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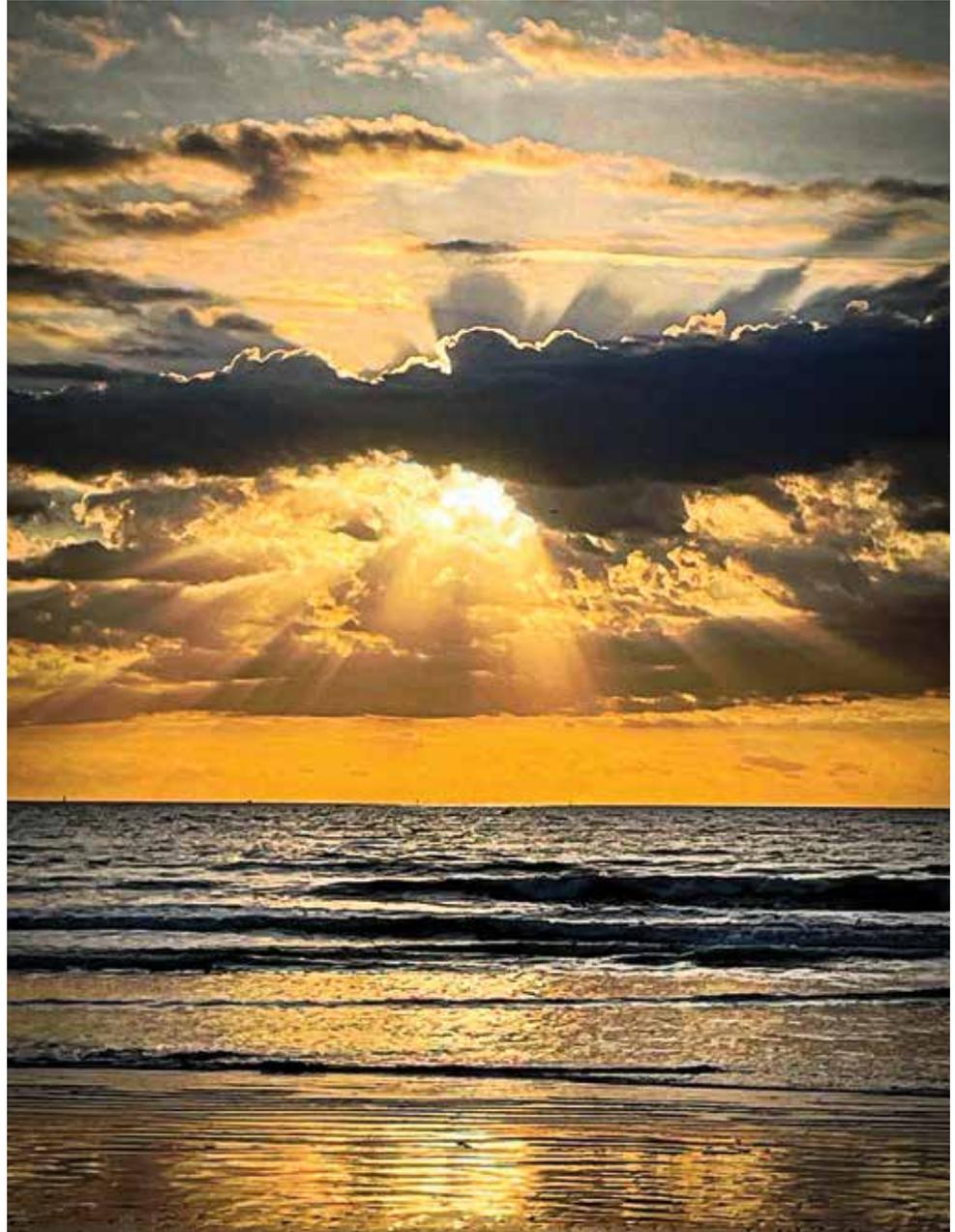
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Brevard Lately



It was February, 18th, at 7:30 am when Michelle Pessaro, owner of Savvy Vinyl Records, decided to take a walk at the beach in Cape Canaveral, near Jetty Park. The sun rose over the ocean between the clouds, and Michelle took this photo. It confirmed what we've known all along: We Live in Paradise!

