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More News About - Dog Lane Café @ Storrs Center

Dog Lane Café is scheduled to open in Storrs, CT later this year. Currently, we are actively engaged in the design and development of our newest sister restaurant. Our kitchen layout and logo graphic design are finalized. One Dog Lane is a brand new building and our corner location has plenty of windows and a southwestern exposure. Patios on both sides will offer additional outdoor seating. Our interior design incorporates wood tones and warm hues for the creation of a warm and inviting atmosphere. Artistic style will be the highlight of our interior space with design and installation by JP Jacquet. His artwork is also featured in The Vanilla Bean Café - a four panel installation in the main dining room - and in 85 Main throughout the design of the bar area.



The menu at Dog Lane Café will be modeled after The Vanilla Bean Café, drawing on influences from Panera Bread, Starbucks and Au Bon Pain. Dog Lane Café will not be a second VBC but will have much of the same appeal. The breakfast menu will consist of made to order omelets and breakfast sandwiches as well as fresh fruit, muffins, bagels, croissants, yogurt and other healthy selections to go. Regular menu items served throughout the day will include sandwiches, salads, and soups. Grilled chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and vegetarian options will be served daily along with chili, chowder and a variety of soups, desserts and bakery items. Beverage choices will include smoothies, Hosmer Mountain Soda, coffee and tea. And Dog Lane Café will offer a limited selection of beer and wine.

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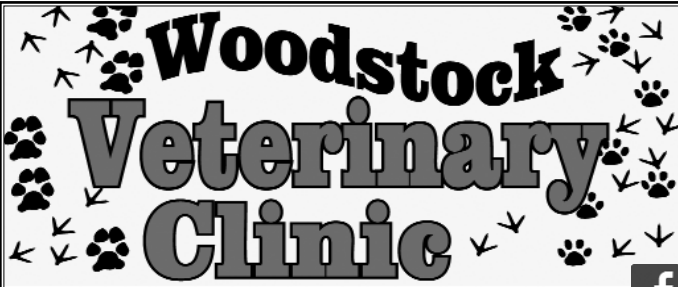
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April Entertainment

Friday - 6 - Open Mic



**Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham -
Feature - Justin MacNeil** has been composing original songs for about 6 years. He is a huge fan of country music and has composed more than 35 original songs consisting of country, folk and pop.

Saturday - 7 - Becky Chace

Becky Chace has been chosen Best Female Vocalist 5 times by the readers of the Providence Phoenix Best Music Poll." With her smoky voice and blues-laden guitar, Chace is a steamy cauldron of music, purveying the sort of countrified roots/folk rock that hits with a gritty, earthy edge. There's an authenticity to Chace that makes her music captivating, and in the same breath makes her difficult to categorize: she's a singer-songwriter who transcends a number of genres, pulling together common threads into solid music that commands a listeners' attention." - Worcester Telegram and Gazette. Becky Chace believes that music should be used as a tool to bring people together. Her entire career has been a testament to her vision of what music can do. Like her idols, Dylan, Springsteen, and Lucinda Williams, she has always believed there is more than one way to get her message across. Chace proves genres and styles don't matter as long as the singer expresses herself with passion.



Friday - 13 - Songwriter Sessions

One Friday each month (unless otherwise noted), The Vanilla Bean Café offers a warm and intimate listening room for artists in a monthly music series called **Songwriter Sessions**. Hosted by Lisa Martin, the series is dedicated to the craft of songwriting. Each performer is required to write a song based on a theme chosen by the previous month's audience. Newly crafted songs are presented in round three of the evening's series which features three local or regional songwriters.

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April Entertainment

Saturday - 14 - Andrew McKnight

Over his 15 year career, **Andrew McKnight** has enjoyed many accolades within the folk music world. His five solo CDs have earned much critical acclaim and airplay around the world as well as a wealth of NPR stations and several XM/Sirius satellite shows. Andrew's solo performances are like one man theatre; the songs are woven together with humorous stories and poetic drama, and the musical soundscape traverses influences from Appalachia, tasteful slide and jazzy blues, feisty anthems, rustic folk, and even a little fancy flatpicking on a Carter Family tune. Andrew considers many prestigious and eclectic performances along his career to be among the biggest blessings. Each one is a unique intersection of the time and place, the songs and stories, and above all, each person in the audience.



Saturday - 21 - Buddy Mondlock

Buddy Mondlock writes songs and he does it so well that great songwriters Guy Clark, Nanci Griffith and Janis Ian, to name just a few, have recorded his songs on their own albums. But there is nothing like hearing the Buddy sing his own songs. He's not going to pin your ears back with those songs. He's going to draw you into his world. "As acclaimed as he is as a songwriter, he is a fine performer who can create his share of magic with his high clear voice and inventive acoustic guitar." - David Johnson, - *Boston Globe*.



