings and plays musical instruments, will play a duet with her brother Anthony, a nine year old with Autism. Anthony will play cello and Sara play violin alongside her brother. The song they will play is Amazing Grace. Sara will also perform solo.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/singers333#p/u/2/X10C4j0Ww8w>

SproutFlix

“Carefully selected films of artistry and intellect from around the world specifically related to the lives, performances and accomplishments of people with developmental disabilities.

<http://sproutflix.org/>

Performances and schedules could include more performers and films and may change.