

Musicians celebrate life of local teen

There might not have been any more fitting way to celebrate the all-too-short life of young Bobby Grozl than with an evening of music hosted by his elder brother Zlatko.



Mike Jaquays/Mid-York Weekly

A variety of local entertainers, including, from left, Dave Folta, Putter Cox, Reyna Stagnaro, and John Crespi, came out to the Colgate Inn on May 3 for an evening of music celebrating the life of young Bobby Grozl, who passed away in April.



By Mike Jaquays

Posted May. 11, 2016 at 12:15 AM

HAMILTON

There might not have been any more fitting way to celebrate the all-too-short life of young Bobby Grozl than with an evening of music hosted by his elder brother Zlatko at the Colgate Inn on May 3.

The concert, part of the Hamilton Local Music Project's weekly series, welcomed not only Zlatko to the stage but a gathering of many of his musical friends from the community and beyond - all of whom wanted to join with him and his family in remembering Bobby.

Zlatko performed some favorites from their Bosnian heritage, and introduced each of the acts. There was a collection taken for the family, but the event wasn't about raising money but to celebrate Bobby's life, Zlatko stressed.

"He was my little brother and my best friend and I miss him," he said.

Bobby was diagnosed with leukemia in 2014, and had suffered a relapse that was complicated by the flu and pneumonia earlier this year. He passed away on April 2 at 15 years old in Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse, survived by his Bosnian immigrant parents Alojz and Zlata Grozl, of Oneida; Zlatko, of Hamilton; and their sister Ana, of Sweden. Ana even made a visit to Hamilton for the show.

Singer/songwriter Reyna Stagnaro was one of the featured performers, offering her own original "Postcard from Heaven" that took an especially poignant meaning that evening. She called the event

a beautiful gathering and said it was uplifting for everyone there.

"Music really brings everybody together," Stagnaro said. "It was nice to see everyone celebrate Bobby's life like that."

There was a Local Music Project show two years ago for Bobby as well, and he was there to enjoy that one. Many at the more recent event think he was there as well.

"It was great in 2014 when Bobby got to see the whole thing," said musician Greg Hoover. "Tonight we have his memory here with us."

To see a photo album from the event, find Mike Jaquays on Facebook.

[» Comment or view comments](#)

Top Video Headlines

of 3

•



» SUGGESTED STORIES

Rome man charged with rape of a child younger than 13

Area Sports Roundup for Thursday, April 14

Utica man arrested on heroin charges

Police: Woman allegedly stole over \$50,000 from Pop Warner

Is any of this \$14 billion yours?

Landgren cartoon: Student debt

» PROMOTED STORIES

London Marathon's millionth finisher revealed as female police officer espnW

What Not To Do If a Burglar is Inside Your Home SimpliSafe

Police said she wasn't watching her kids. Here's what happened next. CBS News

Man Finds Secret Room In Office, And Where It Led Was Astounding GuiltyFix

This 35-year-old teacher had an affair with a 12-year-old student. CBS News

Top 10 Most Powerful Hand Cannons BuzzingTrend

Recommended by 