Photos by Michelle Pessaro

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Sunday, March 2, 5pm
Savvy Vinyl Records, Melbourne

There's A 'Hott Mess' at the Record store

A lot has happened over the last five years. Savvy Vinyl Records, located at 28 Laurie Street in Melbourne, celebrates 5 years in business.

Founded and maintained by mother and daughter team Martha and Michelle 'Snap Happy' Passaro, the shop has expanded not only in size, but also in services provided to the community. Record connoisseurs can go in person as well as online to find just about anything their heart desires. Snap makes it her personal mission to track down that special album for a collector or loved one. The Pessaros have also added live events to the space, including book signings, record and CD release parties, and local concerts of just about every musical genre one can think of.

Savvy Vinyl's 5-year Anniversary party takes place at the shop on Sunday, March 2nd starting at 5 pm and features John In A Strangeland, NOTAM, Speed Spirits, Afflicted and the back-on-the-scene Hott Mess.

This long standing all-female band added guitarist Tracey Hnat and drummer Rachel Gray to the band. Original members RJ Bowen (bass and lead vocals) and Liz Gibbens (guitar) round out the quartet. Hott Mess bring a catchy, simple devil-may-care attitude with their songs and live shows. They actually look like they are enjoying themselves! "When I go crazy, I throw down a few new songs," quips lyricist Bowen. Fan favorites like "Baby Daddy Number 5" and "Undercover Player" will be heard, and possibly 2-3 new ones being worked up with the new band members.

Besides a party with live bands, the store has discounts and raffle prizes available for shows attendees. Check out Savvy Vinyl and Hott Mess on their social media pages.



March 29, 8pm, King Center, Melbourne

Dave Mason's Traffic Jam

Dave Mason is one of the most talented songwriters and guitarists in the world - which is why he is still performing over 100 shows a year to sold-out crowds.

Mason has been playing guitar most of his life. By 15, Dave had founded two bands: The Deep Feeling, and The Hellions. At 18, the Worcester, England native teamed up with Steve Winwood, Jim Capaldi, and Chris Wood to form the legendary band Traffic. At 19, Mason penned the song "Feelin' Alright". The rock anthem, first recorded by Traffic, then covered by dozens of other artists (including Joe Cocker), cemented both Dave's and Traffic's legacy, and had a profound influence over rock music that continues today.

Dave Mason left Traffic in 1969 to pursue a solo career in the US. Dave has penned over 100 songs, has three gold albums: *Alone Together*, *Dave Mason*, *Mariposa De Oro*, and platinum album *Let It Flow*, which contained the top-ten single "We Just Disagree".

In addition to cranking out hits, Dave has performed on a number of famous albums, including: The Rolling Stones' *Beggars Banquet*, George Harrison's *All Things Must Pass*, Paul McCartney and Wings' *Venus and Mars*, and Jimi Hendrix's *Electric Ladyland*.

'Dave Mason's Traffic Jam' is a must see concert that includes fan favorites and deep cuts from Traffic, Dave Mason, and other surprise songs that share the story and important milestones in an undeniably powerful era of rock n' roll history. 'Dave Mason's Traffic Jam' brings this all to life with multimedia visuals, dynamic set lists, along with first-hand stories and memories that can only be shared authenticity by a man who has lived it.

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JOHN SPARROW of Violent Femmes Interviewed

By Matthew Bretz

I remember the first time I heard them. I was around 17 at the time. A buddy and I had just finished surfing, and as we drove away from the beach sun burnt and happy, he popped in a white cassette tape - later I discovered it was their self-titled album - and suddenly the van was filled with old school rhythms tied to new wave lyrics and melodies. It was raw and shiny together and I absolutely loved it. There are certain bands or genres that hit me a certain way feeling lucky to be hearing it, like some sort of reward or treat. Bob Marley, the Clash, the Beastie Boys - these are groups that give me that inward smile. Turns out, the Violent Femmes is another.

