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Boston Band “Harry and the Potters” and guest Jason Anderson to play at the Portland Public Library

Portland, Maine: Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 6:00pm, Rines Auditorium, Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square.

Harry and the Potters is a punk band started by brothers Paul and Joe DeGeorge in the summer of 2002. They have 2 CD's out (*Harry and the Potters*, and *Voldemort Can't Stop the Rock*) and are working on their third, which will be entitled *Harry and the Potters and the Power of Love*.

Both brothers dress as the Harry Potter character for their shows. According to their website, “the idea is that the Harry Potter from Year 7 and the Harry Potter from Year 4 started a rock band.” Paul DeGeorge explained, “Harry is a wizard and has problems with authority, making him a good punk rocker.” This summer, they have planned an extensive tour almost exclusively at libraries across the country. When asked why they chose libraries as a venue, Paul said they “thought it would be great to play rock in an unconventional forum, and libraries seemed like the most ridiculous place to have a rock show.” Paul also said they “liked the fact that the shows are free and libraries are a family friendly environment. It's more of a special event than a concert.”

This is the second rock show the Portland Public Library has presented. Last July, local punk band The Leftovers played to a capacity crowd in Rines Auditorium. Kurt Baker, lead vocals/base player for The Leftovers, said, “the best part was that it was free – anyone could come and see the band.” Baker mused, “if I was in the audience instead of performing, it would have been cool to see a live band and then go check out a book.” “We are expanding our programming for young adults,” said Director of Children's and Young Adult Services Mary Peverada. “We are seeing an increase in young adult usage of the Library and want to provide programs for them in addition to the younger children.” In the future renovation of the Main Library, a Teen Center is planned to accommodate the increased usage. The Library has regular story hours, and events for toddlers and even babies.

Jason Anderson/Wolf Colonel will be opening for Harry and the Potters. Anderson is a New Hampshire musician who has five CD's out and has been touring the country for over five years. He will be playing acoustic rock.

This event is free and open to everyone. CDs and merchandise will be on sale. For more information on this or other Portland Public Library programs, visit our website at www.portlandlibrary.com or call 871-1700 ext. 759 or email progdev@portland.lib.me.us.

Harry and the Potters' website: <http://www.eskimolabs.com/hp/>

Jason Anderson/Wolf Colonel's website: <http://www.indiepages.com/wolfcolonel/>

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