

Music News - Halloween Weekend

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I love Halloween. Little kids trick-or-treating, adults wearing silly costumes, glowing jack-o-lanterns, painted store-front windows, candy corn, scary sound effects, the whole bit. It's something you never outgrow, or at least I hope I never will. And when it falls on a weekend, it's even better. Two nights of Halloween happenings and live music - what a treat! The Derby in Arcadia, Cafe 322 and the Buccaneer in Sierra Madre are all hosting costume parties on Friday night, and then there's a second night of fun to be had at the American Legion in East Pasadena on Saturday night. **And don't forget to take your camera - you never know who you'll run into!** See below for more details...



WED. 10/29 - aka MAX BUDA @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 9pm. Corner of Fair Oaks & Union, behind the big, ugly Container Store that invaded the parking lot and cast a permanent shadow on the Pub's patio several years ago. Enter thru alley off of Holly Ave. 626-577-6583. No cover, beer & wine. *Eclectic Jazzy Blues Rock from Chester, Jerry, Tedroy, Bruce, Pete, and Nick on noise-makers.*

THURS. 10/30 - NEIL YOUNG @ THE FABULOUS FORUM. *and yes - I did find a home for my 2 extra tickets!*

FRI. 10/31 - The MELLOW D'z (DAVE OSTI AND DEANNA COGAN) @ THE MAYAN BAR (inside the Aztec Hotel) in MONROVIA, 6 - 8:30pm Happy Hour. 311 W. Foothill Blvd. 626-358-3231. NO COVER. Full bar, food, coldest beer in town! Acoustic Guitar, vocals. *"Hot Chick, Cool Dude & Music to suit your mood!"*
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FRI. 10/31 - BETTER THAN BLUE @ THE WORLD-FAMOUS DERBY IN ARCADIA, 8pm - midnight. 233 W. Huntington Dr. Great food, full bar, COSTUMES, dancing, plenty of parking. Felicia Cain, Danny Hesse, Joe Velosa & Herb Quick. Rock, Soul, Blues.

FRI. 10/31 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES "HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE PARTY" @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. Get there early and have dinner & stay for the dancing and **COSTUME CONTEST with BIG CASH PRIZES!!!**

FRI. 10/31 - HALLOWEEN @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE WITH MONSTER SQUAD, 3RD GRADE TEACHER, and PEACHFUZZ, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, cheap drinks. *Can you say Freaky Friday?*

SAT. 11/1 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. All ages. Saturday BLUES Brunch under a big breezy tent. *The Mission St. Gold Line station is just a short walk away, and makes for a nice outing.* <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SAT. 11/1 - TIM TEDROW & TERRY VREELAND @ SIERRA CUP IN MONROVIA, 6pm. 409 S. Myrtle Ave. 626-301-4214. Traditional Folk Music. Gotta love the title of their latest CD: "Songs We Stole From Our Friends". Tim used to do the sound at the "Listening Room Concerts". *These guys are great!* <http://www.trough.com/tedrow-vreeland/default.htm>

SAT. 11/1 - CHICO'S BAIL BONDS @ THE DOCKSIDE GRILL IN WEST COVINA, 7:30 – 11:30pm. 3057 E. Garvey North (on restaurant row, off the 10 Fwy.) 626-915-3474. In the bar area, but you can eat dinner there; all ages ok. Semi-acoustic BLUES. <http://chicosbailbondsblues.com/>

SAT. 11/1 - Open Mic Night @ the FRET HOUSE in Covina. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020. Always on the first Saturday of the month, and just one dollar for performers or audience. Sign-up starts at 7:30. If there aren't enough slots for everybody they'll make a list for the next month, and call you. Each act gets two songs or ten minutes, whichever comes first. The show starts at 8:00. They'll have desserts and coffee ready. Bring your friends and family and join the show! www.covina.com/frethouse/

SAT. 11/1 - HORSES ON ASTROTURF @ THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 280-EAST PASADENA's "HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY", 9pm. \$7 donation at the door, goes to their various charitable functions. Doors open at 7pm, cheap food at 8pm, *member drink prices for everyone all night!* Raffle prizes. Yee haw! 179 N. Vinedo Ave. 626-792-9938.

SAT. 11/1 - OCHO X @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, pool table. Latin influenced jazz/rock jams.

SAT. 11/1 - MARTINI DIARIES featuring JEFF STETSON & friends @ COLOMBO'S ITALIAN STEAK HOUSE IN EAGLE ROCK, 10pm - 1am. 1833 Colorado Blvd. 323-254-9138. Full kitchen & bar. Jeff sez: first set will be Jazz & then evolve into "Acid-Lounge-Jazz-Rock!" 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month.