Saturday - 28 - Chelsea Berry & Meghan Burt

Chelsea Berry is a singer/songwriter with incredible edge, power, and finesse. Her presence has been described by listeners as "compelling... she draws the entire house into her world like moths to a flame." Her vocals are controlled, smooth, and intensely powerful. Her original lyrics are reminiscent of the folk music of the sixties. Chelsea has performed at many of New England's most renowned listening rooms, including Boston's House of Blues, Club Passim in Cambridge, and Carnegie Hall in NY.



Meghan Burt has been inspired by masters of the craft like Joni Mitchell (lyrics), Bonnie Raitt (guitar), Sarah McLachlan (voice) and Shawn Colvin (performance), Megan pursued perfection - listening and practicing with every available moment and attending Berklee College of Music in Boston to fully immerse herself in the techniques.



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May Entertainment

Friday - 4 - Open Mic



Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham Feature
- **Allysen Callery** is an alternative folk artist. Her style is very much influenced by late 60's early 70's British folk.

Saturday - 5 - Mitch Seidman

Jazz guitarist **Mitch Seidman** (pronounced Side-man) has performed at concerts, jazz festivals, and nightclubs throughout the U.S. and overseas, and has recordings on Jardis (Germany), Cadence, Kyran, and Brownstone Records. His performances and recordings have included numerous renowned jazz musicians. He is a Professor at Berklee College of Music, was a contributing editor to 20th Century Guitar Magazine for many years, and co-authored the book *Playing the Changes : Guitar* (Berklee Press/Hal Leonard.)



Friday - 11 - Songwriter Sessions

Saturday - 12 - Jeffrey Foucault

Jeffrey Foucault grew up in a small town in WI. His father played a plywood guitar and his mother liked to sing. Winter Sundays were for church or ice fishing, which are not so different when you think about it. He went to college, dropped out, worked on a fruit farm and started writing songs. He finished school, roofed houses, drove a snowplow, and home-schooled the son of the local bar owner in exchange for beer. He cut his first album in the winter of 2000. Longtime disciple of the rich and strange music that sings behind the American veil, Jeffrey Foucault has spent the last decade mining the darker seams of country and blues, producing a string of spare and elemental albums of rare power while garnering accolades across the US and overseas for a tersely elegant brand of songwriting set apart by its haunting imagery and weather-beaten cool. Foucault's music is the kind so many aspire to but never attain: beat-up troubadour folk whittled to dolorous perfection.



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May Entertainment

Saturday - 19 - Joel Cage

Joel Cage is an award winning veteran singer and songwriter from Boston. A one-time member of the internationally acclaimed rock & roll group Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes, Joel has been performing regionally and nationally as a soloist for the past 15 years. He has performed at some of the most prestigious folk & acoustic venues & festivals in the country, including the Kerrville Folk Festival in TX where he was awarded top prize in the Kerrville New Folk Competition, and at the renown Club Passim in Cambridge, where he was invited to perform at their special 40th Anniversary Concert. Joel is a top prize winner in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest and is a three time winner of the USA Folk Songwriter's Competition. A virtuoso guitarist and an impassioned vocalist, Joel Cage's music is both evocative and raucous. He spans the gamut from sounding like a full rock band to hear-your-own-heartbeat intimacy.



Sunday - 20 - Ellis Paul

Ellis Paul is one of the leading voices in American songwriting and one of the top songwriters to emerge out of the fertile Boston folk scene. He helped create a movement that revitalized the national acoustic circuit with an urban, literate, folk rock style that helped renew interest in the genre in the 90's. His charismatic, personally authentic performance style has influenced a generation of artists away from the artifice of pop, and closer towards the realness of folk. Though he remains among the most pop-friendly of today's singer-songwriters, his songs regularly appear in hit movie and TV soundtracks, he has successfully bridged the gulf between the modern folk sound and the populist traditions of Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger.



Saturday - 26 -

Gypsy Romantique with Daisy Castro

Donna Dufresne is an eclectic singer, songwriter and performer northeast CT. **Gypsy Romantique** is the newest incarnation of Donna's adventures in song writing. Melding the gypsy inspired Paris hot club jazz of the 1930's and American western swing of the same era, with their Latin influences and a touch of unabashed schmaltz.



Young violinist, **Daisy Castro**, started playing violin at the age of 6 and quickly learned to play by ear. She traveled to France with her parents where she was introduced to Gypsy Jazz. Intrigued as a listener from the start, she has found this beautiful and passionate music to be a perfect fit for her playing style.



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June Entertainment

Friday - 1 - Open Mic



Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham - Feature - Annalise Emerick is a gypsy and a poet. Her music is an intimate snapshot of society.

