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Winter Festival and XPN Welcome: Danielia Cotton

Hopewell Native Danielia Cotton and Lambertville's JB Kline Band will Perform

Lambertville, N.J. – New Hope, PA., Jan. 13, 2010- Award-winning singer/songwriter Danielia Cotton certainly remembers her first performance in the Lambertville-New Hope area. She still remembers sitting on the stage at Havana's, when the emcee announced to the audience "She can't drink! But she can sing!" because Cotton was only 18 years old at the time and was performing her first of many New Years Eve shows in the area.

So when Cotton takes the stage at the Stephen J. Buck Memorial Theatre at New Hope-Solebury High School for the Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival on Friday, Jan 29, her appreciation for the area will be showcased in her music, which she presents as bits and pieces of her life.

"I am who I am based on the life that I had here," said Cotton. "In many ways, I have a great and deep appreciation for the area because I think it gave me a lot too."

The annual Winter Festival concert is the flagship event of the two – village event, week- long celebration. Each year the Festival raises money for the twin town communities, this year, they have added Fisherman's Mark as a primary beneficiary of their efforts. Fisherman's Mark is a non-profit service organization based out of Lambertville which supports struggling families in the area who Cotton not only identifies with in her childhood, but whose pain and struggle is a constant theme in her music

Twin River Town projects, which plans and holds the annual festival in addition to supporting Fisherman's Mark with monetary donations will also be holding a week long food drive to fill their food bank's shelves. Non perishable food donation canisters will be placed at all ticketed events including the concert as well as along the parade route, which will be held at noon on Saturday January 30.

The annual Winter Festival concert is a big draw and this year has the addition of WXPN as a sponsor for the evening's presentation of XPN Welcomes: Danielia Cotton, a native of Hopewell NJ, an award winning singer song writer. Her latest album, *Live Child*, has been nominated in the Live Performance Album Category in this year's Independent Music Awards. The musical night will be opened by Lambertville's JB Kline Band, who will perform a mix of blues and R&B. The evening performers both of whom were raised in our area represent the areas deep musical tradition.

Cotton was raised by her single mother, Wenonah Brookes, in Hopewell, New Jersey. Growing up in a primarily white town such as Hopewell certainly had an effect on Cotton, who's mother is Black and father in Puerto-Rican, as well as her music. Her musical blend of Rock n' Roll and Soul tells the story of a young black girl who grew up in a primarily white town, but used trips to nearby New Hope for what she described as a musical haven because of it's cultural diversity. "New Hope was just a great place which seemed like anybody could go and everybody was accepted," she said.

Cotton has performed all over the world, opening for major acts like Bon Jovi, BB King, and the Allman Brothers. She will be performing at the Sundance Film Festival on Jan 25 in Park City, Utah, sharing the stage with well-known acts Leanne Rhimes and the Fray.

So despite her success, Cotton still looks forward to her smaller, local performances. The 2010 Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival committee approached Cotton about performing last summer and she was immediately excited by the opportunity to come home.

"As soon as I knew it was in New Hope, I loved it," she said. "We've been touring a lot in the Midwest and other parts of the country, so we're not usually home that close so it is going to be nice to be home."

Adding to the excitement is the VIP Concert Reception, this year again held at Logan Inn in New Hope. This \$70 option includes a chance to meet Danielia Cotton, hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and beverages, trolley service to and from the concert, as well as priority concert seating makes the night a spectacular event for VIP ticket holders especially.

XPN Welcomes: Danielia Cotton is held 8 p.m. Friday, Jan 29 at the New Hope – Solebury High School's Stephen J Buck Theater, 180 West Bridge Street, New Hope. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, if available. To hear Cotton's original material, tickets for her performance and all other Winter Festival events can be found on the Festival's website, www.winterfestival.net.

About Twin River Town Projects;

Twin Rivertown Projects, Inc. is a 501c Non- Profit Corporation of hard-working and fun loving New Hope, PA and Lambertville, NJ business owners, residents and other good spirited people who live in the area.

We have three goals:

- To provide a healthy, invigorating cold-weather experience in our river town communities
- To demonstrate that our multi-faceted communities are alive and well in the winter months with exciting and diverse activities
- To raise funds and awareness for other local non-profit organizations

We have selected the New Hope, Lambertville, and Solebury Parks and Recreation Departments and local food bank: Fisherman's Mark, as the primary recipients of our proceeds this year. Winter Festival also benefits other community organizations such as Social Services, Schools, Fire, Police and Rescue organizations. This year, we are hosting a Food Drive for Fisherman's Mark. Bring a non perishable food item to the festival and place in blue donation canisters located at most festival events and along the parade route.

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