

# Punk rockers coming back, and they never went away

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Don't call it a reunion, because The Queers never went away.

But some are calling the classic punk band's 2007 CD, "Munki Brain" a comeback for The Queers (which are not gay and are described by musical pundits as gay neutral).

The band which thumbs its noses at the current generation of punk bands is coming to Hamden, when it plays The Space on Sunday, June 22. These days, the band includes Joe Queer, Dangerous Dave, and Matt Drastic. And Ben Vermin lends a hand a hand on guitar.

The New Hampshire punkers got started in 1982 and have recorded umpteen albums through

“ (Today's punk rockers) are all into the money and that's what drives them- not morals.

”  
Joe Queer,  
leader of The Queers

the years, including an entire reproduction of The Ramones' classic, "Rocket to Russia." Trouser Press, the bible of alternative music described The Queers as "derivative enough to play surf rock,



The Queers come to The Space.

recycle familiar melodies and bandy buzzwords like 'cretin' about, the Queers nonetheless put their own New England dirt bag

stamp on loud, sloppy three-chord pop and have hacked up more than their share of catchy fist-pumping sing-a-longs, dumb/

brilliant ideas, great tunes and raucous energy, filling a long stream of records with countless minutes of good stupid entertain-

ment.”

Joe Queer, writing from the void of the internet, checked in with The Observer to talk about what's going on with The Queers.

**The Observer:** When you recorded "Munki Brain," what were The Queers trying to accomplish?

**Joe Queer:** Eh, I wanted to do some more poppy stuff mainly. The next album will be harder I think. I love 'Munki Brain' though.

**O:** There are lots of bands these days who have taken up the punk banner and hit the charts. What do you think of the current .

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## Nutmeg TV June 22 – June 28

**Sunday, June 22**  
5:00 p.m.: Out of Egypt  
6:00 p.m.: Casey In The Kitchen-Carmine's  
6:30 p.m.: June E. B's Buzz  
7:00 p.m.: The Singing Doctor  
7:30 p.m.: My Kind of Town-Lake Compounce  
8:00 p.m.: SPECIAL SCRAP-BOOKING!  
8:30 p.m.: The Sacred Journey  
9:00 p.m.: Walking In God's Word  
9:30 p.m.: Here and There with Nzinga's Daughters  
10:00 p.m.: Hot Flash  
10:30 p.m.: Tai Chi

**Monday, June 23**  
5:00 p.m.: Bible Believers  
5:30 p.m.: Jesse Rich Ministries  
6:00 p.m.: Painted Bird Carvings  
6:30 p.m.: Remembering Veterans  
7:00 p.m.: Polka Time  
7:30 p.m.: LIVE Talks with Father Ed  
8:30 p.m.: Plainville Memories  
9:00 p.m.: MONDAY MOVIE MADNESS: VENGEANCE VALLEY

**Tuesday, June 24**  
5:00 p.m.: Amor Fey Esperanza  
6:00 p.m.: Ukranian TV  
7:00 p.m.: Up, Up & Away!  
7:30 p.m.: Book Authority  
8:00 p.m.: Joyful Sounds of Praise  
9:00 p.m.: Cash In At Home  
10:00 p.m.: Federal Substance

## Abuse Program

**Wednesday, June 25**  
5:00 p.m.: A Knight In Lithuania  
5:30 p.m.: Ashur Assyrian Am. Assoc.  
6:30 p.m.: Lutheran Table Talk  
7:00 p.m.: Bob Ellsworth Travels: Boomerang of Sands  
8:00 p.m.: BUSINESS BUZZ  
8:30 p.m.: He Calls You By Name  
9:00 p.m.: Food For Thought  
9:30 p.m.: Documentaries-Palace of Sweets  
10:00 p.m.: The Evening Show

**Thursday, June 26**  
5:00 p.m.: Sea of Glass  
6:00 p.m.: Polish Culture  
6:30 p.m.: Art With George  
7:00 p.m.: Hiking In Your Own Backyard  
7:30 p.m.: Space Age Times  
8:00 p.m.: Club Fitness  
8:30 p.m.: Our World in Conflict  
9:30 p.m.: Stop Bitchin' & Start a Revolution!  
10:00 p.m.: INFOWAR

**Friday, June 27**  
5:00 p.m.: Sherlock Holmes Series  
5:30 p.m.: KIDZ ZONE-Little League  
6:00 p.m.: Once Upon A Story  
6:30 p.m.: Surely You're Joking, Mr. Science  
7:00 p.m.: Racing Action  
7:30 p.m.: Evallusion  
8:00 p.m.: Peace & Justice NOW  
8:30 p.m.: Chamber Views  
9:00 p.m.: Displaying His Gifts  
9:30 p.m.: True Vine Victory

## Nutmeg TV lineup

### From the program director

I don't know about you, but the days seem to be flying by. Next week will be July. What a great week we have for programming, too. A number of popular series have been put into the mix along with the new shows. Have you tuned into "Cardio with Carolyn" at 5 p.m. on Saturday? "Casey In The Kitchen" on Sunday at 6 p.m. goes to Carmine's in Bristol. "My Kind of Town" features Lynda Russell and the history of Lake Compounce and "Scrapbooking" follows at 8 p.m.



