

MUSIC NEWS – “This Ain’t No Party...

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This ain't no disco. This ain't no foolin' around." Well, maybe a little! At least I hope so. Isn't that what Christmas Caroling is all about? Celebrating the season of comfort and joy? And here in Sierra Madre it all starts at 4pm on Saturday, November 29th when Santa Claus arrives in Kersting Court to a line of rosy-cheeked cherubs who can't wait to sit on his lap with their wish list in hand. Part of the annual "Dickens Village" event, you can also have your picture taken with Santa, sled down a hill of REAL snow, enter to win a live Christmas tree and enjoy music to put you in the spirit of the season - the season of shopping and dining in downtown Sierra Madre! The carolers who will be foolin' around in Kersting Court from 4 - 6pm, include some locally famous singers and musicians from Snotty Scotty to Mercy & the Merkettes to Better Than Blue to New Astroturf and many more. An all-star cast of characters doing a mixture of traditional and modern holiday tunes. Don't miss it! More info. below. *Pictured here, from left to right are: Paul, Peter, Jessica, Scotty, Danny, Felicia, Steve, Mercy, and Cynthia. Also singing, but not shown are: Jane, Deanna, Jonathan & Michelle. Also shown in the photo, but not singing are: Beethoven & Bob Dylan!*

tonite!!! 11/25 - "TACO TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with RAY HILL, 6:30 - 9pm. Keyboards & vocals, with tunes spanning the decades. "A great guy in his 70's who has a huge repertoire of all kinds of piano tunes. He used to do arrangements for Big Bands and he likes to tell stories about the pieces he plays....a real canyon treasure." 561 Woodland Ave. Limited parking. *Yummy tacos & burritos!*

WED. 11/26 - ROADHOUSE RON @ MATT DENNY'S ALE HOUSE & RESTAURANT IN ARCADIA, 6 - 10pm. Outside in the *heated patio*. 145 E. Huntington Dr. 626-446-1077. Full bar & kitchen, No cover charge. Acoustic Guitar/Classic covers from the 60's to the 80's.

check it out - 2 great bands for the price of one! (FREE)

WED. 11/26 - "THANKSGIVING EVE" with ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW & THE AGE OF AQUARIUS HORNS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. and then MERCY & THE MERKETTES, 11pm - closing. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Reservations strongly recommended: 626-836-5414. Full bar

& great Italian food. Both bands will pack the house and have everyone up and dancing all night long! Better put that bird on automatic pilot!

WED. 11/26 - 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. 11/27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!! GOBBLE GOBBLE HEY!

FRI. 11/28 - 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. 11/28 - "SWING DANCE PARTY" with FLAT TOP TOM & HIS JUMP CATS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8:30 - 11:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. *"Pizza, Martinis and dancing the night away to great swing and blues!!"* www.flattoptom.com

SAT. 11/29 - 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. 11/29 - "DICKENS VILLAGE" IN DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE, 4 - 9pm. From Kersting Court to Bank of the West. Pictures with Santa, snow sledding, carriage rides, raffle, CHRISTMAS CAROLERS (see opening paragraph & photo.) Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. 626-355-5111. **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!** http://www.sierramadrechamber.com/calendar/Event_Detail.aspx?Eventid=556

SAT. 11/29 - THE SUPERSTITIONS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8:30 - 11:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Blues, R&B, Zydeco. *One of Richard Reese's favorite bands!* <http://www.myspace.com/theesuperstitions>

SAT. 11/29 - DAVID SERBY @ THE PRESS IN CLAREMONT, 10pm. 129 Harvard Ave. 909-625-4808. FREE. Americana/Country singer/songwriter & *really nice guy!*

SAT. 11/29 - BETTER THAN BLUE @ MY WAY LOUNGE IN LA CRESCENTA, 9pm. 2959 Honolulu Ave. 818-249-4676. Full bar. Rock, Soul and Blues. Danny, Felicia, Steve and Herb. *Did I get it right this time?*

SAT. 11/29 - T.C's LIVING ROOM and LUNGBUTTER @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, cheap drinks! Rock, Alternative. Local guys.

SUN. 11/30 - 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. 11/30 - 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.**

SUN. 11/30 - 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.

SUN. 11/30 - "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!*

12/2 - "TACO TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with STEVEN RADICE, 6:30 - 9pm. Stringed instruments & vocals. 561 Woodland Ave. Limited parking. *Yummy tacos & burritos!*

THURS. 12/4 - HELLO FROM RENO @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm? 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, pool table. Power Pop originals. *They're here for the first 3 Thursdays in December. and no - they're not from Reno!*
<http://www.myspace.com/therealhellofromreno>

FRI. 12/5 - 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. 12/5 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ the "1st FRIDAY ART CLUB" @ McGinty's Gallery at the End of the World in Altadena, 8pm. 2475 N. Lake Ave. 626-794-8779. \$5 admission, includes dinner. The event features exhibits and sales by more than 30 artists from throughout Southern California in a party atmosphere. Bluegrass. www.galleryattheendoftheworld.com

FRI. 12/5 - RICK SHEA & THE LOSIN' END @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, free parking in back. 21 and over. Honkytonk Country/Blues. *Always enjoyable!* <http://rickshea.com/>

SAT. 12/6 - 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.*
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SAT. 12/6 - 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". Opening act at 7pm is Bob Christian. <http://www.trough.com/tedrow-vreeland/default.htm>

SAT. 12/6 - SIERRA MADRE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION 87th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE @ LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL, 8pm - 1am. 3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., at Michillinda Ave. Live music from MERCY & THE MERKETTES, featuring CYNTHIA (formerly of Cynthia & the Sweet Potatoes.) Admission \$2.50. No host bar. *Also - new, unwrapped toys will be collected for "Toys for Tots".*

SAT. 12/6 - JOB STRILES @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, pool table, free parking. BLUES. *Sierra Madre's own Peter Burke on drums.*

SAT. 12/6 - JETSTREAM @ THE RANCHO BAR IN ALTADENA, 9pm. 2485 N. Lake Ave. 626-798-7634. Full bar, no cover. *This time they'll be settin' up in the pool room so the keyboard player doesn't have to stand in the hallway to the patio! Jet's jammin' hippie rock band.* And check out the ongoing "art bender" weekend at the gallery next door. www.ranchobar.com

SUN. 12/7 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm.
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W. Sierra Madre Blvd . 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. No cover, all ages. *Mercy,
Josh, Marc & Peter Burke doin' some standards & jazzy stuff for your dining & listening pleasure!*

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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...

Hope to see you out & about,
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<http://www.aliveandpicking.com/calendar.html>

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