

## Music News - Wistaria Music Madness!

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens



Two of Pasadena's hardest working celebs go head to head this Sunday at Sierra Madre's annual WISTARIA FESTIVAL, one of my favorite events of the year. SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES take the Memorial Park stage from 1:30 to 2:15pm, while THE MERCY POWELL QUARTET jazzes things up on the Jailhouse Inn stage across from the Buccaneer Lounge, from 2:00 to 3:30pm. If you time it just right, you can catch some of both acts and be back in the Park for the incredible ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW with THE AGE OF AQUARIUS HORNS! Add 5 other outdoor venues and that's a pretty full day of live music and exercise! Check out the entire entertainment schedule and details on this year's Festival at <http://sierramadrechamber.com/>

And remember - PURPLE is the color of the day!

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3/10 - "TAPAS TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with DAVE OSTI, 6pm, and BURKE & MARK, 7 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, YUMMY FOOD! Acoustic guitars (& other stringed instruments), vocals.

"TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZ MASTER MIDGE, 8pm. \$2 to play. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414.

"WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY" @ THE BUCCANEER, 10pm. *Bring your favorite vinyl records and Dan Besocke will play entire sides on his turntable, commercial free!* 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045.

THURS. 3/12 - Bruce Forman's COW BOP @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. No cover, full bar & great Italian food. *The best in "Cowboy Jazz."*

FRI. 3/13 - 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!"*  
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FRI. 3/13 - PRESTON SMITH & THE CROCODILES @ JAX IN GLENDALE, 9pm. 339 S. Brand Blvd. 818-500-1604. Full bar & kitchen. No cover. Jazz, Blues, Standards, *a little bit of everything!*

FRI. 3/13 - PAT TODD & THE RANKOUTSIDERS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, cheap drinks. *Rockin' Country/Garage band.* I believe there's a couple of opening bands as well.

**SAT. 3/14 - 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. 3/14 - TIM TEDROW & TERRY VREELAND @ SIERRA CUP IN MONROVIA, 4pm. 409 S. Myrtle Ave. 626-301-4214. Traditional Folk Music. *Gotta love the title of their latest CD: "Songs We Stole From Our Friends".* <http://www.trough.com/tedrow-vreeland/default.htm>**

**SAT. 3/14 - THE B.O. TRIO, 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. 3/14 - SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, free parking in back. 21 and over. *The debut of the new 5-piece band: Scotty, Bruen, Billy Booger, Drake and Raghead.* <http://www.myspace.com/snottyscottyandthehankies>**

**SAT. 3/14 - DAVID SERBY @ THE PRESS IN CLAREMONT, 10pm. 129 Harvard Ave. 909-625-4808. FREE. *Americana/Country singer/songwriter & really nice guy!***

**SUN. 3/15 - 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. 3/15 - THE ANNUAL WISTARIA FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE, 9am - 5pm. *LIVE MUSIC ALL OVER TOWN*, including Snotty Scotty & the Hankies, Horses on Astroturf, Murphy's Flaw, The Crown City Band, Aluminum Marshmallow, *AND MANY, MANY MORE!* Live radio remote in Kersting Court with Brian Casey and KOLA 99.9 from 11am - 1pm. Shuttle tickets to view the famous Vine, \$9 in advance from the Chamber of Commerce or \$10 at the event. 626-355-5111 or on-line: <http://www.sierramadrechamber.com/>**

**SUN. 3/15 - THE MERCY POWELL QUARTET IS NOT PLAYING AT CAFE 322 TODAY, AS THEY ARE APPEARING AT THE WISTARIA FESTIVAL ON THE "JAILHOUSE INN" STAGE ACROSS FROM THE BUCCANEER, 2 - 3:30pm.**

**SUN. 3/15 - "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!***

**3/17 - "TAPAS TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with FAITHANNE, 5:30 - 6:30pm and LEN MICHAEL, 6:30 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, *YUMMY FOOD!* Acoustic guitars, vocals.**

**TUES. 3/17 - 4th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION @ THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 280 IN EAST PASADENA, featuring HORSES ON ASTROTURF at 7pm. \$5 admission - goes to the band. Corned beef & cabbage dinner available at 5pm for a mere \$5, while supplies last. 179 N. Vinedo Ave. 626-792-9938. *Hillbilly Hippie Rock & Roll, big dance floor, cheap drinks!***

**"TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZ MASTER MIDGE, 8pm. \$2 to play. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. *Then stick around for MAX BUDA - see below...***

**TUES. 3/17 - aka MAX BUDA @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm (or as soon as Trivia is done.) 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. No cover, full bar & great Italian food. Eclectic jazzy rock stuff from Chester & the boys, with SPECIAL SURPRISE GUESTS. Guitarist BRUCE McADAM'S 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY!!!**

**TUES. 3/17 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES @ THE WORLD-FAMOUS DERBY IN ARCADIA, 8pm - Midnight. 233 E. Huntington Dr. 626-447-2430. Full bar, 5-star restaurant. St. Paddy's Day Bash! R&B, Disco, Rock, Soul, Motown, etc.**

**WED. 3/18 - "SONG SIRENS" @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8pm. Featuring acclaimed L.A.-based, female Americana artists Kristin Mooney, Claire Holley, Nicole Gordon and Gia Ciambotti, accompanied by keyboardist/accordionist Carl Byron and hosted by Bliss. Starting a monthly engagement. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. No cover, full bar, great Italian food. [www.myspace.com/songsirens](http://www.myspace.com/songsirens)**

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**March 19th - the swallows return to Capistrano.**

**THURS. 3/19 - The WE FIVE Folk-Rock Revival @ AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, 2pm. \$10 admission for non-students. Opening act is JEREMY & JESSICA (son & daughter of Jerry Burgan, one of the founding members of WE FIVE.) The production and promotion of the concert is part of a semester-long project for marketing and communications classes. It will take place in the Upper Turner Center, which is the main part of the lower campus. 901 E. Alostia Ave., Azusa. "You Were On My Mind" was their big hit in the 60's.**

**THURS. 3/19 - 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. 3/20 - LIGHTNIN' WILLIE & THE POORBOYS @ GEM CITY GRILL IN MONROVIA, 9:30pm. 115 E. Olive, off of Myrtle. 626-358-0342. Full bar, no cover, dance floor, pool tables. Lightnin' fast BLUES. <http://www.myspace.com/lightninwillie>**

**SAT. 3/21 - 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. 3/21 - 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).**

**SAT. 3/21 - CHICO'S BAIL BONDS @ THE DOCKSIDE BAR & GRILL, 9pm - 1am. 3057 E. Garvey Ave. North. 626-915-3474. No cover, full bar & kitchen. *Semi-acoustic BLUES.***

**SAT. 3/21 - 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. 3/21 - 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. 3/22 - 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. 3/22 - 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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***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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