

**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR
HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

**Sunday, January 24th, 2010
Brandee's Restaurant & Lounge
178 Ontario Street, Kingston**

**to assist
Haiti Earthquake Appeal 2010
Canadian Red Cross Society**

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KINGSTON, ONTARIO

ATTENTION: NEWS, COMING EVENTS

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Here's a great opportunity for Kingston music lovers to make a difference:

A **Haitian Relief Benefit Concert** will be held on **Sunday, January 24th** at **Brandee's Restaurant & Lounge, 178 Ontario Street, Kingston**. This event has been organized to raise money to assist the people of Haiti whose lives have been devastated by the recent earthquake in that country.

Doors will open at 3 pm. Music will be provided by **DJ Easton** from 3 pm to 6 pm. The concert itself will run from **6 - 11 pm**, beginning with a welcome from **Dan Hamel**, Disaster Management Team Volunteer Operational Lead for the Brockville and District branch of the **Canadian Red Cross Society**.

The show, cohosted by local musician and comedian **Roger James** and the **K-Rock 105.7 FM Morning Krew**, will feature great music by local groups **lovehandles**, **The Rain Kings**, **The Growing Pains**, **Trevor Walsh Group**, **The Change** and others TBA, all of whom are donating their time and talent. Sound equipment is being donated by **Kingston Soundworks**.

10% of Brandee's drink and food sales for the entire day will be donated to the cause. In addition, **Brandee's wait staff have announced that they will all be donating their wages to the event!** Please tip.

Silent Auctions of Valentine's Day themed merchandise packages, donated by local businesses, will begin at 3 pm and run until 8:20 pm. **Winning bids will be announced at 9 pm**. Winners must be present at time of draw, or the package will go to the second highest bid, and so on until a winner is found. **Live Auctions** of similar packages will also be held between the evening musical performances. Both the Live and Silent Auctions will be conducted on a **cash-only** basis. ***No personal cheques or credit cards can be accepted***, given the nature of the event.

We still need your help! Persons or businesses interested in contributing suitable items for auction are urged to contact Auction Coordinator Bonnie Burrows at haiticoncert@gmail.com

Suggested Admission is **\$10** (or give what you can at the door). All proceeds will be donated to the **Canadian Red Cross Society** to assist **Haiti Earthquake Appeal 2010**. Volunteers will be on hand to accept **cash donations**.

The organizers and performers are sincerely hoping their friends and fans will join them at this timely event to help those in need.

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For further information please contact:

Matthew Woodward, Organizer/Spokesperson, Kingston, Ontario

haiticoncert@gmail.com

About Our Organizing Committee

The **Haitian Relief Benefit Concert**, to be held on Sunday, January 24th at Brandee's Restaurant & Lounge, 178 Ontario Street, Kingston, is being organized by the following persons/entities:

Matthew Woodward	Organizer/Spokesperson/Publicity Coordinator
Bonnie Burrows	Auction Coordinator
Steve VanVolkingburgh	Auction Assistant
Tony Wilcock, Jeff Easton	Brandee's Management

This event has been organized solely to raise money to assist the people of Haiti whose lives have been devastated by the recent earthquake in that country. The concert has received approval by the Kingston District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRC). Members of the CRC will be present and speaking at this event.

All proceeds from this event will assist the CRC's **Haiti Earthquake Appeal 2010**.

Should you require references regarding the authenticity of our charitable request before pledging a donation, please feel free to contact **Penny Sutcliffe** at the Kingston District Branch of the CRC, at (613) 548-4929.

Cash donations in care of our event are welcomed. Cheques should be made payable to: **The Canadian Red Cross Society** and referenced to **Haiti Earthquake Appeal 2010**.

If income tax receipts are to be issued by the Red Cross, the donor's name, and complete mailing address is required at the time of donation.

About the organizer:

In addition to having conceived and/or participated in numerous charitable events over the years, local musician Matthew Woodward was the organizer of the *Live Music Lovers' Weekend* events held in Kingston in the early 1990's, the last of which brought together over 900 musicians of all styles to raise funds for important local causes including The United Way, The Partners In Mission Food Bank and Ryandale Shelter For The Homeless. For his efforts he received a *Volunteer Of The Year Award* from United Way in 1994. He also served as the first chairperson for *Events Kingston*, a committee of community event organizers brought together by the Kingston & Area Economic Development Commission.

