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Modern Times Coffeehouse to Hold Benefit for Local Musicians

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Washington, DC – Modern Times Coffeehouse is proud to announce that December 1, 2007 they are holding a benefit concert at Comet Ping Pong that will feature local musicians and raise funds for the Modern Times Compilation CD.

The concert and forthcoming CD (release date February 15) are a grassroots initiative inspired by the talented and diverse musicians who regularly attend the Unplugged Open Mic, held every Friday night at the coffeehouse. Unlike the typical model for compilations, which require a financial ‘buy in’ from participating artists, this project was opened to anyone who has played at the Open Mic and was willing to commit to creative fundraising efforts. Money raised from the concert will go towards the compilation, envisioned as a tool to self-empower and promote the participating artists.

“There is a high level of musicianship in DC,” says Maureen Nelson, event organizer and open mic host, “but talent is not always accompanied with the resources to succeed. We have had so much enthusiasm for this self-determined approach that a local producer even opened his studio, free of charge, to anyone who needed access to professional recording equipment. This fundraiser and the resulting CD will hopefully draw a broad spotlight on these talented artists, while also ensuring that no one is financially blocked from participating.”

Modern Times strongly believes in D.C.’s artistic community and works hard to ensure that musicians of all styles have a welcoming space to perform and network with each other – this has resulted in a tight community that is always growing. The roster of performing musicians on December 1st currently includes: The Adrian Outfit, Maureen Andari, Steven Capozzola, The Champions, File Under Jeff, Matt Holsen, Dave Ihmels, John Lanou, René Moffatt, The Petticoat Tea Room, Joe Shade, Mally Smith, Ian Walters, Ken Francis Wenzel, Whiz Bang Three (Artists unable to perform, but included on the CD include: Stephen Bloodsworth, Jay Paslay, Star FK Radium, Uncle John Sawbriar.)

December 1, 9pm, \$10 @ Comet Ping Pong, 5037 Connecticut Avenue, NW WDC 20008

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