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**3S FEST BRINGS FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE, MIKE DOUGHTY AND OTHERS TO
PORTSMOUTH FOR FINAL CONCERT OF THE SUMMER IN PRESCOTT PARK**

*Outdoor Concert at Prescott Park in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on Saturday, August 27 Features Renowned
National Acts as well as New Talent, Soft Swells and Tan Vampires*

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., August 1, 2011 — 3S Artspace, in partnership with Prescott Park Arts Festival, The Wire, and 92.5 the River present 3S Fest, an outdoor concert at Prescott Park, in Portsmouth, NH on Saturday, August 27. The concert will feature Fountains of Wayne, Mike Doughty, Soft Swells and Tan Vampires. This all ages show begins at 5:30pm (gates at 3:30). Prescott Park is located at 105 Marcy Street in downtown Portsmouth. There will be a \$10 suggested donation at the gates. For guaranteed seating VIP tables (which seat four) can be purchased in advance for \$35 (\$25 for PPAF members) by calling 603-436-2848 or emailing info@prescottpark.org. 3S Fest is part of 3S Artspace's ongoing Open Space series.

“Not only was 3S Fest a great opportunity to partner with three great groups, but this concert is going to be a monumental send-off to summer,” says 3S Artspace Programming Committee member AJ Tobey. “All four bands’ songs have great energy, irresistible hooks, and choruses you’ll be singing along with after the first round”

Prescott Park Arts Festival Director Ben Anderson adds, “We’re always looking to make strategic partnerships, which will strengthen our community and diversify our audience, so it’s fun to be working with 3S to bring a different genre of talent to our stage and hopefully introduce a whole lot of new people to PPAF.”

Artist Bios:

Fountains of Wayne: Formed in New York in 1996, Fountains of Wayne took its name from an iconic garden store in nearby Wayne, NJ. The band has received steady critical accolades since its inception; "Dean Of American Rock

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Critics" Robert Christgau has called them "lyric poets" and "true art heroes." The group's line-up, which also includes guitarist Jody Porter and drummer Brian Young, has remained unchanged since they toured in support of their 1996 self-titled debut album. FoW were nominated for two Grammys, including a slightly belated Best New Artist nod, in 2003, after scoring a hit with their third album, *Welcome Interstate Managers*.

Their long-awaited new album, *Sky Full of Holes*, will be released in the US on August 2 via Yep Roc Records, their first release on the NC-based indie label. www.fountainsofwayne.com

Mike Doughty: Mike Doughty is a singer/songwriter, noted for smash hits "27 Jennifers" and "Looking at the World From the Bottom of a Well". He led the band Soul Coughing in the 90s, wrote an Aquaman story for DC comics, photographed naked tattooed girls for SuicideGirls.com, published *Slanky*, a book of poetry, wrote one-act plays for the 24 Hour Company, was a pseudonymous gossip columnist at the *New York Press*, and used to drive an ice cream truck. He is acclaimed for his lyrics, once described by the *New Yorker* as having, "...more puzzling allusions than the Cantos of Ezra Pound." His forthcoming album, "Yes And Also Yes," will be released this September. www.mikedoughty.com

Soft Swells: Soft Swells is the new bi-coastal collaboration of newly relocated LA transplant Tim Williams and NYC's Matt Welsh, formerly of the Wilco-approved alt-country band Phonograph. Named for and inspired by Williams' beachy new surroundings, the band is an extension of his gifted songwriting, which he previously showcased on his three well-received albums on Dovecote Records. Soft Swells are the inaugural signing of Modern Outsider Records. Their full-length debut album will be released this fall. www.softswells.com

Tan Vampires: What began in 2006 as Dover, New Hampshire-based Jake Merhmann's solo project has blossomed into a full band with a stellar new album, "For Physical Fitness." The Tan Vampires flesh out Merhmann's shrugging emotional skeleton with seasick drums and underwater electric-piano flourishes that give that wavering vibrato of his some well-worn Muscle Shoals tread to roll with. The Tan Vampires were voted "Best Alternative Act" at the 2009 Spotlight on the Arts Awards, and represented New Hampshire in the Boston Phoenix's "Best New Music: 50 Bands, 50 States" in 2010. www.tanvampires.com

About 3S Artspace's Open Space series

3S Artspace's Open Space series is an ongoing series of events presented in various locations around the Seacoast region in partnership with different regional arts groups. The series, which will continue until 3S takes occupancy in the fall of 2012 at the Fermentation Building in Portsmouth, celebrates the wealth of collaborative and creative opportunities the organization can embrace while it does not have its own bricks-and-mortar venue.

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About 3S Artspace

3S Artspace, slated to open in 2012, will be New Hampshire's first nonprofit, multidisciplinary contemporary arts space. Comprised of three spaces — a mid-sized performance venue, non-commercial art gallery and farm-to-table restaurant — 3S will foster the creative community, and engage and educate the community at large. Focusing on emerging, innovative and unconventional arts, 3S will feature local, regional and nationally and internationally recognized artists, presenting accessible, high quality programming across multiple media. As a dynamic cultural gathering place for the Seacoast region and beyond, 3S will provide artists and the public affordable farm-to-table dining and a welcoming venue for professional development, networking and the discussion and exchange of ideas. For more information about 3S, please visit www.3sarts.org or www.facebook.com/3SArtspace.