

Press Release: "A Journey into America's Heart" - Conrad Weiser Homestead Benefit Concert

On Friday November 27, 2009 a Benefit Concert will be held at Conrad Weiser High School Auditorium beginning at 7 pm to help raise public funding for the continuation of interpretive tours and programs at the Conrad Weiser Homestead. The event is being sponsored by the Friends of Conrad Weiser Homestead.

On June 17, 2009 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (due to budget restraints) decided to close the Conrad Weiser Homestead to public interpretive programs, but still maintain the park's grounds. The Friends group was given the responsibility to raise money to operate the site's interpretive tours and programs. All proceeds from this concert will go to the Friends of Conrad Weiser to help to fulfill the mission of keeping this important story alive for future generations.

The History Alive! Boys (Rich Pawling and Joe Meck) are donating their time and talent to present this concert in honor of the legacy of this great man. Join them on a journey using music and historical interpretive segways to interpret Conrad Weiser's contribution's to our nation and also honor the cultural value of the Tulpehocken Heritage District that surrounds his homestead.

George Washington declared that "Posterity will never forget what Conrad Weiser has done for our nation." This concert will help you understand the importance of Conrad Weiser - diplomat, woodsman, farmer, tanner, monk, hymn-writer, traveler, linguist, judge, peacekeeper, as well as a first lieutenant during the French and Indian War. A man who, according to Dr. Paul Wallace (author of Conrad Weiser - Friend of Colonist and Mohawk), "went everywhere, saw everyone, and did everything. There was never a man like him, and there never will be."

The Thanksgiving weekend concert will appeal to all ages. Instrumentation will include guitar, mandolin, harmonica, and cornet. Joe Meck (Fleetwood) and Rich Pawling (Mohn's Hill) are songwriters, vocalists and musicians of multiple talents. A brand new song written by Pawling "Never a Man Like Him" (dedicated to the memory of Conrad Weiser) will

be released for the first time at the concert.

Rich Pawling has performed from Opryland (Nashville, Tenn.) to the National Baseball Hall of Fame (Cooperstown, NY) to Cheyenne Wyoming's Frontier Days to the National Wildlife Society's Conference in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. And... this evening's concert promises to be another gem in a long list of stage performances by The History Alive! Boys. Get ready to experience the past as Rich and Joe take you on a journey into America's heart.

Tickets are available at the door. \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 senior citizens, \$2.00 students, and ages 0-4 free. All tickets are general admission; no reserved seating.

For more information see www.richpawling.com or contact: Rich Pawling (610) 777-6761, e-mail richpawling@yahoo.com.