

Music News - Happy 2009!

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If you're looking for a place to see some live music while toasting the New Year, there's three good suggestions here: from solo Blues guitar in South Pasadena, to acoustic Rock in West Covina, to full-on Dance music in Sierra Madre, complete with back-up singers and choreographed dance moves. The food and music are guaranteed to be great at all three places, so take your pick! Mario from Cafe 322, pictured here with me, looks forward to serving you on New Year's Eve, or any other night. Check out the website for hours, menu and entertainment calender. <http://cafe322.com/>

tonite!!! 12/30 - "TAPAS TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with FAITHANNE, 6:30 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. Limited parking in the lot, but plenty more towards the entrance to the Canyon. *Yummy new menu items each week!* Acoustic guitar & vocals. *Faithanne is the gal who books the music here, so anyone interested in getting a gig should come and see her play!*

tonite!!! TUES. 12/30 - THE EVANGENITALS and HELLO FROM RENO @ MR. T's BOWL IN HIGHLAND PARK, 9:00pm. 5621 1/2 Figueroa. 323-256-7561. Full bar, FREE! Alternative Rock, Power Pop. 2 great bands.

WED. 12/31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE with THE SUBS @ THE DOCKSIDE in WEST COVINA, 7:30pm (I believe.) 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.

WED. 12/31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE BLUES with BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 8pm. 1009 El Centro. Reservations: 626-441-2443. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

WED. 12/31 - NEW YEAR'S ROCKIN' EVE @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE WITH MERCY & THE MERKETTES, 9:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. *Reservations for early and late dinner seatings: 3 course dinner and champagne.* R&B, Disco, Funk, Rock, Motown, etc. mercyaidthemerkettes.com

JANUARY 1, 2009 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! and Happy Birthday Jane!

FRI. 1/2 - The MELLOW D'z (DAVE OSTI AND DEANNA COGAN) @ THE MAYAN BAR (inside the Aztec Hotel) in MONROVIA, 6 - 9pm 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. 1/2 & SAT. 1/3 - "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. ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY FELICIA!***

FRI. 1/2 - SCIVALLY QUARTET @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. No cover. This JAZZ quartet consists of David Sills (sax and

flute), Riner Scivally (guitar), Zac Matthews (bass) and Dean Koba (drums). *Highly recommended by Riner's good friend Donn Cunningham of Vin Fiz Flyer fame!*

FRI. 1/2 - HELLO FROM RENO @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm? 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, cheap drinks! Power Pop originals.

SAT. 1/3 - 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. 1/3 - THE CROWN CITY BAND and DAVID NIGEL LLOYD @ THE COFFEE GALLERY BACKSTAGE IN ALTADENA, 7pm. \$15 admission. 2029 N. Lake Ave. Call for reservations: 626-398-7917. Country Rock, Blues, Folk. *I met Crown City's harp player, Dalton Perry, several years ago at Andy's Coffee Shop in Pasadena and invited him to play at the Wistaria Festival. Glad to see him on the local music scene!*

SAT. 1/3 - RICK SHEA (solo acoustic) and also with TREMOLOCO @ THE FOLK MUSIC CENTER IN CLAREMONT, 7pm. 220 Yale Ave. 909-624-2928. Honkytonk Blues, TexMex Americana. \$10. <http://www.folkmusiccenter.com/>

SAT. 1/3 - 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. 1/3 - NEW ASTROTURF @ ROUTE 66 ROADHOUSE IN DUARTE, 9pm. 1846 E. Huntington Dr. 626-357-4210. Full bar & kitchen, pool tables, dance floor. No cover. Country Rock. The line-up for this *live recording session*: Steve, Jane, Deanna, Paul, Mark and Tom on drums. *Hope to see all you "easterners" there!*

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SAT. 1/3 - 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. 1/4 - 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. 1/4 - 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. *MOST SUNDAYS.*

SUN. 1/4 - THE MERCY POWELL QUARTET @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 1:30 - 4:30pm. 322 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!*

SUN. 1/4 - "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!*

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FRI. 1/9 - the BLACK WATCH (featuring members of Velouria) @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, 21 & over. Alternative Rock. Confirmation/more info. next week or call ahead if you plan to go. There will probably be another band or two.

SAT. 1/10 - 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. 1/10 - THE B.O. TRIO PLUS ONE, featuring JEFF STETSON, play "A MIXED BAG AND SOME BLUES" @ ZEPHYR COFFEE HOUSE IN PASADENA, 8:30 - 10pm. 2419 E. Colorado Blvd., just E. of Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-793-7330. Soups, sandwiches, coffee, tea, smoothies, etc.

SAT. 1/10 - ACID ANDREW'S BIRTHDAY BASH @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 8:30pm. With Andrew's Bad Stuff, Old But Not Dead and the Pasadena Scots, as well as appearances by former Doo Dah Queens Naughty Mickie, Mercy, Tequila Mockingbird and Kavita Sharma, plus a trivia contest. \$2 admission - goes to the Tree People. Corner of Fair Oaks & Union - enter thru alley off of Holly Ave. 626-577-6583. Beer & Wine, 21 & over.

SAT. 1/10 - THE DOGS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, friendly service! *Old, loveable dogs doing Classic Rock songs that sound "just like the record!"*

SUN. 1/11 - 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. 1/11 - 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.*

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Mark your calendar for the Pasadena DOO DAH PARADE: Sunday, January 18th, 11:30am. More info. next week.

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://cafe322.com/>

<http://sierracup.com>

<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>