

Music News - Two Steves and a Sue!

By SierraMadreSue Behrens



NO - I'm not singing with the guys! Just doing my share to promote a cool Summer happening in Sierra Madre, and turn all of you onto a great musical duo that you might want to hire for your next shindig! **STEVE & STEVE** (Ysais & Vargas, of Horses on Astro turf fame) will be performing their acoustic rock & folk classics, as well as their own original songs in Kersting Court this Friday, 8/14, as part of the "FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE" series which runs thru August 28th. Shoppers who spend a certain amount of money at participating Chamber of Commerce retailers or restaurants will be given a free tote bag full of

goodies, while supplies last. They will also be entered into a drawing for valuable prizes donated by the Chamber and local merchants. *All in all, it's a nice way to spend a Friday evening with family & friends in beautiful downtown Sierra Madre!* For complete details, visit:

www.SMFridayNightLive.info

TUES. 8/11 - THE FOLK COLLECTION @ LEVITT PAVILION IN PASADENA'S MEMORIAL PARK, 6 - 7pm. Corner of Raymond & Walnut in Old Towne. Gold Line station is Memorial Park - a great way to go. Food/beverages available for purchase. 626-795-4331. Americana/Folk.

8/11 - "PASTA TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with MARK WILLIAMS, 6 - 7pm and HOMEGROWN (formerly known as Brian, Ken & Annie - acoustic Classic Rock) 7 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, *yummy food!*

8/11 - "TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZMASTER MIDGE, 8pm. \$2 per person to play, *CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams.* 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Addicting and profitable!

TUES. 8/11 - 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>

8/12 - "WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY" @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. *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.

WED. 8/12 - JIMMY AND THE MIRCATS @ FIRST CABIN IN ARCADIA, 9pm. 46 E. Huntington Dr. 626-446-2575. No cover, full bar. 80s Rock. *Wednesday nights.*

WED. 8/12 - 3 FAT GUYS & SOME PUNKS @ KATIE JAKE'S IN COVINA, 9:15pm. Corner of Citrus & Workman. 626-967-2765. Full bar, no cover. Blues, Rock from Jimmy McGrew, Drake, Mike Leasure, Jamie Hunting and Gratz Arias. *Most Wednesdays - call to confirm.* <http://www.myspace.com/thefatguysandpunks>

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FRI. 8/14 - "FRIDAY NIGHTS LIVE" IN CLAREMONT, with SLIGO RAGS @ THE LAEMMLE THEATRE COURTYARD, 6 - 9pm. 450 W. 2nd St. FREE! "Celtic folk with a bluegrass attitude."
<http://www.myspace.com/sligorags>

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8/14 - "FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE" IN KERSTING COURT, SIERRA MADRE featuring STEVE & STEVE (Ysais & Vargas of Horses on AstroTurf fame), 6:30 - 9pm. At Baldwin & Sierra Madre Blvd. FREE. Stores open late, sidewalk sales, giveaways. Sponsored by the S.M. Chamber of Commerce. Acoustic Rock & Folk faves, harmony vocals. See attached photo...

FRI. 8/14 - "THE SUBS" (Better Than Blue's acoustic alter ego) @ the DOCKSIDE in WEST COVINA, 8pm - Midnight. 3057 E. Garvey Ave. North. In the bar area, but you order food there too. 626-915-3474. Danny Hesse, Felicia Bright, Robert Gonzalez. Acoustic Rock, Soul & Blues.

FRI. 8/14 - BOBBY JOYNER & THE SUNDOWNERS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, cheap drinks. Rock.

FRI. 8/14 - DAVID SERBY @ THE PRESS IN CLAREMONT, 10pm. 129 Harvard Ave. 909-625-4808. FREE. Americana/Country singer/songwriter & really nice guy!

SAT. 8/15 - 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. 8/15 - BETTER THAN BLUE @ 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. Danny Hesse, Felicia Bright, etc. Rock, Soul & Blues. 626-915-3474.

