

## Tribute raises funds for Good Works

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For some, the event will be a long overdue tribute to a riveting and innovative songwriter. For others, Donkey Coffee's lineup of Nick Drake covers will likely serve as an introduction to the late musician's work. All the same, proceeds from the show will go to a good cause.

"It's really honest," Donkey booking manager, Josh Antonuccio, said of the mysterious British singer's work. "It's almost hard to listen to because it's so intimate.

"His vocals are longing and painful. ('Pink Moon') is a really stark album. I think that's appealing to people."

Drake, who died at 26 in 1974, recorded three albums in his short career. After frequent bouts with depression, the singer-songwriter is said to have died from an overdose of prescription medication, though whether his death was intentional is up for debate.

Cited as a major inspiration by such artists as REM, Elton John, Jackson Browne, and Paul Weller,



**Nick Drake**

Drake's legacy is one of haunting beauty and far-reaching influence.

"It's really original," Antonuccio said. "He writes great melodies, and the production is really cool and creative. There's a sort of desperation in it."

Noted for intriguing guitar work, including frequent use of open tunings, Drake's work blends complex chord structures with spare melody lines.

"His tunings are so weird," Antonuccio said. "His lyrics writing isn't brilliant, but he can take lyrics to a different level because of his instrumentation and the dynamics of his songs."

Antonuccio said he decided to schedule the show as a benefit for Good Works' Walk for the Homeless, set for January. Proceeds raised, he said, will help the homeless shelter to promote its annual fundraising walk-a-thon.

Good Works has served Athens County for 22 years, and is funded primarily by local donors.

The Nick Drake tribute show is scheduled to start at 9 p.m., Oct. 24, at Donkey.

The lineup includes Justin Gordon, Laura Nadeau, Adam Remnant, Watch Rilke and Aaron Schlagbaum.

Admission is a suggested donation of \$3.