

## Summer Ensemble Program -- Incredible Performances at Fitzgerald's! By Sophie Hall

Musical Expressions had its Summer Ensemble on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn. All bands did an outstanding job and covered a variety of music such as Nirvana, Oasis, Grateful Dead, Liz Phair, and Joss Stone, to name a few. Band mates picked the songs to be performed and practiced for 8 weeks before the final performance at Fitzgerald's.

The opening act named themselves **Black Out**, and included Jessica Blanchet on lead vocals, Patrick Niepokoje on guitar, Dan Suarez playing bass guitar, and Aaron Gedz on drums. The band's enthusiasm shined on from beginning to end and it was obvious they had a fantastic time performing.

**Quarantine** was the next rockin' band to play. Bridget Bellavia sang, Mitch Autry and Cole Wait rocked the guitar, Jack Willson performed the bass guitar, and Kyle McComb kept it steady on drums. The songs they chose were truly awesome and they performed with terrific charm and personality.

The **Purple People Eaters** consisted of Dana Destafano on vocals, Justin Wu on guitar, Scott Riva on bass (and vocals), and Zach Scott on drums. They showed the Fitzgerald's crowd they could hold their own with much confidence and charisma. They had clearly come in very prepared for their final performance and engaged the audience exceptionally well.

**Third Story Flat** kept it cool with humor and flawlessly performed their set with ease. Jenna Liddle and her amazing voice kept the audience intrigued. Jack Kendrick and Zach Ward complimented each other's guitar work extremely well and Lauren Osbourne rocked out the bass. Linnea Hance, the only female drummer in this ensemble, kept everything together with steady beats.

**BandanaRama** was the final act for the afternoon. Sophie Hall sang lead vocals, Katrina Nutini played the keyboard, Mike Wong played bass, Zach Ward played guitar (and awesome solos) and Patrick Dugan played drums. Katrina on the keyboard brought a unique element and sound that no other band had. Each member of the band sported a bandana and enjoyed every minute on the stage. The audience loved BandanaRama!