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**WPKN presents Benefit Concert featuring  
Folk-rock legends Brewer & Shipley  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2010  
Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT**



Brewer & Shipley

Listener-sponsored radio station **WPKN (89.5) FM** presents folk-rock legends **Brewer & Shipley** in a special WPKN benefit concert on 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at Edmond Town Hall Theater, 45 Main Street, in Newtown, Connecticut. Opening act is New York City-based indie folk-rocker **Andrew Vladeck**. General admission tickets are \$35. Doors open at 7 p.m. Ticket are available on-line at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com>, and at the Edmond Town Hall box office. Box office hours are M-F 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call (203) 426-2475, or visit [www.wpkn.org](http://www.wpkn.org)

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Recognized as one of the most successful folk rock duos of the 70's, Brewer & Shipley have remained true to their original form throughout 3 decades. Although best known for their Top-10 signature song, "One Toke Over The Line," which permanently etched their names in rock history by becoming an anthem of the 70's counter culture, Michael Brewer and Tom Shipley were by no means a one trick pony. In all, the duo landed three singles on the Billboard charts and had the pleasure of working with such notables as Mike Bloomfield, Leon Russell, Jimmy Messina, and the late Jerry Garcia.

Constantly touring Brewer & Shipley could be found performing in such notable venues as Carnegie Hall, The Bottom Line, The Troubadour, The Roxy, Keil Opera House, and Arrowhead Stadium. Because of their broad appeal, they became a favored support act for major tours, sharing the stage with a diverse list of artists, including Sir Elton John, The Eagles, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Bonnie Raitt, Electric Light Orchestra, Jethro Tull, Humble Pie, Ted Nugent and Black Sabbath among others.

In 1979, after more than a decade of writing, traveling, and performing, Brewer and Shipley parted company to pursue personal interests. Michael Brewer continued to make music, recording a solo album for Full Moon Records entitled "Beauty Lies". This release featured guest artists such as Linda Ronstadt and J.D. Souther and was produced by longtime friend, the late Dan Fogelberg. Tom Shipley began working as a television producer/director, eventually forming his own production company (Tarkio Communications). He later founded the Oral History of The Ozarks Project, a not-profit organization producing documentaries about life in the Missouri Ozarks.

In 1986, at the request of KCFX (Kansas City), the duo reunited for a concert to celebrate the radio stations first birthday. Unsure of what to expect having been out of the public eye for so long, the duo was overwhelmed as they walked on stage to over 10,000 cheering fans welcoming their return.

Having come full circle from their days as staff songwriters living in Los Angeles, Brewer & Shipley began writing together again. Their first project was the soundtrack for one of Shipley's documentaries, the award winning, "Treehouse - An Ozark Story".

In recent years, the duo has witnessed rejuvenated interest in their music, beginning with BMG's purchase of their catalog and subsequent re-issue of the critically acclaimed "Tarkio" release. This was soon followed by the inclusion of "One Toke Over The Line" on the "Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas Limited Edition 25th Anniversary CD" (Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Recds). The same song was later featured on the "Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas" motion picture soundtrack (Geffen Records.) In addition, the duo was invited to contribute guest vocals to their trademark song on "Hempilation II" (Capricorn Records.). Brewer & Shipley continue to tour and record regularly and have recorded two discs since reuniting, "Shanghai" (1993) and "Heartland" (1997).

Opening act **Andrew Vladeck** is an award-winning singer-songwriter and well-known performer on the alt-folk scene in NYC. The banjo player, guitarist has just released his latest effort, "The Wheel" on End Up Records, which includes "The Songs you Inspire," which won first place in the Int'l Songwriting Competition. Vladeck is also a founding member of the The Honey Brothers, whose drummer is actor Adrian Grenier, from the hit HBO television series *Entourage*.

The **Brewer & Shipley** WPKN benefit concert is being generously supported by the Bridgeport Holiday Inn.

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