

Dar Williams to Perform in Westfield on December 16

WESTFIELD - The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series continues its seventh season by presenting acclaimed singer/songwriter Dar Williams in concert at the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue (on the corner of East Broad Street), on Saturday, December 16. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m., and the concert will begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$30 and must be purchased online in advance by going to coffeewithconscience.org.

Jump Start Participates In T-giving Gathering

SCOTCH PLAINS - Children in the Jump Start Pre-K classes taught by Bernadette Hoyer and Alyssa Schuchard participated in a Thanksgiving Gathering at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains on November 14.

Students from Evergreen Elementary School attended the Gathering as Pilgrims, while the Brunner students attended as the Native Americans.

The teachers and students prepared for the event by learning about how the Pilgrims and Native Americans lived a long time ago. Each group crafted items to wear that emulated what the Pilgrims and Native Americans may have worn to the first Thanksgiving celebration.

The Native Americans made corn muffins and popcorn to share, while the Pilgrims brought cranberry muffins.

Both groups sang songs and recited poems about the group that they represented. All of the children worked on a colonial-type wreath to take home to their families for Thanksgiving.



GIVING THANKS...Pilgrim Gabi MiUeli greets Native American Noah Staple during the Thanksgiving Gathering held at Brunner School.

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All net proceeds from this evening's concert will be donated to the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust. Canadian-born singer/songwriter Jessica Owen will open the show.

Dar Williams specializes in what can be described as "folk-pop." She's a favorite at folk festivals across the nation and has toured with the likes of Mary Chapin Carpenter, Patty Griffin, Ani DiFranco, The Nields, Shawn Colvin, Girlyman, Joan Baez and Catie Curtis.

For more info about Ms. Williams, visit darwilliams.com.

This season, the concerts are being recorded for broadcast by Westfield's TV-36. Residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside can catch each month's concert on Saturday and Sunday at 7 a.m.

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series supports five charities; each charity is paired with two concerts during the season.

The Dar Williams performance was added specially to benefit the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust. Mr. Knost is a former Summit resident who was seriously injured in an automobile accident and remains paralyzed from the chest down.

For more information about the series, the upcoming performance, ways in which to get involved with the series, or the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust, visit coffeewithconscience.org, call (908) 412-9105 or e-mail concerts4causes@aol.com. Volunteers are always appreciated.

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SLIMY EGGS FOR SEUSS...Kevin Nader of Scotch Plains whisks his egg into the bowl to make green eggs and ham as first-grade teacher Katherine Heiss, left, and Zania Winfrey of Rahway look on.

Green Eggs, Ham, Dr. Seuss Delight WH First Graders

EDISON - First graders in Katherine Heiss's class at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison enjoyed a lesson in Dr. Seuss' literature and cooking during a special classroom activity on Friday, November 17.

The students paired off to read Dr. Seuss favorites like "Green Eggs & Ham," "Hop on Pop" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," while Mrs. Heiss gathered the ingredients for green scrambled eggs. After proving that they were good readers, pupils earned special Dr. Seuss stickers, which they wore with pride.

Next, each student had the chance to crack eggs into a big yellow bowl and whisk the contents before going over to the classroom rug to watch Mrs. Heiss drop the green food dye into the bowl. The students were

amazed to watch the eggs turn green. Bits of ham were dropped into the mixture, which Mrs. Heiss cooked in an electric skillet while the students returned to read more Dr. Seuss books.

"I feel brave," some of the students said when Mrs. Heiss asked them if they would be willing to try the green eggs and ham. After each student gobbled up the eggs and some even asked for seconds, Mrs. Heiss announced that, to her recollection, this was the first first-grade class to have full participation in the Green Eggs & Ham lesson.

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NASSP Nominates Cassidy To Compete for Award

SCOTCH PLAINS - Kevin Cassidy from Scotch Plains, a senior student at Union Catholic High School, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Herff Jones Inc. funds the PLA program.

Principal Sister Percylee Hart announced the nomination on October 26, which placed Kevin in the national competition. One hundred national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive the \$1,000 college scholarships.

High-school principals from across the country were able to nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience and academic record. They were also required to

write an essay.

"Every year, the nominees for the Principal's Leadership Award are just phenomenal, and Kevin is no different," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director, NASSP. "He is an excellent example of what a true student leader embodies."

By recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the PLA scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Union Catholic, Kevin has been class president, student body president, student ambassador, stage manager technical crew, a member of the Performing Arts Company, a member of the National Honor Society, Big Brother Big Sister Program, Forensics Team, Environmental Club, Service Club, Ski Club and Blue Crew.

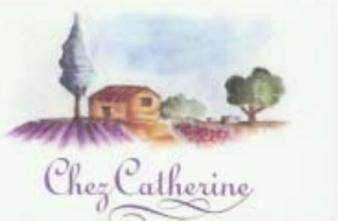


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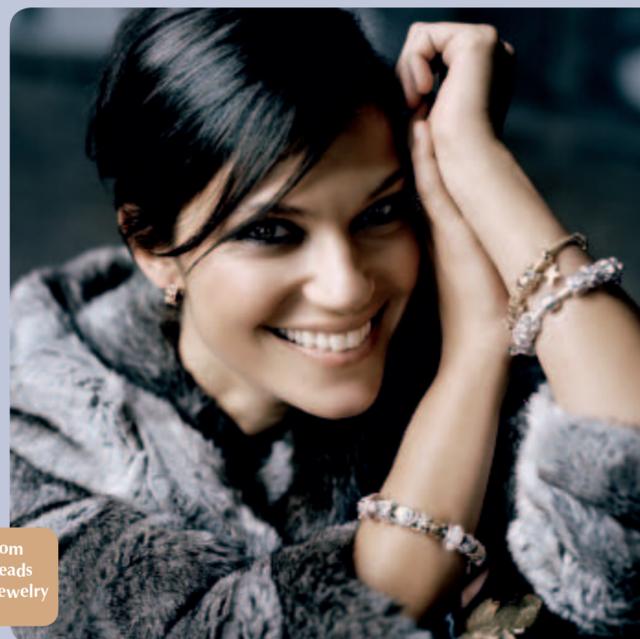
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