

FIRST NIGHT MORRIS COUNTY 2010

New Jersey's Biggest and Brightest New Year's Eve Celebration

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**FIRST NIGHT MORRIS ANNOUNCES NEW YEAR'S EVE COFFEEHOUSE FOR TEENS:
Promotes Affordable, Substance-free Option for Revelers of All Ages**

Continuing its tradition of providing a safe and affordable way to ring in the New Year, First Night Morris County is expanding its portfolio of world-class performances to include a showcase of aspiring local talents. This New Year's Eve, First Night Morris County is partnering with the organizers of Morristown High School's successful "Coffeehouse" to provide a venue for teens and their families to spend an evening with friends, taking in numerous forms of performing arts.

From poetry to song, participants will enjoy an open-mic style experience in a safe and creative environment as part of 2010 First Night Morris County.

"For three years, the MHS coffeehouse has attracted students looking to promote substance-free entertainment that's both cool and high quality. We are excited that First Night asked us this year to participate in its well-known and prestigious lineup," said Ricky Godoy, one of the coffeehouse's student coordinators and a junior at Morristown High School.

Adds one of the group's dedicated coordinators Barbara Miller, "It's a thrill to see this program, which began in earnest with a small group of parents, students and Morristown High School administrators with a vision, grow into something that teens throughout the county and beyond will be able to join for one special night. I am proud to be a part of this and hope to see it continue every year. The safety of our young people should be a top priority all year long - but especially on New Year's Eve."

The Coffeehouse will take place at St. Margaret of Scotland Church Hall, 6 Sussex Avenue, from 7:15 - 11:45 pm, and will be open to all First Night admission button holders. Those wishing to perform must contact Ricky Godoy in advance at rickrmg@aol.com. Snacks will be served.

Button holders will also enjoy a choice of more than 90 performances being offered at this year's First Night Morris County celebration. As always, one very affordable button grants access to all of our 26 mostly walkable venues throughout the evening and two fireworks displays. Attendees of all ages will find many exciting performance options, and shuttles are provided by Atlantic Health System between most venues for those who prefer not to walk. Visit firstnightmorris.com for a full program of First Night performances and affordable admission prices.

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