The Violent Femmes recorded their first album on a 4-track cassette recorder over 20 years ago, and it still holds up today when we are being saturated with over produced Vaseline and AI pop stars. Two of the three original members (Gordon Gano, and Brian Ritchie) are still with the group. Drummer Victor DeLorenzo left the band in 1993 and after a few switch-ups, John Sparrow eventually took over and has been with them ever since.

In the not so distant past the stars finally aligned after decades of waiting and I was able to attend a live show. I had just finished covering a festival in Alabama the night before and drove 12 hours straight through to get to Orlando just in time for the boys to take the stage. For the night I dropped my journalist hat at the door and just enjoyed the show, especially when drummer John Sparrow decided to play a solo on a giant Weber Q Grill - we'll get to that in a minute. As great as the show was



you can imagine my excitement when I ended up at the same bar as the aforementioned Mr. Sparrow afterwards. So, not one to punch fate in the nose I sat down and bought a round of shots. A week or so later he was nice enough to take time out for a conversation and here we are!

Can we start simply with exactly how you became the drummer of the VF? I read somewhere that you started off playing in Brian Ritchie's Shaku-hachi Club in Milwaukee—is that correct?

JS: That is correct, I first started in Brian's Club. I played with Brian for a couple years, I believe, until he suggested the idea of me playing cajon with the Femmes. One afternoon Brian invited me to his home and asked me to play along to Violent Femmes songs on his stereo. He then picked up his bass and started to play—trying out different grooves. Fortunately, I've known all those songs since I was a teenager. Brian then handed me a piece of paper with three dates and a phone number and told me to contact his tour manager. I was suddenly on tour! I played cajon with the band from 2005 to 2016 and that's when I became the fulltime drummer.

Needless to say, it sounds like you were a fan before you met them.

JS: I was a huge fan of the band. And actually, the Violent Femmes was my first concert—Milwaukee 1991. As a teenager I used to play to the first album in my parent's basement all the time.

Can you talk about what the draw was for you? What about the Femmes spoke to you?

JS: It made sense to me because there is a swing to the music using primarily brushes which I could relate to being from a jazz background. Brian's accenting and drive were the first things I really noticed. Gordon's rhythm playing on guitars is rock solid as well—and I love that as a drummer.

Everything the band does seems to niche and meaningful. My question is: In the beginning—did you find it difficult to separate your style from what Victor had recorded and still do it justice?

JS: Not at all. I don't have to play every fill exactly like he did and where he did. There are obvious exceptions like Blister, American Music, etc. Certain fills cannot be overlooked. But Victor comes from a jazz background and had a great swing. That made it natural for me to work with, yet still represent the music in my own way.

I know we talked about this a bit when we first met, but please explain the Weber BBQ and how it came to be a thing!

JS: First off, I want to say, I do not have an official endorsement with Weber! I have done a number of projects and appearances with them over the years though. Ok, so in 2015 we were playing the Montreal Jazz Festival and had a TV appearance the morning of the show. Our drummer at the time missed a flight or was delayed and I had to fill in for the TV spot. We arrived at the station and started getting ready backstage. It was then we noticed a Weber grill in the corner.

Did anyone know why it was there?

JS: Maybe a previous cooking segment or something—I don't know. Anyway, Brian's wife saw it first and suggested I play the grill instead of a snare drum. We ran with that idea, and it worked! Fast forward to when I became the drummer and Brian's first directive was that the grill stays. The rest is history.

That's a wild story and has Violent Femmes prints all over it. I can't think of another band that would one: have that idea, and two: make it work so well. Just a quick search into your career will pull up a wide variety of bands and genres including multiple symphony orchestras. I love to see drummers like yourself that live in all styles. That being said—do you have a favorite genre, a go-to that really does it for you when nothing else does?

JS: You may not believe it but my "go-to" in all honesty would either be Polka or Big Band Jazz. Polka was the first music I ever learned to play on drums. My father was a drummer and that was his music - it really resonates with me. Like you said, musicians should or can weave in between styles and that goes for me as well. I love all styles of music, but I have such a blast playing the music I grew up with.

Speaking to that a bit—you are known for having an unorthodox style which also means you often use a unique mix of drums other drummers might not think of grouping for a particular song. How did that devel-

op? I'm sure you have a very strong list of influences.

