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T or C Promoter to Host HuDost Concert March 18

By Steppin' Out's T or C Reporter

Truth or Consequences, NM - T or C publicist, promoter, music lover and Gen-X entrepreneur Wendy Tremayne announced recently that a popular touring band named HuDost from New Lebanon, NY will perform a public concert in T or C on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m. If the weather co-operates, the concert will be held at the outdoor theater at Firebox Studio and Hot Springs Lodge at 100 Mill...

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400 Mims in Truth or Consequences. If not, an alternate indoor venue has been arranged and signs will be posted at Firebox Studio redirecting concert goers to the alternate location.



HuDost's unique musical program -- which Tremayne thoughtfully describes as 'new-age folk-pop with ethnic roots' -- explores songs from many world cultures, including Croatian, Macedonian, Georgian and Sufi lineages. The program will feature traditional songs of the Turkish Rifai Marufi lineage and Rumis poetry sung in Persian, as well as the band's original Alternative World Rock Country and Eastern Fusion material. HuDost will play songs from their critically acclaimed debut CD "In an Eastern Rose Garden" and material from their brand latest release "Seedling". The band will be joined by Megan Martyn of Ramla Taal (tribal belly dance).

HuDost has toured Europe and



performed at Alex Greys CoSM in NYC, the Salvador Dali Museum, Molly Malones in Los Angeles and continues to play eclectic and

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reputable venues, colleges and festivals around the world. The group's most recent album "Seedling" was released in October 2006. The new album is comprised both of songs written by the core duo and of Bulgarian/Arabic music fusion. HuDost is currently touring the US promoting the album. The Truth or Consequences concert was planned and will be hosted by Wendy Tremayne of Green Acre, a performance venue and eco-hotel set to open in the Fall of 2007 (<http://gaiatreehouse.com>).

One reviewer recently described HuDost's music this way:

These beautiful atmospheric, warm and resonant songs weave the evocative with stylistic colors of folk, new age and pop presented with the colorful harmonic vocabulary of the East, this gentle album delicately pairs the two art forms with great success. - CDBaby

As this concert suggests, entrepreneurs Wendy Tremayne and Mikey Sklar of Truth or Consequences are definitely *not* your average twenty-something "inside the box" thinkers. Though still in her 20's, the HuDost concert's enthusiastic promoter and host, Wendy Tremayne already has a long list of art, media and creative projects in her resume. Several of her New York creative projects were widely reported by both the U.S. and European news media. Among other things, Tremayne once co-founded and performed in a popular all-female band that toured New England for several years. She also created and ran a successful record production company. Her business partner, Mikey Sklar is a well-known computer scientist whose fascinating computer and electronic projects have also drawn extensive media attention.

A few months after moving to T or C from New York in 2006, the pair bought a property containing an Artesian hot-spring, trailer and RV park and embarked on an ambitious project to redesign and rebuild it into an eco-friendly off-grid "green" bed

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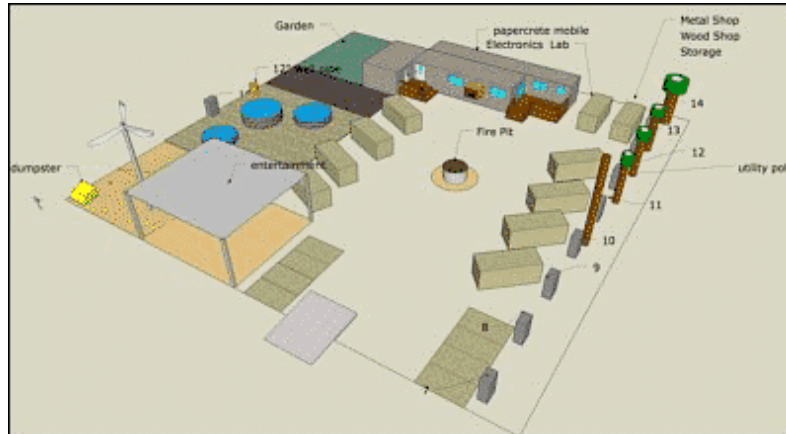
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and breakfast they describe as an "Eco-Lodge". The new Green Acre Eco-Lodge will use old steel cargo containers -- insulated with a combination of a high-tech insulating film called Nano-Insulate and thick slabs of a paper-machete-like blend of old newspaper and concrete commonly known as "papercrete" – as their offices, storage buildings and guest rooms.



