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# The Peekskill Beat

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## Birdsall House Opens in Downtown Peekskill



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This February, Peekskill's Main Street will welcome the grand opening of the Birdsall House. This classic American Tavern will be a showcase for the American Craft Brewer, with a focus on small production breweries from the great state of New York. The bar will include a full range of liquors including a list of single malt scotches. Moreover, the food will not be your typical pub fare. The restaurant will focus on local, sustainable foods from the bountiful Hudson Valley.

The proprietors of this new restaurant are Tim Reinke (co-owner of NYC's Blind Tiger Alehouse) and John Sharp. They began their search two years ago for a location to open their alehouse restaurant, when they came upon Connolly's Bar and Grill at 970 Main Street. After some initial inquiries they entered into conversation with brothers Jim and Steve Connolly, the owners of Connolly's. The Connolly family wanted someone who would cherish the space as they had their whole lives. Fortunately, they liked what Tim and John had to say.

Messrs. Reinke and Sharp search for a new name for the restaurant kept leading them back to Peekskill's history and after much deliberation, they chose the Birdsall House. The original Birdsall House was located directly across the street from 970 Main Street from 1764-1852. The Birdsall House was where General George Washington established the Continental Army HQ, from 1776 to 1778 when he was in this part of the Hudson Valley.

For further information about the restaurant go to <http://www.birdsallhouse.net/>



## Artist of the Month

Velvet-voiced jazz vocalist Alexis Cole is cited as 'a rising star in the jazz world' by *Hot House Magazine*. She has been featured on NBC's NY Morning Show and in magazines *Time Out NY*, *Downbeat*, *Jazz Times*, *Swing Journal*, *All About Jazz* and many more. Cole can often be seen performing both internationally and in NYC's top venues: Dizzy's Club at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Smoke, The Oak Room, The Kitano and others. Jazz Weekly calls Cole's latest release *The Greatest Gift*, 'A gift to mankind,' and Cashbox Magazine says that 'Cole's soulful voice resonates long after the album has played its final notes.' *The Greatest Gift* on Motema Music is a benefit project for World Bicycle Relief, empowering people in the world's poorest countries through The Power of Bicycles. Her other 2009 release *Someday My Prince Will Come* on Venus Records in Japan is a collection of Disney love songs featuring the acclaimed pianist Fred Hersch. Sergeant Cole became part of Peekskill's Artist Live Work District this past August when she took her new position as lead vocalist with the West Point Jazz Knights Big Band after finishing basic training in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri this summer. [www.alexiscole.com](http://www.alexiscole.com)

### Economic Development & Art Events Calendar

#### Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Business Expo

Saturday, April 10, 2010 - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Colonial Terrace, 119 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor

[www.hvgatewaychamber.com](http://www.hvgatewaychamber.com)

#### 13th Annual Peekskill Arts Council Open Studios

Saturday, June 5 & Sunday, June 6, 2010 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[www.peekskillartscouncil.org](http://www.peekskillartscouncil.org)