



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, July 20, 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.

Twin Lakes - TriState Bird - July 23rd

Trap Pond - August 5th

Queen-World Café - August 6th

Delaware City - August 13th

Lums Pond - August 16th

Arts & Crafts Festival - September 10th

Kennett Flash - September 16th

CD'S AND T-SHIRTS

Check out the *Peas'* website: www.whirledpeasband.com for purchase of this merchandise.

MUSIC OF INTEREST

John Frink will be performing at Lums Pond on July 19th at 7. And on July 26th, John and June Gallagher will be featured at Lums Pond.

AM RADIO WONDER

Pre-British invasion era, Dion Francis DiMucci, aka Dion, was one of the most popular American rock 'n roll performers with over a dozen top 40 hits in late 50's and early 60's.

Born July 18, 1939 in the Bronx, he followed his vaudeville entertainer father on tour and developed a passion for country music, particularly Hank Williams.

He honed his own musical talents on the street corners creating a cappella groups. In 1957 he signed a record deal in which *The Chosen Few* was released. The producers later signed Dion's friends, the Belmonts, named for their close proximity to Belmont Avenue; they recorded *I Wonder Why*, *No One Knows Me* and *Don't Pity Me*, all which charted.

The group was solicited to play The Winter Dance Party with Richie Valens, Buddy Holly, etc. Fortunately, Dion couldn't afford the \$36 airfare which spared his life.

A Teenager In Love and *Where or When* were released in 59 and vaulted to the top of the charts. Soon after this success Dion checked himself into a hospital for heroin abuse, an addiction since his mid-teens. This addition also led to the breakup of the Belmonts.

He soloed the first half of the 60's garnering tremendous success with *Lonely Teenager*, *Runaround Sue* (gold disc), *The Wanderer* and *Lovers Who Wander*.

In the latter part of the 60's his career declined as he incorporated blues into his music and didn't succeed commercially.

In 68 he had a powerful religious experience, became "clean" again and approached a record company for a contract. Reluctantly, they agreed with the proviso he record *Abraham, Martin and John*. This song was an overwhelming success and earned him a gold disc.

In the 70's as a born again Christian his music reflected his spirit; he won a Dove Award and was nominated for a Grammy as best male gospel singer.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame and currently pursues prison ministry reaching out to men going through addiction recovery.

Peas Pondering

He's "the man who invented the rock 'n' roll attitude." Billboard

He's the only artist who could fit into the Rat Pack and the 'E' Street Band with equal ease. Bruce Springsteen