



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, March 30, 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

OTHER PEAS GIGS

Mark your calendars for the following *Whirled Peas* road trips. Details will be forthcoming.

Killians Pond - July 15th

Trap Pond - August 5th

Delaware City - August 13th

CD'S AND T-SHIRTS

Check out the *Peas'* website: www.whirledpeasband.com for purchase of this merchandise. And, the *Peas*, are working on 2 more CD's. Delivery date TBA.

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

This weekend at The Kennett Flash is Poetry Reading Friday, the 1st. Opening for *Tres Compadres*, a flamenco ensemble, is Zach on Saturday, the 2nd. Butch Zito hosts Open Mike on Sunday, the 3rd.

RODNEY ATKINS - TODAY

In the 14 years since he first signed with a record label, Rodney Atkins has had 5 number 1 singles on the Country Chart. *If You're Going Through Hell*, his first, went on to be the number 1 country song of 2006. *Watching You* and *These Are My People* achieved number 1 status that same year.

In 2007 his song, *Cleaning This Gun*, earned Gold and charted as a number 1 hit. His winning streak of garnering number 1's was secured with his 2008 song, *It's America*. This 6'4" talent, who is addicted to chap stick, won Top New Male Vocalist at the 2006 Academy of Country Music Awards.



AND NOW THE REST OF THE STORY

Today in 1969, Rodney was born in Tennessee. Shortly after his birth he was placed for adoption. He was adopted by 2 couples who returned him to the Children's Home because he was so sick. A third couple adopted him. These adoptive parents, Margaret and Allen Atkins, themselves knew hardship and as such they kept him although his ailments worsened.

While in high school, Rodney played his guitar at events and festivals. He attended Tennessee Tech where he worked various jobs to pay for his education as well as playing baseball. He visited Nashville to play gigs and write songs.

In 2006, he performed at the hospital bedside of a 7 year old girl suffering with bone cancer. A year later he performed a concert for the Make-A-Wish Foundation orchestrated by the girl's father to honor her.

In 2007, Rodney donated his time and talents in a concert during the National Adoption Month ceremony at White House.

It is not unusual for him to volunteer to participate in 10 to 15 charitable concerts a year.

PEAS PONDERING

Playing the (Grand Ole) Opry is like playing in church. It's such an honor and it's amazing to realize the history of that place. It's the coolest thing in the world. **Rodney Atkins**