



***PEAS PAMPHLET...whirling writings***  
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**PEAS PERFORM AT PUB**  
**CATHERINE ROONEY'S**

The *Peas* will perform at Catherine Rooney's 1616 Delaware Avenue in Trolley Square this Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Start time is 7:30 and will be ending about 10. Check out Catherine Rooney's website for directions, menu selections and so on.

[www.catherinerooneys.com](http://www.catherinerooneys.com)

The *Peas* will be featured at MOJO Main, 270 E. Main Street in Newark Thursday, March 3rd. They will entertain the audience in their own inimitable way the first Thursday of the month from 8 until 10. This gig runs from through the month of March.

Check out MOJO Main's website for directions, menu selections and so on.

[www.mojomain.com](http://www.mojomain.com)

**MUSIC OF INTEREST**

Guest musician Ed Dwornik hosts a jam session 6 til 8:30 every Thursday at the Bellefonte Café, 804 Brandywine Blvd. in the heart of Bellefonte. 302-761-9175

**ENTERTAINMENT ENTREPRENEUR**

David Geffen, record executive, film producer, theatrical producer and philanthropist, was born today in 1943.



He began his entertainment career in the mailroom at the William Morris Agency where he rose to the rank of agent. To gain

employment, he forged a letter indicating he was a college graduate; he was not. After leaving the agency, he became a personal manager for Laura Nyro and Crosby, Stills and Nash. While shopping for a label for Jackson Browne, Geffen was persuaded to start his own label. He did and named it Asylum Records signing Browne, The Eagles, Joni Mitchell, Tom Waits, Linda Ronstadt, Bob Dylan and J.D. Souther.

He left Asylum in 1975 to work at Warner Brothers. This was a short-lived gig as he was diagnosed with a life threatening illness which forced him into retirement. During this retirement he briefly taught business studies at Yale. His life threatening diagnosis was discovered bogus so he returned to the entertainment industry.

In 1980 he founded Geffen Records signing the first artist, Donna Summer. The label was responsible for John Lennon's album, *Double Fantasy*. Other artists in his cadre were Olivia Newton-John, Asia, Elton John, Cher, Sonic Youth, Aerosmith, XTC, Peter Gabriel, Guns N'Roses, Nirvana, Neil Young to name a few. He sold Geffen Label in 1990.

His involvement in the film industry included production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Risky Business* and *Beetlejuice*.

On Broadway, he backed *Dreamgirls* and *Cats*.

In 1994 he co-founded Dream Works SKG with Steven Spielberg and Jeffrey Katzenberg. He resigned in 2008.

His philanthropy is legend. In the arts and theatre he gave \$5 million towards UCLA's Westwood Playhouse which was renamed Geffen Playhouse. An unrestricted endowment of \$200 million was awarded UCLA Medical School.

He was an early supporter of President Bill Clinton but had a falling out with him so he raised \$1.3 million for Obama during the campaign against Hilary Rodham Clinton.

His estimated net worth is \$4.6 billion making him one of the richest people in the entertainment industry.

**PEAS PONDERING**

*It's easy in music to tell what's good. It's hard to tell what's bad. David Geffen*

*In Hollywood people lie to each other and cheat each other then go and play tennis. But I don't want to be a tennis player. David Geffen*