



Bringing a little country sound to The Alley, **KneckDown** got toes a tappin' and the crowd a dancin' on Friday night. The group will be one of 25 bands at the North Georgia Music Festival at Ridge Ferry Park June 22-24. Visit www.gamusicfest.com for more information.

Rome International Film Festival recognized in national magazines

Provided by the Rome Area Council for the Arts

The Rome International Film Festival (RIFF) is receiving some national attention by film and literary magazines.

This week, RIFF is featured as "Festival of the Week" on *Moviemaker Magazine's* Web site. The article, by Mallory Potosky, highlights the international aspect of RIFF, the relationship that RIFF creates between filmmakers and audiences, the "walkability" of the festival and the substantial content of independent film.

Visit www.moviemaker.com/festivals to access the full article.

Also, RIFF anticipates being included in "25 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee," a feature article appearing in the spring issue of *Moviemaker Magazine*.

And finally, RIFF will be mentioned in the March issue of *Oxford American Magazine* through an article by RIFF Creative Program Director Harry Musselwhite.

The article will focus on independent films about the South and will be part of OA's Southern Film issue.

"It shows without a shadow of a doubt what kind of impact RIFF is having in the industry, which is a global industry, and how the festival is impacting the region," said RIFF Executive Director Barry Norman of the interest that the national publications are taking in the event. "The culture of Rome and Northwest Georgia are being positively impacted by the festival and the exposure created by festival attendees and



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media.

"For RIFF 2007, we will continue mining the world for the best indie films, exposing the region to them and the filmmakers to the region, to the mutual benefit of both," Norman continued.

The Rome International Film Festival is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization based in Rome. RIFF 2007 will be Sept. 6-9 in downtown Rome. Venues include the Rome City Auditorium, the DeSoto Theater and The Forum Civic Center.

As part of the 2007 festival, RIFF will host the first Southeastern Film Industry Expo at The Forum Sept. 7-8. Visit www.riff.tv for more information about RIFF and the Southeastern Film Industry Expo.

I love the nightlife...

The State Line Tavern, 9441 Alabama Highway.
Phone: 706-232-5552.

- Daily: **Pool, Darts, Horseshoes.**
- Thursdays: **Open Mic Pickin' & Grinnin'.**
- Fridays: **The Showmen Band**, 9 p.m.; **Pool Tournament**
- Saturdays: **Karaoke**, 8 p.m.

Old Havana Cigar Co., 327 Broad St. Phone: 706-295-0546.

- Thursdays: **El Willie**, 9 p.m.

400 Block Bar, 413 Broad St. Phone: 706-238-9000.

- Wednesdays: **Trivia**, 9 p.m., followed by **live music.**

The Alley Sports Bar & Grill, 325 Broad St. Phone: 706-295-4484.

- Thursdays: **College Dance Night**, 9 p.m.

Holiday Inn Skytop Toppers Lounge, Holiday Drive. Phone: 706-295-1100.

- Thursdays: **The Dry County Band**, 9 p.m.
- Fridays: **The Dry County Band**, 9 p.m.
- Saturdays: **The Dry County Band**, 9 p.m.

Harvest Moon Café, 234 Broad St. Phone: 706-292-0099.

- Thursdays: **Russell McClanahan and Friends**, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday: **Jenny Detra**, 6:30 p.m.
- Sundays: **Jenny Detra** during brunch.
- Wednesdays: **David Bell**, 7 p.m.

Gilbert's Family Restaurant, 5 N. Fourth St., Lindale. Phone: 706-232-6280.

- Thursdays: **Karaoke**, 7 p.m.
- Fridays: **Karaoke**, 7 p.m.

Sports Page, 1711 Dean Ave. Phone: 706-234-0097.

- Fridays: **Dart Tournament**, 7 p.m.; **Karaoke**, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: **Dart Tournament**, 7 p.m.; **Karaoke**, 7:30 p.m.

Beer Barrel Sports Bar, 724 Kingston Ave. Phone: 706-234-9164.

- Fridays: **Karaoke**, 7 p.m.

SUMO Japanese Steak House, 1301 Martha Berry Blvd. Phone: 706-291-8000.

- Fridays: **Karaoke**, 9 p.m.

Schroeder's New Deli, 3170 Martha Berry Highway. Phone: 706-295-0733.

- Mondays: **Trivia**, 7 p.m.
- Saturday: **Nolan Weekley**, 7 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rome Art Coterie is taking applications for their fifth annual National Juried Art Exhibition, to be held at the Rome Area Council for the Arts June 15-29. Entry applications are available at www.romeartcoterie.org or by sending a SASE to Clare Gilliland, 21 Lawton St. NW, Rome, GA 30165. The deadline for entry is April 6.

The Rome International Film Festival is accepting entries for the 2007 event, scheduled for Sept. 6-9 in Rome. For film submissions, go to www.withoutabox.com/login/3360 or visit the RIFF Web site at www.riff.tv. All entries should be shipped to Rome International Film Festival, c/o Rome Area Council for the Arts, 248 Broad St., Rome, GA 30161.