

SOUTHINGTON BAND BACKERS, INC.  
98 Dawn Lane  
Southington, CT 06489

## LOCAL MUSICIANS ANNOUNCE CONCERT TO BENEFIT SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

### **For Immediate Release**

**February 17, 2005**

**Contact:**

Jerry Belanger, Publicity Chairperson  
Southington Band Backers  
Day: (860) 545-3905  
Eve: (860) 621-1099

Tom Jacob, President  
Southington Band Backers  
Day: (203) 304-4008  
Eve: (860) 276-8820

**SOUTHINGTON** --- Two local musicians say that they have received so much from their involvement with music in Southington Public Schools that it's time to give something back. So they are organizing a concert Saturday night, March 26, 2005 at the Falcon's Hall in Plantsville, and donating the ticket proceeds to the High School Band Program.

Tom and Chris Jacob who each play trombone in the Southington Blue Knights Marching Band, thought up the idea last summer when their band "Natural Level" played to over 100 fans in their family's garage on Shweky Lane. "We thought it would be great to get up on a real stage as part of a real show" Tom said. "And a bunch of people we know have bands so we thought it made a lot of sense to invite them too".

Three other local bands have agreed to donate their time for the cause. "Four bands is just about the right number. People really get their money's worth and we're able to end the show by 10:00pm." Besides Natural Level, the other bands scheduled to perform are Tonight Against Forever, Zeroed Out and Your Final Savior.

All the bands have ties to the SHS Music Program. Sophomore Josh Cocchiloa, the drummer for Tonight Against Forever plays quints in the SHS Marching Band Drumline.

YFS drummer Brett Berardi is a 4 year Marching Band veteran and a member of the elite SHS Jazz Band, as is YFS guitarist Ryan Kijanka. Zeroed Out members Rob Newman and Dylan Conlon each spent four years marching at SHS and playing in various other bands before graduating in 2004.

Donating the money to the Marching Band was a no-brainer. Chris, who plays a number of instruments but is primarily the bass player and lead singer for Natural Level says “We’re always doing something to raise money for the Marching Band, but most of it involves the adults in town. We thought it would be cool to do something for kids our age.”

The show coincides with the release of Natural Level’s first CD titled “Cool Guys Forever”. The group has been working on the project since December when Chris and Tom turned their basement into a mini-recording studio. They are using Pro Tools computerized audio recording and mixing software with a Macintosh computer, the same configuration used by many of today’s most successful bands including Grammy Award winner Green Day.

The group which also includes lead guitarist/vocalist Mike Weil and rhythm guitarist Andrew Zajac has written and produced four songs that are ready to be burned to CD. Four more have been written and two are in the development stage. The band’s style is described in their press kit as “Catchy, creative, old school punk rock with a 90’s twist and a few (very few) prog elements”.

Tickets for the event are \$5.00 with the proceeds going to the Southington Band Backers General Fund. They can be purchased at The Music Shop in Southington, by contacting any of the band members or by calling 860-276-8820.

###