JS: I am certainly influenced by many drummers. Drummers such as Gene Krupa, Buddy Rich, Louis Bellson were some of my early influences as was my father. My dad always told me "If you can't play on one drum, how are you going to play on four? A good drummer can play on a tin can and make it sound good." Guys like Gene or Buddy are known to play on water pipes, tables, match boxes, etc. I was never intimidated by having to be flexible and improvising in anyway.

Well, you have certainly proved your dad's tin can theory with the Weber! What is the dynamic within the group like? Are you all friends, business partners, both, straight up Hall and Oates?

JS: We get along great! We have our inside jokes and kid around a bunch. I think that we are fortunate for the positive dynamic between us, it carries onto the stage. Brian alone has exposed to a variety of cultures, art, and cuisine over the last 20 years. When time permits, all of us will attend organ concerts or go see live jazz together. We are working, but when we can sneak in some time to just hang out, we do.

I know you and the Femmes are all hometown Milwaukee boys. Your city is well known for having a hidden, but intense music scene. What was it like growing up around all of that and finding you place?

JS: When I became involve in the rock/jazz scene it was in the mid 90's. At that time, it was very clicky and tough to connect with other players. Milwaukee had touring bands come through and we all would try to get opening spots on their bills. It always seemed like you had to be friends with the club owner or promoter, not how your style matched with the draw. It was tough at that time honestly, however I'm very proud of how the Milwaukee has become much healthier. The bands and artist really support each other now.

Did you always want to hit things

for a living? What do you think you would have done if it wasn't drums and music?

JS: "Hit things" (laughs) I never thought about it in those terms. When I started playing at 14, I knew I wanted to do it for a living. I always told my parents, "I want to get played to play the drums and tour the world. I'm not trying to be famous I want to make a living doing this." If music never happened, I probably would've gone into marketing or something. I started college but quickly got busy with gigs and that was that.

I know you recently appeared at the premier of Just a Bit Outside—the story of the 1982 Brewers and the Femmes are on the soundtrack. There is a great pic of you walking the field in a Brewers/Femmes jersey pointing to the sky—obviously a Brewer's fan. How was that experience for you?

JS: It was an amazing experience on so many levels! As a young kid growing up a baseball fan in Milwaukee of course that team is special to me. Then fast forward to Violent Femmes being featured in a movie with my Brewers heroes was amazing. I had the chance to hang with many of the players and thank them for inspiring me as a kid. I recently had Charlie Moore out to a show on the last tour. Charlie is as real as they come and a really cool person. It was epic!

While we are on the subject of amazing experiences, I have to know what it was like to headline Coachella?

JS: That was a surreal gig. Tens of thousands of fans as far as the eye could see. We went into rehearsals for a couple of days after a break in touring prior to the Coachella shows. When it was time, we had 15 minutes to set up for our set. It was a wild experience. After the first show we flew home only to turn around and fly back the next weekend to do it all again.

Last question: Do you like American Music?

JS: I like all kinds of music!



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The Column

By **Chuck Van Riper**

On the Road again

The smell of an old wood burning stove... that's what I first noticed when we arrived in Seattle in the late 70's. The whole city smelled like that, probably from the controlled burns in the forests. Seattle was a lush, yet vibrant city back then. I worked there, I carried a badge, I was a street musician. (Enter the old Dragnet theme song.)

Rosie and I met each other in Denver at a coffee house we used to play at. Soon after we got Harry the wonder dog (he was a puppy), we decided to go to Seattle. Being the seventies, we decided to hitchhike the back roads. So we filled our backpacks and guitar cases, along with a big bag of puppy chow, and lastly, my trumpet case, and hit the road. What a sight we must have been. We had figured out that we could stand up our backpacks and put the dog food on top making a shady spot for Harry to lie under. Way up in the crisp air of some mountain in Colorado, we were getting ready to do just that and set up camp for the night when a car pulled up. "Where ya goin'?" said a voice from the car. "We're going to Seattle," Rosie replied. "Well, I'm going to Portland," he said. Soooo... we re-packed the backpacks, guitar cases, trumpet case and dog food and piled it into the back of the car. Once we got in the car, we commented on how amazing it was to get a ride on this dinky road in the mountains all the way to Portland! "You guys wanna smoke?" asked our new friend. "Sure!" Needless to say, we had a great trip to Portland. Once there, we had a contact of a relative of a friend from Denver. These people let us shower, made some food and let us stay there overnight. When we awoke, they were gone but left a note along with \$20. The note said "You don't have to pay us back, just help somebody else out sometime if you can." Wow, we were rich! I think we left Denver with about \$7. So we finally get to our destination; downtown Seattle.

