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9:30 Club Benefit Performance for the DC Public Libraries

On Friday, October 5th, at 7:30 pm the 9:30 Club will be the venue for A Benefit Performance for the DC Public Libraries, presented by Gypsy Eyes Records, ESL Music, The Federal Reserve Collective, The DC Public Library Foundation, and Proper Topper. Performing live will be Federico Aubele, Kitty Hawk, Rose, These United States, Vandaveer, Revival, John Bustine, Child Ballads, DJ's Yellow Fever, and special ESL Music guest DJ's. Proceeds from the evening will go the DC Public Library Foundation to help fund libraries serving all DC communities. Tickets are \$20 and are for sale at the 9:30 Club or at www.930.com.

The sponsors, a group of local artists and entrepreneurs, joined forces this summer to produce a CD to benefit the DC Public Library System, "A Benefit for DC Public Libraries." The CD features music by the bands performing at the October 5th event, as well as Shortstack, Mikal Evans, Brandon Butler, and Let's French. All proceeds from CD sales go directly to the DCPL Foundation. This performance will launch the CD.

The idea for a Benefit CD and Performance came about after the April 30th library fire in Georgetown. Owners of Proper Topper Anna Fuhrman and Joe Kerr were frequent visitors to the branch with their 2 year-old daughter, a big fan of Story Time. They wanted to find a way to help the community contribute to restoration and improvement. "Positive change can come from this disaster," said Fuhrman. "Music is a great way for people to come together to help."

They contacted Kalani Tifford at Gypsy Eyes Records and Jesse Elliott at The Federal Reserve Collective. The record label and musicians quickly embraced the idea of creating a Benefit CD and following with a Benefit Performance. As the project progressed, attention and energy shifted from the Georgetown Library restoration exclusively to the needs of the DC Public Library system as a whole. The artists contributed their work. Gypsy Eyes Records and The Federal Reserve Collective contributed the use of their artists' works. Proper Topper contributed production costs.

The CD sells for \$10 and is for sale at Proper Topper's two local locations (Georgetown, 3213 P St., NW, and Dupont Circle, 1350 Connecticut Ave., NW) and online at www.properopper.com.

The DC Public Library Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports and enhances DC Public Library programs and services. For more information, contact Anna Velazco, Executive Director.

Proper Topper is a DC-based retail business that believes passionately in helping its community by donating time, goods and services to local libraries, schools and charities. www.properopper.com.

Gypsy Eyes Records is a DC-based label that looks to better the relationship between local artists and music fans across the country through increased marketing and licensing while offering artists a nurturing, secure and supportive environment to develop music. www.gypsyeyesrecords.com.