

Music News - All Hands on Deck!

By SierraMadreSue Behrens



Sierra Madre drummer PETER BURKE plays with so many different bands at the BUCCANEER LOUNGE that it's been suggested he should have a "Murphy" drum set that pulls down from the wall, so he doesn't have to set up each time! And now that they've replaced that huge box TV with a flat screen, he can also set up his hand drums and play percussion along with whoever else is drumming. It's the simple things like that that keep him happy! Pete and southpaw blues guitarist JOB STRILES, pictured here, will be rockin' the house at the BUCCANEER LOUNGE this Saturday night, March 21st. More info. below...

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CHECK OUT ALL THE GREAT ST. PATRICK'S DAY MUSIC!

TUES. 3/17 - MATT DENNY'S ALE HOUSE ST. PADDY'S DAY PARTY, with Live Music from ROADHOUSE RON, 3 - 6pm and THE NACKERS IRISH BAND, 6 - 10pm. *Lots of beers and corned beef and cabbage!* Indoor and outdoor seating. 145 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia - between 1st & 2nd. Parking lot in back. 626-462-0250.

3/17 - "TAPAS TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with FAITHANNE, 5:30 - 6:30pm and LENMICHAEL, 6:30 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, *YUMMY FOOD!* Acoustic guitars, vocals. *You may have just seen Len at the Wistaria Festival on Sunday! He's baaack!*

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!*

TUES. 3/17 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ MOTHER'S TAVERN IN SUNSET BEACH, 6:30 - 11pm. 16701 Pacific Coast Hwy. 562-592-2111. Great little bar... Great bartenders... Great beer and wine... Great patrons... Great BLUEGRASS music for ST. PADDY'S DAY...!

"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 for *Guitarist BRUCE McADAM'S 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, dancing. **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

"WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY" @ THE BUCCANEER, 10pm. *Bring your favorite LP records and Dan Besocke will play entire sides on his turntable, commercial free!* 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Tony the bartender was spotted last week leaving Penny Lane Records in Pasadena with a bag full o' vinyl... *can't wait to see what he picked up!*

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. Alosta 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>

FRI. 3/20 - 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. 3/20 - "THE SUBS" (Better Than Blue's acoustic alter ego) @ the DOCKSIDE in WEST COVINA, 8pm - Midnight. 3057 E. Garvey Ave. North. 626-915-3474. Joe Velosa, Danny Hesse, Felicia Bright. Acoustic Rock, Soul & Blues. *Under new ownership - Happy Hour specials from 10 to 12.*

FRI. 3/20 - THE DRIVE @ GALLI'S PIANO BAR IN ALTA LOMA, 8pm - Midnight. 6620 Carnelian St. 909-941-1100. Full bar, Dancing. Keith Neal on Guitar & vocals, Javany Martinez on Bass & vocals, Buggs Manocchi on Drums & vocals. Classic Rock Music.

FRI. 3/20 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8:30 - Midnight. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food, no cover, DANCING. R&B, Disco, Rock, Soul, Motown, etc.

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. (see this week's photo)

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 - 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 12:30, GAME TIME ASAP. BRING YOUR GLOVE, BAT, CHAIR, ICE CHEST, GUITAR, UKULELE, ETC.

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.

SUN. 3/22 - MICHAEL ZUBIA @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON, 10am - Noon. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, YUMMY FOOD! Classical Guitar. You may have seen him performing at the Wistaria Vine last Sunday.

SUN. 3/22 - "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!

3/24 - "TAPAS TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with GLENN OLIVEIRA on guitar, 6 - 7pm and RAY HILL on keyboards, 7 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, YUMMY FOOD!

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WED. 3/25 - 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. No cover, beer & wine. Eclectic Jazzy Blues Rock from Chester, Jerry, Tedroy, Bruce, Pete, and Nick on noise-makers. I'm not 100% sure about this one. Call ahead to confirm... 626-577-6583.

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FRI. 3/27 - "SWING DANCE PARTY" with FLAT TOP TOM @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. www.flattoptom.com

FRI. 3/27 - 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. 3/27 - RICK SHEA @ THE FULLERTON MUSEUM, 7pm. 301 N. Pomona Ave. 714-738-6545. "Fullerton Unplugged Spring Concert Series" acoustic show. \$12 general admission/\$10 members. Beer & wine available for purchase. Americana/Country. <http://rickshea.com/>

FRI. 3/27 - 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. This is tentative - call ahead!*

SAT. 3/27 - 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, *and no - they're not from Reno!* <http://www.myspace.com/therealhellofromreno>

SAT. 3/28 - 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. 3/28 - 7pm AND SUN. 3/29 - 2pm - ST. RITA'S DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS "MACBETH", starring my 12-year old nephew MAX BEHRENS in the title role! 322 N. Baldwin Ave. - in O'Malley Hall, downstairs from the Church. \$3 admission, *or FREE if you're wearing a kilt (no kidding!)* Bob Matheson is a likely candidate for that!

SAT. 3/28 - 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.

SAT. 3/28 - OLD CALIFORNIO @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, cheap drinks. I can't wait to see this show! I've been listening to their soon-to-be-released CD, "Westering Again" for the past several days (thank you Kim!) and loving it. *Great original songs with true California heart and soul, "that combine the very best in folk and rock and country."*

SAT. 3/28 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ THE PIKE IN LONG BEACH, 9pm - 1am. 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>

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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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P.S. A BIG THANK YOU TO MARIO AT CAFE 322 FOR PUTTING TOGETHER ALL THE GREAT MUSIC AT THE WISTARIA FESTIVAL, AND TO STEVE VARGAS & GREG JORGENSON FOR DOING THE SOUND AT THE MEMORIAL PARK STAGE. I WAS REMISS FOR NOT MENTIONING THAT IN MY ANNOUNCEMENTS ON SUNDAY. PLUS - AN EVEN BIGGER THANK YOU TO ALL THE MUSICIANS AND VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE IT ONE OF THE BEST FESTIVALS EVER!

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