Zurell

Don't miss "Painted Bird Carvings" with a local enthusiast on Monday at 6 p.m. "Remembering Veterans" at 6:30 p.m. will feature a Bass Tournament. Wednesday at 9:30 p.m., the Palace of Sweets will be featured. Thursday at 7 p.m., just in time for the great weather, "Hiking In Your Own Backyard" begins its series. New to the Saturday lineup is "Casey on the Streets Animal Control Officer" series at 6 p.m. and "Countdown to Kindergarten" at 6:30 p.m. It's a great week for local programming. Check out all the regular programs for new episodes as well. Specials on Channel 19 include the Middletown Symphonic Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. And don't forget Monday Movie Madness. This month's theme is how the west was won. This week's feature: "Vengeance Valley." Experience and enjoy the "other" option in great TV.

Noreen Zurell,  
Program Director

Hour  
10:30 p.m.: Animal Matters

5:00 p.m.: CARDIO WITH CAROLYN! NEW!  
5:30 p.m.: Power of Pentecost  
6:00 p.m.: Casey and Animal

Saturday, June 28

Control  
6:30 p.m.: Countdown to Kindergarten  
7:00 p.m.: OLD TYME FIDDLERS  
7:30 P.M.: Rails To Trails  
8:00 p.m.: Music Matters- Cello  
8:30 p.m.: The Crack of Dawn  
9:00 p.m.: Church In The Bible  
9:30 p.m.: YOGA  
10:00 p.m.: Bar Chat  
10:30 p.m.: History ReDiscovered

### Government Access Channel - 21 (COM-CAST)

**Sunday: June 22**  
8:30 p.m.: MCT Task Force

**Monday, June 23**  
10:00 p.m.: National Terrorism Live Response

**Tuesday, June 24**  
TBA

**Wednesday, June 25**  
TBA

**Thursday, June 26**  
6:00 p.m.: Farmington Town Council Meeting

**Friday, June 27**  
9:00 p.m.: Our CT Guard

**Saturday, June 28**  
6:00 p.m.: Farmington Town Council Meeting

### Educational Access Channel - 19 (COM-CAST)

**Sunday, June 22**  
6:00 p.m.: GED SERIES, PRGM.34- Formulas

**Monday, June 23**  
10 a.m.: GED SERIES, PRGM.35- Geometry  
5:00 p.m.: Bristol Board of Education

**Tuesday, June 24**  
5:00 p.m.: Plainville Board of Education  
8:00 p.m.: USD-Educational News Parents can Use

**Wednesday, June 25**  
10 a.m.: GED SERIES, PRGM.34- Formulas  
2-3 p.m.: LIVE: DLNETS  
7:00 p.m.: Fairfax Network  
7:30 p.m.: COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN  
8:00 p.m.: Central Arts  
8:30 p.m.: The Truth About Drugs

**Thursday, June 26**  
6:00 p.m.: GED SERIES, PRGM.35 -Geometry  
6:30 p.m.: Central Educator  
7:00 p.m.: Colonial Williamsburg

**Friday, June 27**  
7:00 p.m.: Central Authors

**Saturday, June 28**  
7:30 p.m.: Middletown Symphonic Band

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**D**o you have a favorite pet photo you'd like to share with us? If so, we'd like to hear from you. Readers' photos will be published on our pets page. Please include name of pet and owners. Original photos will be returned if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included. U.S. Mail: Pet Photo, The Observer, 213 Spring St., Southington CT 06489 or e-mail at [mchaiken@BristolObserver.com](mailto:mchaiken@BristolObserver.com).

## Band: Punkers at The Space

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### generation of punk?

**JQ:** Not much to be honest. They're all into the money and that's what drives them—not morals. Most of them are money grubbing whores who care nothing about the message of punk rock.

### O: For you, what makes a great punk rock record?

**JQ:** Loud fast obnoxious tunes.

### O: For younger fans who may be discovering The Queers for the first time, what first drew you to the

### punk rock sound?

**JQ:** Black Flag and The Ramones were my main influences. I just felt lost and punk made sense. It was my generation. There was a lot more integrity in it then than now.

### O: What was it that you liked about such obvious influences as The Ramones and Black Flag?

**JQ:** They had songs that we wished we wrote "I Dont Care" and "TV Party." (Those were).great songs. I love those bands.

### O: What are The Queers like in concert?

**JQ:** We just play as fast as we can for about an hour and then pack up and bail.

**O:** Your website is promoting a new live album, 'CBGB OMFUG Masters: Live February 3, 2003 The Bowery Collection.' Where did you draw the songs from? And why another live album?

**JQ:** It's for a Live at CBGB's series.... We didn't have much to do with it or we wouldn't have done another live album. But it came out pretty cool.

**O:** Beyond the

### current tour that brings you to Connecticut, what does the future hold for The Queers?

**JQ:** A new album later this year and we'll get on the road after it comes out.

The Queers, Bomb the Music Industry, Lemuria, Andrew Jackson Jihad, and The Groovie Ghoulies play The Space on Treadwell Avenue in Hamden, Sunday, June 22.

For more information, go to [TheQueersRock.com](http://TheQueersRock.com) or [TheSpace.tk](http://TheSpace.tk).

Comments? Email [mchaiken@BristolObserver.com](mailto:mchaiken@BristolObserver.com)

## Computer lab closed till end of August

As of June 1, the Bristol Senior Net computer group name has been changed to Community Computer Center. They are now an official part

of the Bristol Senior Center, abiding by the policies and procedures of the Bristol Senior Center. To take computer courses, you must be a member

of the Bristol Senior Center.

The office and lab will be closed from June 13 until the end of August.

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