Saturday - 2 - Atwater-Donnelly

The highly acclaimed husband-wife duo, **Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly**, present delightful programs of traditional American and Celtic folk songs, a capella pieces, old-time gospel songs, dance tunes, and original works. Elwood and Aubrey blend gorgeous and unusual harmonies and play guitar, Appalachian mountain dulcimer, mandolin, tin whistle, harmonica, banjo, bones, spoons, limberjacks, and other surprises including Appalachian clog dancing, French Canadian footwork, and Tap. Their performance is appealing to all ages, and with humor, audience participation, and a relaxed stage presence, Aubrey and Elwood explain song origins to create a deeper understanding of the music and its cultural history.



Friday - 8 - Songwriter Sessions

Saturday - 9 - Antje Duvekot

Antje Duvekot solidified her reputation as one of Boston's top singer songwriters with "Big Dream Boulevard," her debut studio release and "the Near Demise of the Highwire Dancer" her follow-up CD. The debut CD was produced by Seamus Egan, founder of the Irish super group, SOLAS. The project was released on acclaimed songwriter Ellis Paul's label, Black Wolf Records and quickly attracted international attention for Antje. Her follow up album "the Near Demise of the Highwire Dancer" was produced by Richard Shindell and along side with Richard features other "folk royalty" such as John Gorka, Lucy Kaplansky and Mark Erelli. It was voted #1 album of the year 2009 by WUMB 91.9 fm in Boston. Antje is a compelling live performer who has extensive touring experience in the US and Europe.



"Love is only a dirty trick played on us to achieve continuation of the species."

- W. Somerset Maugham

VBC Review Quotables...

"Extremely Tasty" Food - *New York Times*

"Relaxed" Atmosphere - *Boston Globe*

"Truly Bizarre" Service - *New London Day*

June Entertainment

Saturday - 16 - Lori McKenna



Lori McKenna is a mother of 5 and wife of 18 years who grew up in Stoughton, MA where she still lives today. For years she drove her kids to school in a minivan with 150,000 miles on it. It is fitting Lori entitled her Warner Bros. debut album Unglamorous. Lori McKenna is also an acclaimed singer-songwriter staple on the Boston folk music scene. She was thrust into the limelight when superstar Faith Hill included 3 of Lori's songs on her Number One album Fireflies. McKenna's unique talent for getting such honest emotion on paper attracted other artists to record her songs (including Tim McGraw, Carrie Underwood, Alison Krauss, Keith Urban and LeAnn Rimes. con paper) and earned her 2 record deals with Warner. Over time she decided to control of her professional life. Today, by choice, she has no label and no manager for the first time in her career. In Lori's 6th album, Lorraine, she considers the influence of her mother, for whom she was named, as well as her own place in relationship to her husband, family and community.

Saturday - 23 - Yankee Dogs



The **Yankee Dogs** (Bill Reid, Louise Muller and Mike Barrette) came together during jam sessions at open mics and discovered a shared love of American roots music. Reid's interest in traditional American music along with Muller's and Barrette's renown solo work makes for a fun and rollicking time through a catalog of western swing, folk rock, blues, rockabilly, rock & roll, and bluegrass.

Saturday - 30 - Sarah Blacker



Sarah Blacker is a full-time touring singer/songwriter, and part-time Board Certified Music-Therapist for children with special needs. A recent nominee for a New England Music Award for female performer of the year, and singer/songwriter of the year by Limelight Magazine, she also took home the title of Artist of the Year from My Rural Radio based out of Central PA for 2011. Blacker has shared the stage with notable acts such as Sara Bareilles, James Montgomery, the Wood Bros., Meg Hutchinson, Lucy Kaplansky, Jason Isbell, and Liam Finn to name just a few. She is regularly compared to Natalie Merchant, Joni Mitchell and Regina Spektor, but stations like WMVY, WCIB, and WAAF agree that she has a sound all her own.

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Dinner at The Bean

We are open for dinner Wednesday - Sunday. Each night we run four or five dinner specials. Recent items include: Beer Batter Cod, Mushroom Ravioli, Sesame Seared Tuna, Steak Medallions and Maple Glazed Scallops. We offer a truly quality dinner at a great price, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. If you haven't tried us for dinner yet, it's time you did. ☺

The Artwork Gallery

The Café displays artwork by local artists year round. Some shows have openings and some do not. Most of the artwork displayed is for sale and often prices are listed with the piece or on a list located in the room. One hundred percent of the sale price goes to the artist.