The first thing we did was to go to Volunteer Park to scope out the camping scene. Rosie had some friends that she thought were still in Seattle. After a few days of camping and playing at the Pike Place Market during the day, we finally tracked them down. Amazingly, they were managing a small apartment building (there were 4 apartments I think), and there was an open one. So now we

were settled in the Capital Hill area on the top of the hill! We could see Mt. Rainier out of our window every morning. Rent was \$240 a month.

After a while, a friend from Denver showed up. Bob and I grew up playing music together and had a trio in Denver. A little while after that, we hooked up with a Fiddle player, then a dobro player. Before long, we had a full band going on. We were called "Home Cooking" and we played old western swing and jazzy type stuff and sang a lot of 4 part harmony. Bob Wills and Dan Hicks were major influences. In 1979, we won the Seattle Street band competition, which led to a radio show, which led to a gig in Alaska for a month or so.

The Pike Place Market was, at the time, the biggest open air market in the country. There were fresh fish, meats, fruits vegetables, etc. Lined up and down the sides of the market were various artists and crafts people. I had decided to take a crack at selling some artwork and calligraphy. After producing enough artwork to sell, I went for it. I took the #10 bus from the top of the hill to the bottom of the hill where the market was. I had my guitar, a portfolio case with all my work, and all my calligraphy pens, inks, and paper. I sold a few things and got some other calligraphy gigs. Then I would wait for the band to show up and play some tunes. It was a beautiful, simple life. I learned a lot.

If you're busking, dress down. If you look like you're really broke, people will give you more. My guitar case at the time was one of those heavy molded plywood case. If any of the drunks came up to try to take money out of the case, you have to have a quick foot. Kick the case as hard as you can. I guarantee once they get there hand smashed, they'll never do it again. People buy the simplest artwork. I had one drawing I did that sold more than any other. A simple sky fading from orange to purple, with a silhouette of a tree. It took 20 minutes to make one. The illustrated calligraphy piece that took months was never even considered. Three part harmonies sell. The fish vendors don't like music. You used to be able to get a really nice apartment for \$240 a month. Psilocybin mushrooms grew all over the place out there. They turn blue on the top when you pick them. Pay it forward, help somebody who needs it. If you're in Seattle, go to the original Starbucks. I used to play there.

Just a quick reminder, my second favorite holiday is coming up. 3/14 is *Pieinstein Day!* Celebrate safely!



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Entertainment Calendar

1 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: closed
CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Soultime
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Anchors Up, 6pm Heatstroke
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Sirsy; 8pm Hypersona
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Robby King Band
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Terry White
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm John McDonald; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Switch
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Gran Charismo; 9pm Love Valley
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Rockfish; 1:30am DJ
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Bonnie Harrington
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Dave Myers
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Floridave
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Pirate Band; 6:30pm Panama
SQUIDLIPS Seb: 1pm Matt Simpson; 7:30pm Stella Blue

2 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Stoney & The House Rockers (deck); 7pm Satisfaction (Rolling Stones Tribute)
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Dawn Patrol
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Bruce Katz
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Eddie 9V
LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Radar Red; 7pm Drew Halverson
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Roughouse
SANDBAR CB: 9pm 4pm Blue Prints, 9pm DJ
SLOW & LOW CB: 5:30pm Sydney Taylor
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm John McDonald
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Justin McLeod; 5pm TBA
SQUIDLIPS Seb: 2pm Bumy Torres

3 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Swampfox Jam

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Joshua Keels

4 - TUESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Jeff Bynum (Mardi Gras)
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia
FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia
LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm Trivia
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum

