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Press Release

No Lake Wylie Music Fest in 2012

Work beginning Now on Next Year's events including a Monthly Drum Circle keeping the beat going in Boyd's Cove

Charlotte, NC (Steel Creek/Lake Wylie area) March 7, 2012: Lake Wylie Music Fest which has offered eclectic artsy fun on The Waters of Wylie during the Summers of 2010 and 2011 will not be offered this year. "But we're only taking a break," explain Fest Organizers, Jan and Jon Pendleton whose property and energies made the initial seasons possible. "Our own professional and personal lives have grown very full plus the volunteer assistance involved in the Fest has grown increasing absent. We have a wonderful abundance of musicians and other performing artists who are more than eager to participate but we need a volunteer workforce to put all of the pieces together."

Lake Wylie Music Fest is a water-based community festival that has involved a variety of local musicians, dancers, hand-drummers, and fire artistry all on a residential dock and waterfront staging. The audience attends by boat and watches, dances, plays, and sings-along from their vessels. The Fest was created on, as its organizers say "shoestrings and dreams." The dream - to create a fresh and innovative place for local grassroots musicians to express themselves and a festival atmosphere for the Lake community to get creatively involved in. The shoestrings - little money involved. Artists and organizers have been all volunteer with no one being paid at all. Additionally, the fully volunteer-driven events have been all free of charge to the boating public.

From 2010 to 2011 the events took steps forward with some materials being donated by area individuals and corporations and Fest organizers say that while financial support can certainly be of help moving forward, the greater need is for active volunteer involvement on the days of the events. "Primarily it's been just three of us who pulled off the bulk of the labor from booking, scheduling, design,

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promotion, and engineering to set-up and tear-down," shares Jon Pendleton. "Paul Noble, our third partner in this, has generously and expertly provided his full professional sound system and sound production for every event. Without him there never would have been a Fest. And we're very grateful to any and everyone who helped lug the huge heavy system down and back up our lakeside hills for six truly excellent sunset celebrations! It has always been a tiny crew and we have all been more than spent at the end of the it all; but even when it rained us out we were still smiling and beating the drums!" Jan Pendleton adds, "You know, it's been a labor of love, really. We wouldn't have done it at all if we didn't love our lake home. And we hope there are others of this unique waterside community who want to join with us to keep going forward for next year. I guess you could say that we've birthed the baby and now we need the village to help us to raise this child!"

Want to get involved?

1. Lake Wylie Music Fest 2013 is NOW under creation and needs volunteers.

Contact jan@lakewyliemusicfest.com to get involved today!

2. A monthly Drum Circle and Jam is underway in Boyd's Cove to keep the energy of LWMF going. Come join the circle led by Kennon Knight. For dates, check out www.lakewyliemusicfest.com

