

## *Refugee Benefit Concert*

*As far as Milwaukee is concerned, the ongoing Syrian Civil War may seem like more of a political sticking point than a war, but the truth is there are victims of this crisis in need of help right here in our city. While the conflict rages on between the Bashar al-Assad regime, various rebel groups within Syria opposing Assad's rule (including ISIS), and the dubious interests of foreign governments, thousands of displaced Syrians have sought shelter in the United States, a country once perceived as welcoming to refugees regardless of ethnicity or religion.*

*The sudden U.S. missile attack on Syria's Shayrat Airbase last week has focused the national news spotlight on the Syrian conflict, making Saturday's **Solidarity: A Benefit For Refugees** all the more timely. The benefit show, which takes place at 8 p.m. at Riverwest Public House, "raises funds for refugees both in Syria and those who live in Milwaukee," according to the Facebook event page. \$5 suggested donation. Performers include **Marielle Allschwang & The Visitations** and **Painted Caves**.*