

MUSIC NEWS – Holiday Bluezz

By SierraMadreSue Behrens



I had the pleasure of meeting the publisher, editor and staff of this fine newspaper that prints my Music News on Sunday evening. (Sierra Madre Weekly, Monrovia Weekly, Arcadia Weekly, Pasadena Independent.) It was a holiday gathering at red, white + bluezz in Old Towne Pasadena - a venue that I had been wanting to go to since it first opened. And after reading all the categories that it won or placed in, in the recent "Best of Pasadena" poll, I wanted to see for myself what all the hubbub was about. The food was fabulous, the service attentive, and the Jazz duo that played in the dining room was great too. There is also a larger adjacent room where Jazz and Blues bands perform nightly. *I will definitely be going back!*

This week's photo is of me and Editor, John Stephens. Thank you John and Von for including me!

tonite!!! 12/9 - "TACO TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with JODI & THE MINIONS, 6:30 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. Limited parking. Yummy tacos & burritos! "Standards with a high standard of standardness." www.myspace.com/jodiandtheminions

tonite!!! TUES. 12/9 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ THE PIKE IN LONG BEACH, 8pm - Midnight. 1836 E. 4th St. 562-437-4453. Fun Bluegrass stuff w/great harmonies & snazzy overalls! The Dupuy brothers, etc. <http://www.wrecknsow.com/index.htm>

WED. 12/10 - aka MAX BUDA @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food. No cover, all ages. *Unique jazzy rock stuff from Chester & the boys.*

THURS. 12/11 - ELECTRIC RAINMAN @ KNOTT'S BERRY FARM FOR K-EARTH 101's "All Classic Christmas" event, 3 - 5pm. On the Calico Square outdoor stage. Beach Blvd., Buena Park. Sierra Madre's own Ben Rushing on drums. Classic Rock.

THURS. 12/11 - FUR DIXON & STEVE WERNER, THE BROMBIES and SUSIE GLAZE & THE HILONESOME BAND @ THE COFFEE GALLERY BACKSTAGE IN ALTADENA, 8pm. \$20. 2029 N. Lake Ave. 626-398-7917. Americana/Bluegrass.

THURS. 12/11 - HELLO FROM RENO @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 10pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, pool table. Power Pop originals. *First 3 Thursdays in December. and no - they're not from Reno!* <http://www.myspace.com/therealhellofromreno>

FRI. 12/12 - 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. 12/12 & SAT. 12/13 - 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/>

FRI. 12/12 - THE DRIVE @ GALLI'S PIANO BAR IN ALTA LOMA, 8pm - Midnight. 6620 Carnelian St. 909-941-1100. Full Bar, Food, Dancing. Keith Neal on Guitar and vocals, Javany Martinez on Bass and vocals, Buggs Manocchi on drums and vocals. Classic Rock Musi c.
<http://www.gallis.net>

FRI. 12/12 - THE URINALS, THINGZ and DING DONG DEVILS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, cheap drinks! Rock, Punk, Alternative.

SAT. 12/13 - 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. 12/13 - "HOOTENANNY!" @ SIERRA MADRE BOOKS, 1 - 3pm. 18 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-3200. *"Join us again for one of our favorite events! The hootenanny is perfect for families and children of all ages. Bring an instrument to play, your favorite song to sing, or simply share in the fun."* Refreshments provided. Do some Christmas shopping while you're there!

SAT. 12/13 - 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. 12/13 - LIGHTNIN' WILLIE & THE POORBOYS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, free parking in back. *Lightnin' fast BLUES.*

SAT. 12/13 - SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 9pm. Corner of Fair Oaks & Union - enter thru alley off of Holly Ave. 626-577-6583. Possible cover charge? 21 & over, beer & wine. *Pasadena's legendary 60's garage band returns to their old stomping grounds.*

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SUN. 12/14 - 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. Tom Behrens on Bass this time and lots of other special guests!*

SUN. 12/14 - THE FRET HOUSE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS SHOW, doors open at 2:30, show at 3pm. FREE!!! All ages. 309 N. Citrus Ave., Covina. 626- 339-7020. *An afternoon of performances by Fret House employees and friends.*

SUN. 12/14 - "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!*

SUN. 12/14 - 50 CENT HAIRCUT and THE EVANGENITALS @ REDWOOD BAR & GRILL IN L.A., 10pm and 11:15pm respectively. 316 W. 2nd St. 213-680-2600. \$5 cover. Americana, Alt-Country.

12/16 - "TACO TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with GLENN OLIVEIRA, 6:30 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. Limited parking. Yummy tacos & burritos! Acoustic guitar & vocals.

THURS. 12/18 - DAVID SERBY @ THE PIKE BAR IN LONG BEACH, 9pm. 1836 E. 4th St., one block west of Cherry. 562-437-4453. Full bar and dinner 'til late. Americana/Country. <http://www.davidserby.com/home.html>

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FRI. 12/19 - BECKY BARKSDALE @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30PM. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, free parking in back. Amazingly talented blues guitarist, and quite the babe too, if you like girls! <http://www.beckybarsdale.com/>

SAT. 12/20 - 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. 12/20 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES @ BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, *packed house!* R&B, Funk, Rock, Disco, Motown.

SAT. 12/20 - 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. 12/21 - 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. 12/21 - 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 Holiday tunes & 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://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>