

# HoPo News

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## HoPo Shindig



Were you there? It was a blast! It was also a great opportunity for consignors to meet each other. We will be planning on future consignor meetups! We had a psychic, a nacho bar, a band and Amani Bead jewelry making.

## Handmade wares JUST IN!

Knit mustaches  
Metal bubble wands  
Shawls  
Scarves  
Felted soap and pins from Moses (just ask)  
Amani Bead Jewelry  
Many scented candles  
Men's t-shirts  
Servingware Jewelry

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## HoPo Music Project

The HoPo is proud to announce its sponsorship of local recording artist and upcoming music consigner Chris Novak and Barnfunk Productions ([www.chrisnovak.org](http://www.chrisnovak.org))!

You have at this point realized how cool it is to take recyclable items and turn them into art, crafts and other usable items. The Hodge Podgery (your favorite consignment shop and more!) is the forerunner in bringing this concept to the Harrisburg area. Well, what if someone took that idea and applied it to creating a musical CD? That is exactly what Novak and BarnfunkPro have done.

Novak and co-writer Joe Gassert made the decision to take up to 15 years of music and performances that had accumulated from various demo purposes/projects and bring them back to life. These performances, the majority of which were done by fantastic-yet-sometimes-unheralded local musicians grinding it out on the cover scene, were too good to let go to waste – they needed to be turned into art.

Prior to this decision and massive undertaking, writer Joe Gassert discovered an article that inspired him to write a set of lyrics about the way people talk – to each other, about themselves, and, the way the words we use can be to our advantage or disadvantage depending on our approach and who's listening. This idea grew from a 4-song mini CD into a 9-song, full-length production that includes the concept of not only how we talk to each other but, on a larger scale, how we communicate nation to nation and human to spirit.

Merge Joe's idea with Novak's compositions, production magic and the upcycled audio concept, and out comes "**Word Power**", Barnfunk Productions current project and upcoming release. Keep checking [www.thehodgepodgery.com](http://www.thehodgepodgery.com) and [www.chrisnovak.org](http://www.chrisnovak.org) for more blogs on the process of upcycling music, the History of Barnfunk Productions, the progress of the CD, and, a **listening/release party** sponsored by the HoPo! Barnfunk Productions is...

**Craig Cady**: Production, Engineering, Composition, Audio Consulting, Guitar and Bass  
**Joe Gassert**: Lyrics, Production and Composition  
**Chris Novak**: Lyrics, Composition, Production, Keyboards, Sequencing and Engineering

...and is upcycling amazing musical performances from the following local musicians:

**Ron Simasek** – drums & percussion: The Badlees, The Cellarbirds ([www.badlees.com](http://www.badlees.com))

**Ronnie Rhoads** – guitars: Mustang ([www.mustangcountry.net](http://www.mustangcountry.net))

**Joe Mohn** -drums & percussion: HoneyPump ([www.honeypump.com](http://www.honeypump.com))

**Michael Morrison** – guitars, Native American Flute: Hired Guns, Leghorn ([www.leghornrocks.com](http://www.leghornrocks.com))

**Erin Cruise** – vocals: Cruise Control Band ([www.cruisecontrolband.com](http://www.cruisecontrolband.com))

**Gabe Middleton** – bass: Funktion ([www.funktionband.com](http://www.funktionband.com))

**Kevin Neidig** – crystal and metal bowls, tuning forks: ([www.kevinneidig.com](http://www.kevinneidig.com) and [www.voxology.com](http://www.voxology.com))

## Birthdays and Meetups



The HoPo is happy to say that we are now hosting small birthdays and girl/guy nights out! Get a group of people together and plan for a funky night out and take a class.

**Advantages to booking a small meetup at the HoPo:**

No room charge to book  
You may cater your own food  
No hidden fees  
Fun and personal atmosphere

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## Consignor Corner

\*Do you have a photo of your product that you want us to post? Email it to [dawn@thehodgepodgery.com](mailto:dawn@thehodgepodgery.com) subject line "photos"

\* A new policy email was sent out to all consignors on October 7, 2009. If you did not receive this, please let us know. It is a mandatory read and goes into effect October 15, 2009.

\* Have you brought your family to the shop yet?? It is Holiday season. We sell gift certificates and have a full class schedule. Teach your family to shop handmade and local!

## Featured Consignors



**John Bowermaster**

My name is John Bowermaster; I'm a 40 year old man who lives in Harrisburg, Pa and member of the Art Association of Harrisburg since 2005...in addition to my working with the Art Association, I've also had the pleasure of working with various other Charitable Groups such as Common Roads, Aids Community Alliance, PAWS of PA, Habitat for Humanity of Harrisburg, the Humane Society of Harrisburg, the American Trauma Society; PA Chapter, and Hershey Medical Center just to name a few.

Over the last six years my works have been shown in many different venues such as Hershey Medical Center, Dauphin County Courthouse, the Gallery at Walnut Place, the Mansion at Reservoir Park, Stocks on 2nd, Molly Branigans, Appalachian Brewing Company, Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center, The HodgePodgery, PRIDE Festival of Central PA, and at the Art Association.

I'm producing Canvas, Optical Acrylics/Oil-on-Glass, Mixed Media, and now, Collage.



**Richelle Leigh Walk**

I love creating Beautiful things. At Fifteen I started an intense five- year apprenticeship under a master goldsmith. I've spent most of my time since in a jewelry studio. I now own a fine jewelry store, Richelle Leigh Collection. I only feature and sell my original jewelry designs. I use natural gemstones, gold and silver to create my pieces.

I always feel the urge to do something with my hands. I work with polymer clay as a hobby. The HodgePodgery sells my light switch covers, magnets and barrettes. Soon to come vases and jars, using recycled glass.

Of course I could not leave out the jewelry. The HodgePodgery also exclusively sells my line of recycled and antique silverware jewelry. It includes rings, earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. I'm having a lot of fun creating these pieces. I'm starting to incorporate colorful natural gemstones as well as glass.

Would you like to be a featured consignor? Email us your pic and bio. Keep the bio down to 5-6 sentences!