



Kelly Music for Life Celebrates Grand Opening of Kelly Center

Full Week of Arts, Music and Cultural Events Planned During Delco Arts Week, September 21-28



Kelly Center, credit: Joel Perlish

Kelly Music for Life will officially celebrate the grand opening of the **Kelly Center** with a full week of diverse music, arts and cultural events at the new location in Havertown the week of **September 21** during **Delco Arts Week**. Designed as a facility to further develop the arts in the community, the week is

just a taste of the exciting programming to come at the Kelly Center – from Blues to Celtic music, Comedy and Variety shows, Open Mic nights and more, there is something that everyone can enjoy.

“Kelly Music for Life’s volunteers have worked tirelessly for six years to make this venue possible, and we still have miles to go before we sleep,” said **Tom Kelly**. “The Kelly Center gives our community a listening room for professional performers and an opportunity for young artists who need to reach an audience. Arts programs are being cut in many schools. We plan to fill the void and continue to underscore the value in music and arts of all varieties – music, comedy, spoken word, theater, 2-D and 3-D artwork. We will showcase students in after school programs and give our young people something they can enjoy and be part of.”

In addition to being a venue to see music and other cultural events, the Kelly Center houses the New Avenue Café. The motivation for **New Avenue Café** stems from a desire to create meaningful employment for adults with disabilities. The Cafe is a project of **New Avenue Foundation**, a nonprofit organization begun by two fathers of adult daughters with disabilities, Jim Wurster and Tom Reinke. These dads wanted to expand the social and employment opportunities for their daughters as well as others and to ensure that all members of their local communities would feel welcome and valued. Their goal is to enrich the community and the lives of our employees, providing them the opportunity to showcase their abilities and value as individuals.

“Being a manager of the café has been a challenge since I’ve never run a business before,” said **Jim Wurster**, primary manager of the cafe. “But treating my role as a father and mentor has helped me provide what our volunteers and employees need. In addition to teaching our staff how to do the different tasks required each day, just being someone to talk to has also helped them and me tremendously.”

Located at the site of **Goodman’s 5 & 10** shop, the **Kelly Center** will honor the roots of the space by offering shows at \$5 and \$10 throughout the week. Tickets for all events can be purchased on the [Kelly Center website](#).



GRAND OPENING WEEK
LINEUP SAT SAT
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To celebrate our 5&10 roots,
 tickets are \$5, \$10 or FREE!
kellycenter.ticketleap.com



JILL SOBULE
 Singer/Songwriter
SATURDAY
 Sept. 21
 7:30 PM

SUN | Jazz



EDDIE BRUCE & DEAN SCHNEIDER
 Sept. 22 3:00 PM

MON | Celtic



TIMMY TRAHEY & ROBBIE FURLONG
 Sept. 23 7:30 PM

TUE | Poetry



POETRY SLAM hosted by
KATCH CAMPBELL
 Sept. 24 7:30 PM

WED | Funk



LISA CHAVOUS
 Sept. 25 7:30 PM

THU | Jazz



DIRK QUINN
 Sept. 26 7:30 PM

FRI | Hip Hop



KUF KNOTZ & CHRISTINE ELISE
 Sept. 27 7:30 PM

OPEN MIC
 for TEENS w/
AMANDA WESSEL
 Sept. 28 3:00 PM



SAT
OPEN MIC



STAND-UP
OPEN MIC w/
MARK LIPSKY
 Sept. 28 7:30 PM

Kelly Center Grand Opening Week Events:

- 9/21 Jill Sobule (Singer-Songwriter) – 7pm
- 9/22 Eddie Bruce and Dean Schneider (Jazz Vocals) – 3pm
- 9/23 Timmy Trahey and Robbie Furlong (Irish, Celtic, Folk) – 7pm
- 9/24 Open Mic Poetry Slam hosted by Katch Campbell (Poetry) – 7pm
- 9/25 Lisa Chavous (All up in your face Blues with a taste of Soul) – 7pm
- 9/26 Dirk Quinn (Jazz) – 7pm
- 9/27 Kuf Knotz and Christine Elise (Progressive Hip Hop) – 7pm
- 9/28 Open Mic for Teens (Variety show) – 3pm
- 9/28 Open Mic Stand Up hosted by Mark Lipsky (Comedy) – 8pm

About Kelly Music for Life:

Kelly Music for Life believes in the ability of music to bring people together and make them smile, and is dedicated to improving lives and communities through music and arts. Formed in 2012, KMFL (a 501c3 non-profit organization) serves residents and visitors of Haverford Township and surrounding communities using the power of music and the arts to make the region a desirable place to live, work, and play. Throughout the year, the organization produces multiple festivals, concerts and special programs for the benefit of the community, which reach over 25,000 people per year. In May 2019, Kelly Music for Life opened the Kelly Center, a brand new, state-of-the-art performance venue in Haverford Township. The Kelly Center is a safe and comfortable place for teens to enjoy a variety of after-school programming in an alcohol and drug free setting, and caters to the community at large with a diverse calendar of cultural events that are 21+, including comedy, music, art and more. For more, visit <https://kellymusicforlife.org/>.

About New Avenue Foundation:

The mission of New Avenue Foundation is to create more meaningful lives for people with disabilities through innovative social, employment, and housing programs. Our focus is to help families and caregivers of individuals with disabilities help ourselves in creating lives that our loved ones want. Being happy, safe and healthy is the key. We want to build strong communities that will support our children. Begun in 2013 by two fathers, Jim Wurster and Tom Reinke, New Avenue Foundation is a grassroots, nonprofit organization comprised of families who are interested in creating outstanding programs and services for people with disabilities. We focus on goal-oriented social programs, community inclusion, and new housing alternatives. We invite all families who believe they can play a role in achieving these goals, and who are willing to work toward them for their family members, to join our efforts. We are here, first and foremost, for those with disabilities and their families and caregivers, but all are welcome to participate in our events, activities and programs. We believe that each person has value and we embrace differences of mental and physical ability, race and ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation, age, and religion. Whoever you are, you are welcome here! For more, visit <https://newfdn.org>

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