

Mezzanine to host Ataris, local bands

By Lindsay Cryer
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Though the weather's getting colder, the band known for its cover of "Boys of Summer" will be making a stop in Happy Valley tonight.

The Ataris, along with Testing for Echo and Don't Panic, will perform at the Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave.

Honor Bright and local bands Groundbreaking Ceremony and The Whatleys will open the show. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 9 p.m.

Jon Baker, lead vocalist of Groundbreaking Ceremony, said having The Ataris play in State College is an honor.

He said he has listened to the band since he was in high school.

"When music has evolved and going digital and less records, thriving at an independent level like The Ataris is unheard of," Baker said, adding that he expects at least 200 people to attend the show.

The way the band has persevered, Baker said, is an inspiration to local bands.

"Show turnouts are down all across because of the economy and because music is a little too accessible to everyone," Baker said. "Continuing to do well is amazing and really inspirational for bands like The Whatleys and Groundbreaking Ceremony."

Eddie Fisher, known by the moniker Eddie Fraud, will perform with The Whatleys. He said he expects there to be a lot of jumping and audience participation, calling Groundbreaking Ceremony and The Ataris both "sing-along bands."

"We're just there to have a good



The Ataris, along with five other bands, will play at the Mezzanine tonight. Tickets are \$12 at the door and \$10 at Skate Penn.

time." Fisher said. "It's comes across in the show."

Josh Chestnutwood, who manages Metal Mondays and indie rock shows at Mezzanine, said he is especially excited to be promoting this show.

"The ability to even put something on is kind of a dream of mine, because the live music scene is pretty much full of cover bands," he said. "It's nice to get someone to play originals."

The show package was first presented to Chestnutwood by former State College concert promoter Meredith Rebar.

She was contacted by the Ataris in hopes of scheduling a concert in central Pennsylvania.

Rebar, who now works with shows in the Harrisburg area, said she reached out to Baker, who is also promoting the show, knowing the Mezzanine would be a great

venue to host the show.

"It was available and she needed a place to go, and I put the seal of approval," said Chestnutwood, a State College resident. "It was a good idea all around for everyone to make money."

Tickets can be purchased at Skate Penn, 218 E. Calder Way, for \$10 prior to the show or at the door for \$12.

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If you go

What: The Ataris
When: 9 p.m. tonight, doors open at 8:30
Where: The Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave.
Details: Tickets are \$10 at Skate Penn, \$12 at the door

Owner of Cherry Darling returns to State College

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The "darling" of the State College music scene is returning. Tonight's Ataris show marks the first time Meredith Rebar is dipping her toes back into the State College music scene.

Rebar, founder and owner of Cherry Darling Productions, left State College in December 2009 for another job working as the community income development specialist for the American Cancer Society.

"I've lost a lot of relatives to cancer so it's very close to my heart and it definitely makes a difference," Rebar said.

The ACS was always at the top of the list of place Rebar wanted to work. Through the ACS, Rebar has begun the Music for Hope concert series, which benefits the organization. She has also worked in the Harrisburg music scene promoting shows through Cherry Darling Productions and by partnering with Green Belt Events, another promotions company in the area.

While she said she likes working in the more established music scene of Harrisburg, she also enjoys checking in on State College.

The opportunity to get back into the local scene arose with tonight's show at Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave., featuring The Ataris. The band needed a place to perform in the central Pennsylvania area and Rebar,

having no Harrisburg venues to book, sent the band to State College. Prior to tonight's show, she held a concert on Dec. 11, 2009 at The Brewery, 233 E. College Ave., that she thought may have been her last State College show.

"I didn't know if I would be doing shows in State College again or not," Rebar said. "I thought, 'We'll do a goodbye show and if not we'll do a hello show.' So this my hello show."

Her return to the area reminds some local bands and promoters of the work she did here — five years of work before her 2009 departure, to be exact. Eddie Fisher, a friend of Rebar's and a member of local band The Whatleys, said it will be nice to see her at the show.

"She works super hard and brought a lot of music here that wouldn't have been here otherwise," Fisher said. "We all miss her, but I'm glad she's doing bigger and better things."

Josh Chestnutwood, who is working to promote tonight's concert with Rebar, said this is his first time working with her, but he hopes to work with her to promote shows at Mezzanine in the future.

"She's pretty much a legend as far as booking in the area, and her coming back and having a show is the best thing in State College for a while because everyone just gave in and went to cover bands while she's still pushing to get original," Chestnutwood said.

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Russian orchestra to fill Eisenhower with classics

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The Moscow State Symphony Orchestra will bring classical Russian music to State College tonight.

The orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Eisenhower Auditorium. Tickets are \$22 for University Park students, \$55 for adults and \$37 for children 18 and under.

John Mark Rafacz, editorial manager for the Center for the Performing Arts, said the orchestra's style is very European.

"They are very earthy, passionate and in-your-face," he said.

Pavel Kogan will conduct the orchestra, and the performance will feature American violin soloist Jennifer Koh for Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor. The orchestra will also perform Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien and Maurice Ravel's arrangement of Modeste Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, according to a press release. The Moscow State Symphony Orchestra has experienced some financial trouble, which isn't uncommon for Russian orchestras, but it has managed to

transcend that, Rafacz said.

Rafacz said students don't usually attend classical music events, unless they are music majors — but he hopes they attend tonight's show. When Rafacz was a freshman at Penn State, he attended an orchestra concert that changed his outlook on the genre of classical music, he said.

Bud Parks, Class of 2010, said he enjoys listening to classical music, because he's a musician himself.

"I like to listen to what's going on within the music," Parks said. "Classical music is one of the most advanced genres of music that you can have. Listening to it is a

thinking exercise for me."

Valerie Stratton, an associate psychology professor at Penn State Altoona, wrote in an e-mail that from her own personal experience, listening to classical music usually gives a person a "broader understanding and appreciation of music in general."

Stratton has done research on the short-term emotional and cognitive reactions to small pieces of music.

"It's hard to get interested in music that one hasn't grown up with," Stratton wrote. "Our research did show that we respond best to familiar music and

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the music we're exposed to during adolescence probably has the most emotional impact. So it would probably be best if parents exposed children to classical music early in life.

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