5 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star w/ Joe Calautti
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm David Pastorius & Local 518
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 7pm Dave Thrift
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Will B.
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Frank OG Jam

6 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm Comedy
CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2-6pm Rusty & Laurie Wright
FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback DJ
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Aolani & The Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Latin DJ Oscar P
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke
SLOW & LOW CB: 5:30pm Keano
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm Jam
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Jimmy Mazz

7 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Vince Love & The Soul Cats
CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Andrew Walker; 9pm DJ
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 4pm Andrew Rickman
CROWNE PLAZA: 6pm Anna Delgado Band
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm TruPhonic
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Bruce Katz
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm nothin' Easy
LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Kings County
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Mondo Tikis; 9pm Innuendo
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Andy Harrington
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Mike Steele
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm AK40; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm Tidal Theory
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 7:30pm Absolute Blue

8 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Harbor City Trio
CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Vince Love & The Soulcats
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Matthew Mavericks; 6pm Krystal Clarke Band
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Reckless Shots; 8pm Thru The Void
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Damon Fowler
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Mondo Tikis
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Denise Turner; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Murphy's Law
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Hired Gunz; 9pm Syndicate
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Tim England
SLOW & LOW Viera: 6pm Andy Harrington

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm The Dawn Patrol; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Jeff Bazemore
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Ashley Bureaux; 6:30pm Soultime
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Lee Zalnoski; 7:30pm Soul Shot

9 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Phoenix (deck)
CROWNE PLAZA: 2pm Lights Out Project
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Dwayne Dopsie & Zydeca Hellraisers
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 4:30pm Steve Kirsner & Friends; 7pm Jam w/ Ron Teixeira Trio
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Heatstroke; 7pm Scott Smalls
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Gypsy Jersey Snowbirds
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Midlife Crisis; 9pm DJ
SOCIAL DISTANCE: Big Super Bowl Party
SLOW & LOW CB: 5:30pm Red Fish Rich
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Joshua Keels
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Rick Ferrin; 5pm Last Call
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Sunset Sound

10 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Swampfox Jam
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band

11 - TUESDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia
FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia
LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm Trivia
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum

12 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos

Entertainment Calendar

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm
Day Tripper
HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance
Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 7pm
Queen Kelly B
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm
Super Freak Duo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Terrell
on the Keys
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm
Frank OG Jam

13 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm
Comedy
CADILLAC COVE: 7pm
Trivia
COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm
TBA
FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback
DJ
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm
Sybil Gage
HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance
Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm The
Fog
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke
SLOW & LOW CB: 5:30pm
Wes Hufnagel
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm
DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm Jam
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:
5:30pm Ray Fredell

14 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Omilasa
CADILLAC COVE: 6pm
Corey plays Jimmy Buffett;
9pm DJ
COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 4pm Syndicate Duo
CROWNE PLAZA: 6pm
Aquinas
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm
21 To Burn
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm
Wayne Baker Brooks
HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance
Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Dave
Thrift Band
LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm
Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm 91
Revival
SANDBAR CB: 4pm TBA;

9pm RokSlyde
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm
Andy Harrington
SLOW & LOW Viera:
5:30pm Tim England
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm
Roughouse; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm
Heatstroke
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:
7:30pm Swamp Dawgs

15 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Midnight
Rambles
CADILLAC COVE: 8pm
Switch
COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm
Mondo Tikis; 6pm RAN
Project
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm
Swamp Dawgs; 8pm Black
Sheep
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:
4:30pm Steve Kirsner &
Friends; 7pm Dennie Rider &
The Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance
Lessons; 9pm Country Music
DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm
Rockfish
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Will
Burkhalter; 5:30pm Karaoke w/
Cindy; 9pm Short Circuit
MALABAR MO'S: 5:30pm
Not Just Candi
SANDBAR CB: 20th 4pm
Joules Rio; 9pm Bullet Dodgers
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm
Pompano Pete
SLOW & LOW Viera:
5:30pm Oscar Alvarado
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm
Rysk; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Ashley
Breaux
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Jeff
Parquix; 6:30pm Nothin' Easy
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm
Forte Duo; 7:30pm Dreamer