HAITIAN RELIEF BENEFIT CONCERT – January 24th, 2010

PERFORMING ACTS SCHEDULE AND MUSICIANS

The Trevor Walsh Group

6:20 – 7:00 pm

Trevor Walsh:

Vocals, Guitar

Rob Holly:

Bass, Vocals

Sandy Mackenzie:

Drums, Vocals

The Growing Pains

7:20 – 8:00 pm

Michael K. Myers:

Vocals, Guitar

Chris Harvey:

Vocals, Saxophone

Dan Charbonneau:

Vocals, Guitar

Wayne Scott:

Vocals, Bass

Mark Ready:

Drums

lovehandles

8:20 – 9:00 pm

Brian Maloney:

Vocals, Rhythm Guitar

Matthew Woodward:

Lead Guitar, Vocals

Derrick Claridge:

Keyboards, Vocals

Clyde Simmons:

Bass

Marty Gibbs:

Drums, Vocals

The Rain Kings

9:20 – 10:00 pm

Kent Nicholson:

Vocals, Guitar

Rick Bennett:

Vocals, Bass

Pete Cotman:

Vocals, Lead Guitar

Duncan Holt:

Drums

The Change

10:20 – 11:00 pm

Ken Mullen:

Guitar, Percussion, Vocals

Stew White:

Guitar, Harp, Vocals

Greg Travers:

Guitar, Vocals

Bob Metcalfe:

Keyboards, Vocals

Barry Fawcett:

Bass, Vocals

Skip Layton:

Drums

Hosted by Roger James and the K-Rock Morning Krew

Sound System donated by **Kingston Soundworks** (Rob Bailey)

Audio Engineer: Trevor Johnson

Stage Manager: Steve VanVolkingburgh

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■ HAITI EARTHQUAKE

Music events planned

The local music community is lining up solidly in support of Haitian earthquake relief. No fewer than three events are planned for the next week.

The first will be held Sunday, at Brandee's on Ontario Street, where the money raised will go to the Canadian Red Cross Society. Bidding will begin on silent auction items at 3 p.m. and local bands will begin performing at 6 o'clock: lovehandles, the Rain Kings, Growing Pains and the Trevor Walsh Group among them.

There will also be a live auction. Suggested admission is \$10, or whatever you can give.

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Kingston bands are uniting to help the devastated people of Haiti. A Haitian Relief Benefit Concert will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24 at Brandee's Restaurant & Lounge, 178 Ontario St., with proceeds going to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The show, cohosted by local musician and comedian Roger James and a K-Rock 105.7 FM personality, will run from 6 - 11 p.m., featuring great music by local groups lovehandles, The Rain Kings, The Growing Pains and several others TBA, all of whom are donating their time and talent. Sound equipment is being donated by Kingston Soundworks, and a portion of Brandee's bar proceeds will also be donated to the cause.

Auctions of merchandise donated by local businesses will be held between musical performances.

Persons or businesses interested in contributing suitable items for auction are asked to contact Bonnie Burrows at 613- 377-6894 or haiticoncert@gmail.com . Suggested admission is \$10 (or give what you can at the door).

Your
Help is
Urgently
Needed.



Haiti Earthquake.

The Red Cross is responding to a powerful 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck off the coast of Haiti on January 12. The earthquake caused buildings to collapse and wide-spread damage throughout the nation's capital city of Port au Prince.

As many as three million people have been affected. The chaos and confusion has left many people injured and homeless and has separated families when they need each other most.

The most urgent needs are search and rescue support, emergency medical care, clean water and emergency shelter.

With so many families in desperate need of support, the Red Cross is there to help.

Did You Know?

The Government of Canada is matching all Canadian donations made to the Red Cross between January 12 and February 12 up to \$50 million.

Photo Credit: International Committee of the Red Cross.



Red Cross Response.



A Red Cross aid worker assists a young child affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. Photo Credit: International Committee of the Red Cross.

Haitian Red Cross emergency response volunteers were activated directly following the earthquake to support evacuations and provide shelter and medical support.

The volunteers continue to work around the clock to help the many people affected. The Canadian Red Cross, working with its other Red Cross Societies, is bringing aid to where it is needed most.

"Our primary focus is to mitigate the impact of this disaster and provide immediate aid to the injured and homeless," says Canadian Red Cross aid worker Jean-Pierre Taschereau who will be leading an international assessment team in Haiti. Additional Canadian Red Cross delegates are on standby to be deployed.

Responding immediately to the disaster, the Canadian Red Cross released an initial \$200,000 from its International Disaster Relief Fund and will continue to provide much needed funds, supplies and personnel as needed.

With up to three million people impacted, the needs remain great. We urgently need your help to provide shelter, clean water, food, supplies and—most importantly—hope.



Reuters/Eduardo Munoz, courtesy www.alertnet.org

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

The earthquake in Haiti has left 3 million people in need of emergency assistance.

Donations will be used to support evacuation and search and rescue efforts as well as provide shelter, clean water and medical support.

**Please give today,
because help can't wait.**

1-800-418-1111

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