



Open mic night at VFW Post 845, Downingtown

An **open mic** (shortened from "open microphone") is a live show at places such as a coffeehouse, nightclub, comedy club, or VFW Post, usually taking place at night, in which audience members may perform on stage whether they are amateurs or professionals, often for the first time or to promote an upcoming performance. As the name suggests, performers are usually provided with a microphone plugged into a PA system so that they can be heard by the audience.

Open Mic nights are popular throughout the country and many web sites feature listings of what venues host this form of entertainment. Now, VFW Post 845 will be listed as a premier location in the Downingtown area as an open mic location.

Brian Yocum, leader of the local area rock band **TinnAngel RockBand**, is the host of our Open Mic Nights which are slated for the second Thursday of the month for the foreseeable future from 7 to 10 p.m.

On the Tinnangel RockBand Facebook page, Brian says "Come out, bring some friends, play some music, and entertain the crowd. Bands, solo and duo acts welcome. Note: this is not a karaoke. We are looking for bands and solo acts that want to come out and perform. Let's have a fun night. Sign-ups begin at 6 p.m. Bring amps if you are a band. There will be a drum set available. No cover, great food and cheap drinks!"

Brian provides a microphone and acoustic amplifier for voice and non-electronic instruments but requires musicians who play electric guitars or other electric equipment to bring their own amps. Any would-be performers who need more technical information may call Brian at (484) 401-0110.