16 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm
Galaxy (deck)
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm
King Tappa
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm
Chris O'Leary Band
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:

7pm Kat Riggins & The Ron
Teixeira Trio
LOU'S BLUES: 2pm
Highway 1; 7pm T.A. Williams
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm
Moms Night Out
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Radar
Red; 9pm DJ
SLOW & LOW CB: 5:30pm
Tim England
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Drew
Halverson
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm
Johnny Danger; 5pm Allen
Wronko Band
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm
TBA

17 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm
Swampfox Jam
COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty
Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam
Band
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Joshua
Keels
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm
Forte Duo

18 - TUESDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia
FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia
LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm
Trivia
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Teddy V
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm
Jam w/ Russ Kellum

19 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm
Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe
Calautti
COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm
Bywater Call
HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance
Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 7pm Kevin
Beck
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30 Karaoke
w/ Cindy
SANDBAR: 8pm Jake Salter
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm
Frank OG Jam

20 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm
Comedy

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm
Trivia
COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm
Allen Wronko & Bob Llos Duo
FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback
DJ
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm
Gracie Curran & The Hugh
Falutin' Band
HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance
Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Latin
DJ Oscar P
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke
Contest
SLOW & LOW CB: 5:30pm
Natty Bumpo
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm
DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm Jam
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:
5:30pm Gene Callahan

21 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Robby
King Trio
CADILLAC COVE: 6pm
Blue Cabana; 9pm DJ
COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 4pm Andrew Rickman
CROWNE PLAZA: 6:30pm
Pink Spice
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm
Stella's Basement
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:
4:30pm Steve Kirsner &
Friends; 7pm Krystal Clarke &
The Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance
Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Lil
Lin
LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm
Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm
Occasional Astronauts
SANDBAR CB: 4pm
Alexander James; 9pm
Cheetah Coalition
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm
Mike
SLOW & LOW Viera:
5:30pm Joshua Keels
SOCIAL DISTANCE:
8:30pm TBA; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm
John McDonald & The Mango
Men
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:
7:30pm Kome Back Kid

Entertainment Calendar

22 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Don Alexander & The Alley Gators
CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Rios Rock Band
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Key Change Duo; 6pm Skylub
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Short Circuit; 8pm Schovelhed
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Brilly Price
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Jeff Bynum
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Denise Turner; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Mix Tape Kids
SANDBAR CB: Rockstock; 5 Bands all day
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Red Fish Rich
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Tim England
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Radar Red; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Syndicate Duo
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Alexander James; 6:30pm Cherry Down
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Luke Allen; 7:30pm Whiskey Tango

23 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Reggae Juice (deck)
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Enjoy
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Billy Price Big Band
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jam w/ The Ron Teixeira Trio
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm The G-Man
LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Eric Dremmer Band; 7pm Alexander James
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Salt Water Hippy Band; 9pm DJ
SLOW & LOW CB: 5:30pm Buck Barefoot
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Bill Cockrell
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Joshua Keels; 5pm TBA
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Tropic Pulse

24 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Swampfox Jam
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band

25 - TUESDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia
LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm Trivia
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum

26 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Aolani & The Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 7pm T.A. Williams
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Dakota & The Hired Gunz
SANDBAR: 8pm Syndicate Duo
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Frank OG Jam

27 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm Comedy
CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm The Scotts
FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback DJ
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Sybil Gage
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Different Strings
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Andy Harrington
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm Jam
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Lee Zalnoski

28 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Shreddie King
CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Lil Lin Band; 9pm DJ
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 4pm Teddy V
CROWNE PLAZA: 6pm Natty Common Roots
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm Rezen8
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Tony Wynn's TW6
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Jeff Bynum
LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Ruckus
MALABAR MO'S: 6pm Winterhawk DJ
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Terrell on the keys; 9pm Karalyn & Dawn Patrol
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Wilbur
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm TBA
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Love Valley; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm Kelly B Collective
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 7:30pm Nothin's Easy

29 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Which Doctors
CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Mix Tape Kids
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Adam Azar; 6pm Harbor City Trio
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm St. John's Wood; 8pm Crashrocket
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jimmy Vivino
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Loaded Dice
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Will Purdy; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Luna Pearl
MALABAR MO'S: 6pm