"We named the project 'Khankah' (an Arabic word describing a place where home, spirit and community come together in a harmonious whole) and we're currently calling the lodge 'Green Acre,'" Tremayne explains, "Our goal is to prove that through creative reuse and recycling of existing material we can transform cargo containers into comfortable living quarters for our guests. We're convinced we can create an eco-friendly off-grid hotel that uses very little external power, is cool in summer and warm in winter and built almost entirely from existing reusable or recyclable materials." Pictured to the left is an architectural drawing of the planned Green Acre Lodge once the construction is complete in September 2007.

To assist them in achieving their goals Tremayne and Sklar agreed to work with New Mexico native builder Jesse Servis as their project consultant and advisor. Tremayne proudly describes Servis as a recycler, a master of reuse, a 'crazy genius', and a dear friend. "Mikey and I are providing the labor, Jesse provides the knowledge, experience and direction," she concludes.

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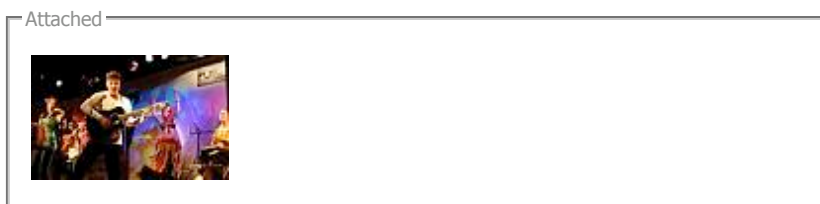
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Mikey Sklar surveys his new office a transformed cargo container.

Whether all their aspirations ultimately prove attainable, only time will tell. However, the couple did recently complete the renovation of a dilapidated mobile home that was on the site when they bought it. They also successfully converted one of the steel containers they bought to use as Mikey's office. So, by the time Green Acre opens this fall, they'll have tested their design and insulation concepts through the winter, spring and summer seasons and should have a good idea of what they can expect in the future.

For more information, about either the HuDost concert or the Green Acre Eco-Lodge project, Tremayne can be contacted at 917-991-3309 or by email at wendy@gaiatreehouse.com.



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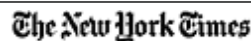
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1/27: Hispano Chamber Matanza – A daylong event with pig roasting contest, horseshoe-pitching contest, tortilla-rolling contest, red chili cook-off and children's activities. Call Tina Gallegos at 306-5912

2/2-3/25: Casper Baca Rough Stock Rodeo Series Sheriff Posse Grounds. 6 x 6 Rodeo, for information call 505-287-9534

2/11: Art and Tea – The Belen Art League Annual Valentine Tea and Scholarship Benefit. Two Seatings: 1:00-2:30 & 3:00-4:30 Door Prizes, Food and Music. 509 Becker St., Belen. \$8 per ticket. Call 861-0217

3/17-18: St. Patrick's Day Hot Air Balloon Rallye – Heritage Park in Los Lunas (Hwy 6 at Hwy 47) FREE! Mass Ascension of Balloons at 7 am Saturday and Sunday. Block Party and Balloon Glow on Saturday evening at dusk (weather permitting). Entertainment, Crafts, Music, Food, Dancing & More. www.VFRSballooning.org for info.

3/31: 2007 Mardi Gras Parade and Fundraiser – Parade begins at 10:00 am at the Belen Parks & Rec. Bldg on South Main and ends at Becker and Main St. for the "Heart of Belen" Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, followed by daylong Entertainment, Silent Auction, Food Booths and More. Call 864-9555 or 864-0584

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