SUN. 11/2 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. All ages. BLUES Brunch under a big breezy tent. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 11/2 - Have Lunch with NEW ASTROTURF @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 1:30 - 4:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food in a comfy setting. Bring the family! Acoustic Folk/Rock, Classic Country. *Mandolin/Fiddle player Jane will be here this week!*

SUN. 11/2 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ BARN BURNER RESTAURANT IN PASADENA, 5 - 8pm. 1000 S. Fair Oaks Ave. 626-403-RIBS. BBQ, beer, wine. *Fun Bluegrass stuff w/great harmonies & snazzy overalls!* The Dupuy Brothers and friends. <http://www.wrecknsow.com>

SUN. 11/2 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. *Get there early - they pack 'em in!*

TUES. 11/4 - GET OUT AND VOTE!!!

WED. 11/5 - "GiG4GREG" @ THE CANYON CLUB IN AGOURA HILLS, doors open at 6pm. 28912 Roadside Dr. 818-879-5016. A fundraiser for Greg Pineda of Aluminum Marshmallow who is battling pancreatic cancer. *Admission by donation - please give from the heart.* Some pretty big names who Greg has worked with are donating their time and talent to show their appreciation and support for all he does for everyone else. REO SPEEDWAGON, AMBROSIA, CHUCK NEGRON (Three Dog Night), TIN DRUM, JOHN SOKOLOFF, CARLOS AMEZCUA, THE SHEDS, ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW and more! And it's not too late to get your Gig4GREG guitar pick necklace or bracelet: <http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=416326321>

FRI. 11/7 - The MELLOW D'z (DAVE OSTI AND DEANNA COGAN) @ THE MAYAN BAR (inside the Aztec Hotel) in MONROVIA, 6 - 8:30pm Happy Hour. 311 W. Foothill Blvd. 626-358-3231. NO COVER. Full bar, food, coldest beer in town! Acoustic Guitar, vocals. *"Hot Chick, Cool Dude & Music to suit your mood!"* <http://www.myspace.com/themellowdeees>

FRI. 11/7 and SAT. 11/8 - "THE SUBS" (Better Than Blue's acoustic alter ego) @ the DOCKSIDE in WEST COVINA, 7:30 - 11:30pm. 3057 E. Garvey Ave. North. In the bar area, but you can order food also. All ages ok. Joe Velosa, Danny Hesse, Felicia Bright. Acoustic rock, soul & blues. 626-915-3474.

FRI. 11/7 - BOBBY BRADFORD MOTET @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8:30 - 11:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food. A fixture on the local jazz scene, Bobby Bradford is best known for his early 70's work with Ornette Coleman, and was one of my brother Rick's early musical influences.

FRI. 11/7 - T.C.'s LIVING ROOM and the WRECKTANGLES @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, pool table. Rock, Punk.

SAT. 11/8 - STAN WEST & PAUL DORN @ STRINGS MUSIC (aka Fretted Products) IN GLENDORA, 8 - 11am. 146 N. Glendora Ave. 626-914-4100. FREE. Blues slide guitar & bass. <http://www.stanwest.com/>

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SAT. 11/8 - the WE FIVE @ the FRET HOUSE IN COVINA, 8pm. \$20 admission. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020. 60's folk group best known for their hit, "You Were On My Mind". www.covina.com/frethouse/

SAT. 11/8 - GROOVY LEMON PIE @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, cheap drinks! Classic Rock from Greg Tortell, Gary Putman, Jorge Mena, Bob Knarley & Frank Simes.

SUN. 11/9 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443 . All ages. BLUES Brunch under a big breezy tent. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 11/9 - *the return of GRANT PARK SOFTBALL - ALL ARE WELCOME. NOT A LEAGUE - JUST FOR FUN & THE LOVE OF THE GAME! CORNER OF CORDOVA & MICHIGAN IN PASADENA, 3 BLOCKS WEST OF PCC. BATTING PRACTICE 12:00, GAME TIME ASAP. BRING YOUR GLOVE, BAT, CHAIR, ICE CHEST, GUITAR, UKULELE, ETC. EVERY SUNDAY... hopefully!*

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Please remember to call and verify all info. before making plans. Everything is subject to change. This is show biz, after all...

FYI - in case you're wondering which class had the highest attendance at the St. Rita's Harvest Festival last Saturday, it was the class of 1968 with 21 people!!! Way to go!

Hope to see you out & about,
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<http://www.myspace.com/piratedive>

<http://www.coffeegallery.com/home.html>

<http://www.myspace.com/americanarootsla>

<http://www.aliveandpicking.com/calendar.html>

<http://www.covina.com/frethouse/concerts.html>