SAT. 8/15 - THE CROOKED JADES @ THE FRET HOUSE IN COVINA, 8pm. 309 N. Citrus Ave. 626-339-7020. \$15. Great intimate room. A unique string band - Bluegrass, Folk. <http://www.myspace.com/crookedjades>

SAT. 8/15 - MATT SLOCUM, JOHN STORIE, JOE BAGG - HAMMOND B3 ORGAN TRIO - @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. No cover, all ages. "An evening of Jazz standards and original compositions. The trio's musical influences range from Jimmy Smith's organ trio with Wes Montgomery and Grady Tate, to Larry Young's band with Elvin Jones and Grant Green, as well as more contemporary groups like Trio Beyond and the Larry Goldings Trio."

SAT. 8/15 - THE DRIVE NOW @ GALLI'S IN ALTA LOMA, 8pm - Midnight. 6620 Carnelian St. 909-941-1100. Full bar & kitchen. Classic Rock from Buggs and Co. www.thedrivennow.com

SAT. 8/15 - RICK SHEA & THE LOSIN' END @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, free parking in back. 21 and over. Honkytonk Country/Blues. Always enjoyable! <http://rickshea.com/>

SUN. 8/16 - 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. 8/16- THE LATE BLOOMERS @ MEMORIAL PARK BANDSHELL IN SIERRA MADRE, 6 - 8pm. Sierra Madre Blvd. at Hermosa Ave. *FREE!* Seating on the green. Acoustic Folk with *Sierra Madre School principal Gayle Bluemel & friends - you students might wanna be there for this one...*

SUN. 8/16 - "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. 8/16 - THE ALL AMERICAN WRANGLERS @ FINKBINER PARK IN GLENDORA, 6 - 8pm. *FREE!* 160 N. Wabash Ave., between Cullen & Bennett Aves. Country Music. *Sierra Madre's own Ben Rushing on drums.*

MON. 8/17 - THE ALL AMERICAN WRANGLERS @ MEMORIAL PARK IN CLAREMONT, 7:30 - 9pm. *FREE!* 909-399-5490. Country Music. *Sierra Madre's own Ben Rushing on drums.*

8/18 - "PASTA TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with Nancy Escobedo (folk) 6 - 7pm and Roadhouse Ron (acoustic rock) 7 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, *yummy food!*

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WED. 8/19 - "SONG SIRENS" @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Free admission, free parking, comfy vibe, great food! *"Kristin's back from Europe, Nicole's home from Mexico, Gia's married and Claire's returned from her family vacay in the Carolinas so it will be a full-force Sirens show when we all — Gia Ciambotti, Nicole Gordon, Claire Holley, Kristin Mooney, Bliss Bowen and Carl Byron — return with special guest RICO BELL of the Mekons. Fun times!"*
www.myspace.com/songsirens

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THURS. 8/20 - RUBBER SOUL @ ARCADIA CITY HALL, WEST LAWN, 6:30 - 8pm. *FREE!* 240 W. Huntington Dr. 626-574-5113. Beatles tribute band.

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www.davidserby.com

FRI. 8/21 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES "DANCE PARTY" @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30 - Midnight. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, dancing, loads of fun!

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FRI. 8/21 - OLD CALIFORNIO @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, cheap drinks. Americana/Roots Rock. I LOVE these guys!

SAT. 8/22 - Elizabeth McFarland and Jonathan Kelley on piano @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE, 11am - 1pm. FREE! 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, yummy food!

SAT. 8/22 - 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. 8/22 - THE DRIVE NOW @ THE CASK 'N' CLEAVER IN SAN DIMAS, 9pm - Closing. 125 N. Village Court. 909-592-1646. Full bar, restaurant. Classic Rock from Buggs & Co.

SAT. 8/22 - DAFNI with BRIAN HOGAN & CHRISTINE NELSON @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, free parking in back. 21 and over. Jazzy Country/Blues.

SUN. 8/23 - 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. 8/23 - 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. 8/23- THE JOEL PENNER SEXTET @ MEMORIAL PARK BANDSHELL IN SIERRA MADRE, 6 - 8pm. Sierra Madre Blvd. at Hermosa Ave. FREE! Seating on the green. JAZZ.

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*****Upcoming event: Comedy Night Open Mic @ Mary's Market in Sierra Madre Canyon, Fri. 8/28, 5 - 7pm. Contact venue for more details - 626-355-4534.**

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://sierracup.com>

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

<http://www.coffeegallery.com/home.html>

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