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Radio Scotvoid sets the S.C.E.N.E. in Salem

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Radio Scotvoid. Courtesy photo.

What do you envision when you think of electronic music?

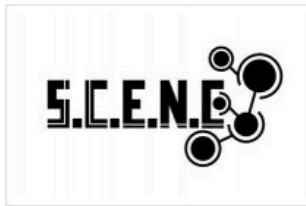
Glow sticks?...the word "techno" probably comes to mind...raves maybe? The truth is, most of us really don't know what it is or what it's all about.

Scott Buchanan is going to change that. And you can catch a glimpse Friday

night.

Buchanan, host of Wednesday night's The Curios Show on 91.7FM (aka Radio Scotvoid), said, "We are trying to expose new, cutting edge music and art. The Gulu-Gulu Café has some cool DJ's and electronica artists but there isn't really a scene here, yet!"

S.C.E.N.E. aims to change this. It stands for Salem's Chiptune, Electronica & Noise Extravaganza, and it will be the first all-day electronic music festival to hit the North Shore in the Fall of 2010.



It's purpose according to the event's facebook page is "to showcase the amazing talent right here in Salem, the North Shore and beyond, and give a stage to new music that might otherwise be overlooked by the mainstream."

Chiptune is a type of electronic music that uses sounds only from video game consoles and computer chips - this creates a quirky, retro sound that is interesting if not entertaining to listen to.

"Chiptune has been our major genre...but all kinds of electronic beats and sounds are welcome at S.C.E.N.E. Anything that goes against the mainstream...we are finding that people don't always want to listen to the same old generic top 40 pop music," Buchanan said.

Buchanan dj'd at the first kickoff party this past May, but at next week's event he will be the host along side his radio show co-host Mark Johnston (aka Moon Climb The Wall) - A variety of electronic musicians will be there, including Boston 8bit's Active Knowledge, Bubblegum Octopus, Computer at Sea, and Nuda Veritas. Mark will dj in between the live acts. There may even have a surprise guest or two.

Buchanan said, "Our first two acts are more laid back. You can sit down and enjoy some good food at the Gulu while you watch. As the night goes on, you will find that the music and the acts get more exciting, energetic and fun."

If you want to catch a glimpse of what the all day festival might be like, check out S.C.E.N.E. at the Gulu Gulu Café in Salem this Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. It is free and open to all ages.



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