



*"Think of it as the musical equivalent of walking into Ben & Jerry's and saying: 'I'd like a spoonful of everything, please.'"*

**CREATIVE LOAFING**

*"....a sing-along that began 20 years ago in a Charlotte living room is now filling music halls and still growing."*

**THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER**

## **It's a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party for TMP!**

On September 13, 2008, the Tosco Music Party will celebrate 20 years of family musical get-togethers in living rooms and 10 years of community-wide gatherings in the Charlotte area.

"I'm humbled to see how something that started in my living room 20 years ago has grown into a public event that now draws more than 1,000 music fans," says TMP founder and president John Tosco. "There are so many musicians from near and far wanting to play at the TMP not only for the exposure, but also to be a part of something unique and exciting."

Two decades ago, John Tosco invited a few of his musician friends for an informal song circle/jam session in his living room. These "Music Parties" became a way to gather with friends and fellow musicians to create an evening of acoustic music. Through the years, and largely by word of mouth, the Tosco Music Parties have grown in size and scope. In 2006, to accommodate its growing audience, the event moved to its current location: the 1,020-seat Dale F. Halton Theater at Central Piedmont Community College.

The format of the evening is a performance of one or two songs by each of a variety of approximately 20 scheduled acts (professional and amateur) who donate their time and talent. The evening is an eclectic mix of all styles of music and includes Tosco's trademark sing-alongs. It is a smoke-free, family event that still retains the original "living room" feeling.

In 1999, Tosco Music Parties, Inc. became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Its mission is to:

- present a wide variety of acoustic music in a supportive environment;
- foster a sense of community among listeners and performers, with a commitment to inclusiveness of participation; and
- provide a venue in which professional and amateur musicians can meet, network, inspire, share, and contribute to the community.

### **The Tosco Music Party:**

**When:** Saturday,  
**September 13, 2008**  
7:00–11:00 p.m.

**Where:** Dale F. Halton Theater  
Central Piedmont Community College  
1206 Elizabeth Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28204

**Tickets:** \$15.00 (adults); \$8.00 (15 and younger) \$12.00 (65 and older)  
Halton Theater Box Office (704) 330-6534  
Group discounts and season tickets are available.

**Details:** John Tosco: (704) 563-6961; ToscoMusic@mindspring.com;  
www.ToscoMusicParty.org

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#### ***Some of the musicians who have performed at past Tosco Music Parties are:***

Scott Ainslie	Robin Bullock	Vicki Genfan	Anais Mitchell	Darden Smith
Muriel Anderson	Michael Chapdelaine	justincase	Bill Mize	Tim Sparks
The Avett Brothers	Jay Clifford	Si Kahn	Preston Reed	Verlon Thompson
Aztec Two-Step	Continental Drifters	Jack Lawrence	The Rescues	Vinx
Etta Baker	Mike Cross	Loonis McGlohon	Steve Seskin	Al Petteway &
Steve Baughman	Edgar Cruz	David Mead	Arthur Smith	Amy White