April - Northeast Art Guild

May - Gilly Gordon Students Show

June - Judith Meyers ☺

Entertainment

The Café is on the National Folk Music Circuit and attracts talent from all over the United States while featuring mainly New England performers. The majority of the shows are on Saturday night and start at 8:00 PM. Our Open Mic night is on the first Friday of each month. During shows, a theatre curtain separates the listening room from the tiled dining room and kitchen in an effort to keep the music in and the kitchen noise out. ☺

On-Site WiFi

We provide complimentary wireless internet service. Bring your lap top to the Café, search for available networks and log on to the VBC. Get some work done or check your email while you eat lunch! ☺

Gilly's Art

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Our Pricing Practices

1. Sales Tax Included - Our prices include the 6% Connecticut Sales Tax. The prices listed on the menu are exactly what you pay. Our prices may seem to be inflated; however, a \$8.50 menu item is actually \$8.02 + \$.48 sales tax. Furthermore, this practice makes it easier for the customer, especially if that customer is a child who has exact change for a cookie. What you see is exactly what you pay - what could be simpler?

2. Not Market Standard Pricing - We are not trying to fool the customer into thinking that \$8.95 is less expensive than \$9.00. We find this type of pricing insulting to our customers. However, the reason it is used so extensively around the nation is that it works effectively. We don't like that practice, and we also like to believe that our clientele is not so easily fooled.

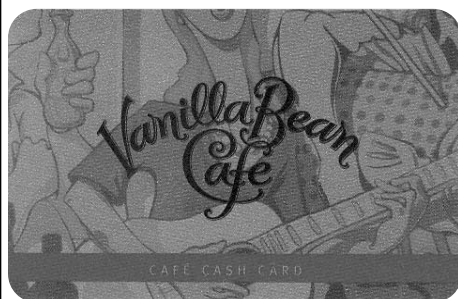
3. No Pennies, Dimes or Nickels - Because our prices include tax and we do not price in the standard way, we do not have to use pennies, dimes or nickels. This is a service to both the customer and to us. We don't give you lots of change, and we only have to use quarters and fifty-cent pieces. This also helps our staff to be more efficient performing transactions, which saves time and money. An added bonus is that we don't have to count change at the end of the business day.

"Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy."

- Norman Vincent Peale

The Café Cash Card

The first Café Cash Card was introduced in 1997. The appearance of the card has changed since then, but our card still works like the gift cards available in most stores today. Café Cash Cards may be purchased in any amount at the restaurant or online and



are reloadable - add to the card balance at any time! Cards may be used to purchase any menu item at Vanilla Bean Café. A bonus of 10% is added to the card balance when you purchase a card for \$100 or more. The card must be presented to redeem it at the time of purchase. The Café Cash Card makes a great gift for friends and family members and is ideal for students at the local schools. Café Cash Cards have no expiration date.

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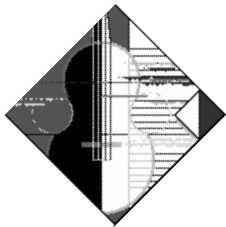
All shows start at 8:00 pm unless otherwise noted

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| ● Friday April 6th
Open Mic - Justin MacNeil
7:30 pm - \$7.00 | ● Saturday May 19th
Joel Cage
- \$12.00 |
| ● Saturday April 7th
Becky Chace
- \$15.00 | ● Sunday May 20th
Ellis Paul
7:00 pm - \$15.00 |
| ● Friday April 13th
Songwriter Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts
Allysen Callery, Dave Murphy, Jon MacAuliffe
7:00 pm - \$5.00 | ● Saturday May 26th
Gypsy Romantique
with Daisy Castro
- \$10.00 |
| ● Saturday April 14th
Andrew McKnight
- \$15.00 | ● Friday June 1st
Open Mic - Annalise Emerick
7:30 pm - \$7.00 |
| ● Saturday April 21st
Buddy Mondlock
- \$12.00 | ● Saturday June 2nd
Atwater-Donnelly
- \$15.00 |
| ● Saturday April 28th
Chelsea Berry & Meghan Burt
- \$10.00 | ● Friday June 8th
Songwriter Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts
Austin & Elliott, Patti Derosa
7:00 pm - \$5.00 |
| ● Friday May 4th
Open Mic - Allysen Callery
7:30 pm - \$7.00 | ● Saturday June 9th
Antje Duvekot
- \$15.00 |
| ● Saturday May 5th
Mitch Seidman
- \$10.00 | ● Saturday June 16th
Lori McKenna
- \$20.00 |
| ● Friday May 11th
Songwriter Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts
Beth DeSombre, Jane Fallon, Larry Dulong
7:00 pm - \$5.00 | ● Saturday June 23rd
Yankee Dogs
- \$10.00 |
| ● Saturday May 12th
Jeffrey Foucault
- \$15.00 | ● Saturday June 30th
Sarah Blacker
- \$10.00 |

All Admissions - Cash or Check Only

Call ahead, shows are subject to change

WiFi available in Dining Room



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~ April, May & June ~

** Sunday, May 20th - Ellis Paul **

** Saturday, June 16th - Lori McKenna **



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