

Music News - Got Live If You Want It!

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There's definitely no shortage of live music on the summer horizon! FREE (or low cost) concerts are happening in almost every city in the area. Check out the following link to a list compiled by Linda Gold of the San Gabriel Valley Tribune/Star-News, etc. I'll be listing a few of the ones that appeal to my (and hopefully your) musical tastes, as there are so many of them. For instance, this Friday July 10th, you can catch my pal RICK SHEA do a solo acoustic performance in Claremont, in the Laemmle Theatre Courtyard at 6pm.

Thanks to Linda Gold for all her hard work in putting together such a complete list, and to the Rolling Stones for overlooking the fact that I "borrowed" their live album title! So Sue me!

http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/rds_search/ci_12521702?IADID=Search-www.pasadenastarnews.com-www.pasadenastarnews.com

TUES. 7/7 - THE TUMBLING TUMBLEWEEDS @ MEMORIAL PARK BANDSHELL IN PASADENA, 6 - 7pm. Corner of Raymond & Walnut. Gold Line stop is Memorial Park. FREE! BBQ snack bar. Country Western. pasadenaseniiorcenter.org

7/7 - "BBQ TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with STEVE YSAIS, 6 - 7pm, STEVE VARGAS, 7 - 8pm and then STEVE AND STEVE TOGETHER, 8 - 9pm! Acoustic Rock & Folk faves. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, YUMMY FOOD!

JULY 7th - TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA @ CAFE 322 MOVES TO 8:00pm START TIME. SPECIAL DEAL IN THE WORKS FOR DINNER AND TRIVIA. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. \$2 per person to play, up to 4 on a team. CASH or gift certificates to top 3 teams. *Addicting and profitable!*

WED. 7/8 - HELP! Beatles Tribute band @ DUARTE PARK, 6:30 - 8:30pm. 1344 Bloomdale St., just E. of Buena Vista, N. of the 210. 626-357-7931. FREE!

WED. 7/8 - THE ALL-AMERICAN WRANGLERS @ CIVIC CENTER PARK IN SAN DIMAS, 7 - 9pm. 245 E. Bonita Ave. 909-394-6230. FREE! Sierra Madre's own Ben Rushing on drums. Country Western.

WED. 7/8 - "SONG SIRENS" @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8pm. The collective of acclaimed L.A.-based, female Americana artists changes things up this month with Gia Ciambotti, Nicole Gordon and Claire Holley, accompanied by keyboardist/accordionist Carl Byron, and special guest SUSAN MARSHALL. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. No cover, full bar, great Italian food. www.myspace.com/songsirens, www.myspace.com/susanmarshall

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<http://www.myspace.com/thefatguysandpunks>

THURS. 7/9 - "25th ANNUAL TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES" presents JOAN BAEZ on the SANTA MONICA PIER, 7 - 10pm. FREE! <http://www.santamonicipier.org/twilight.html>

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FRI. 7/10 - 21st CENTURY BLUES @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, friendly & efficient service! *BLUES I'm guessin'.*

SAT. 7/11 - 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. 7/11 - OPEN MIC & BBQ @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON, 12 - 3pm, at least. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, YUMMY FOOD! *Last month's was a big success!* To participate, contact:
t-tribe@linkline.com

SAT. 7/11 - TOM FARRELL & JULIA GOTTLIEB @ CORFU RESTAURANT IN SIERRA MADRE, 6:30 - 9:30pm. 48 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Reservations recommended. 626-355-5993. Excellent Mediterranean food. Jazz, Bossa Nova, Western Swing, Classical. *That's quite a repertoire!*

SAT. 7/11 - Open Mic Night @ the FRET HOUSE in Covina. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020. (Usually 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. 7/11 - 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. 7/11 - THE HUBCAPS @ PAPPY & HARRIET'S IN PIONEERTOWN. 53688 Pioneertown Rd. 760-365-5956. Near Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley. No listing on the club's website so I'm not sure of the time, but the guys assure me they're playin' there! *And they've even worked up a bunch of Gram Parsons tunes for the occasion. Stay overnight and go check out the shrine to Gram in Joshua Tree Nat'l. Park - get directions to "Cap Rock" and walk all the way around the base of it, and you'll find it. I was amazed when I saw it!*

SAT. 7/11 - JETSTREAM @ THE RANCHO BAR IN ALTADENA, 9pm. 2485 N. Lake Ave. 626-798-7634. Full bar, no cover. *Jet's jammin' hippie rock band.* www.ranchobar.com

SUN. 7/12 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. *Sunday BLUES Brunch!* <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 7/12 - 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. 7/12 - THE RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE @ GARFIELD PARK IN SOUTH PASADENA, 5 - 7pm. On Mission between Stratford & Park. 626-403-7360. *FREE!* Country Western.

SUN. 7/12 - GINA VILLALOBOS CD RELEASE PARTY & SHOW @ THE GRAND OLE ECHO IN ECHO PARK, 5pm. With guests Effects of Cable Television, Stampead, and Cave Country. 1822 Sunset Blvd. 213-413-8200. *FREE!* All ages show. *Americana/Country stuff.* <http://www.myspace.com/thegrandoleecho>

www.myspace.com/ginavillalobos

SUN. 7/12 - "ELVIS" @ MEMORIAL PARK BANDSHELL IN SIERRA MADRE, 6 - 8pm. Sierra Madre Blvd. at Hermosa Ave. *FREE!* Seating on the green.

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TUES. 7/14 - 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. 7/15 - THE SURFING SAFARIS' "BEACH PARTY SHOW" @ TEMPLE CITY'S CONCERT IN THE PARK, 7 - 9pm. 9701 Las Tunas Dr. 626-285-2171. *FREE!* Beach Boys, Surf Music, etc.

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THURS. 7/16 - 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. www.davidserby.com

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FRI. 7/17 - EVERTHEORY and THE SUNDOWNERS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, cheap drinks! Rock.

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SAT. 7/18 - BETTER THAN BLUE @ MY WAY LOUNGE IN LA CRESCENTA, 9pm - 1am. 2959 Honolulu Ave. 818-249-4676. No cover, no food, full bar. *Rock, Soul & Blues* with Felicia, Danny, Joe, and Steve Powell sittin' in on the skins.

SAT. 7/18 - LESLIE & THE NEILSONS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, *cheap drinks!* Punk rock.

SAT. 7/18 - BLACKWATCH doin' the Late Show @ CAFE 322 in Sierra Madre, 11:00ish, (with Jazz during dinner.) 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. No cover, full bar & great Italian food. *Rick and Scott from Silverlake's fave band Velouria, join John Fredrick and "Wildman" Steve Shayer... Alternative Rock originals & a cover now and then; Richard Reese says to request "It's All Too Much".*

SUN. 7/19 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. *Sunday BLUES Brunch!* <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 7/19 - 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!*

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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>