Lowell Everly Duo
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Fast Times; 9pm Cheetah Coalition; Pimp & Hoe Ball
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Dave Myers
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Teddy V
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm KDJ Fanatic; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Stay Tuned
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Queen Kelley B; 6:30pm After Glow
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Joshua Keels; 7:30pm Soul Time

30 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Syd Taylor Band (deck)
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Switch
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Eat Crowe (Black Crowes Tribute)
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 4:30pm Steve Kirsner & Friends; 7pm Jam w/ The Ron Teixeira Trio
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm The G-Man
LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Coolers; 7pm Mike Steele
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Eclectic Mess
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Leah Orchid; 9pm DJ
SLOW & LOW CB: 5:30pm Wes Hufnagel
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Campbell & Cross
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Forte Band; 5pm Phoenix
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Deja

31 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Swampfox Jam
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band

All calendar listings are subject to change without notice.

March 14-16
Riverview Park
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River Days 2025

River Days is an annual 3-day celebration held in the historic city of Sebastian, right next to the Indian River. This event features FREE entry, parking, and shuttle service, along with live bands, community booths, food truck, arts & crafters, a car show, and a kids zone. The entertainment is provided by DJ Casskill in the Park, The Ultimate 80s Music Experience, Penny Creek Band, Allen Wronko Band, and Switch. There is a Chili Contest on Saturday, and a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. For a detailed schedule visit www.RiverDaysFL.com



March 2, 2pm at
Earl's Hideaway
March 7, 7pm at
Heidi's Jazz Club

Bruce Katz

Bruce Katz is a legendary keyboardist (Hammond B3 and piano) who has released 12 CDs as a leader and has appeared on over 80 other CDs. He tours Florida to promote his newest release.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mar 1: Tacky Tourist Sip-n-Stroll, Downtown Cocoa Beach

Mar 1: Designer Bag Bingo, Cocoa Elks Lodge, Cocoa, 321-228-8435

Mar 1: Swingtimers Trio – Spring is in the Air, Suntree/Viera Public Library, Melbourne, 321-724-0555

Mar 1 & 2: Spring Fine Art and Craft Fair, Historic Cocoa Village, 321-631-9075

Mar 1 & 2: 58th Annual Grant Seafood Festival, Grant Community Park, Grant-Valkaria, 321-327-8720

Mar 1 - 29: Green Gables Open House, Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village, Melbourne, 321-306-8635

Mar 1 - 29: Saturday Farmers Market at Riverview Park, Downtown Melbourne

Mar 2 & 3: Auditions – The Mousetrap, Surfside Playhouse, Cocoa Beach, 321-783-3127

Mar 2 & 16: Free Ranger Led Tours, Turkey Creek, Palm Bay, 321-952-3400

Mar 4: Speaker Series – Jessica Broyles, Field Manor, Merritt Island, 321-848-0365

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25: Masters Series, Studios of Cocoa Beach, Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3840

Mar 4 – 30: True Love Art Exhibit, Studios of Cocoa Beach, Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3840

Mar 5: Beach Boys Tribute, King Center, 321-242-2219

Mar 5 & 6: TV Tunes Tonight 3, Melbourne Auditorium, Melbourne, 321-724-0555

Mar 7: Friday Fest, City of Cape Canaveral, 321-868-1220

Mar 7: Pavel Haas String Quartet, St. Marks United Methodist Church, Indialantic

Mar 7 – 30: Something Rotten! Henegar Center, Downtown Melbourne, 321-723-8698

Mar 8: The Temptations & Four Tops, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Mar 8: Zookeeper Olympics, Brevard Zoo, 321-254-9453

Mar 8 & 9: Melbourne Strawberry Festival, Castle Park, Melbourne, 386-860-0092

Mar 8, 22, 30: It Takes a Village Historic Cruise, Indian River Queen, Cocoa Village Marina, 321-305-4753

Mar 9: Walt Stacey Quartet, Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island

Mar 9: Kickin' Glass: Painting Glass & Shiny Stuff, Hester Wagner Community House, Melbourne

Mar 9: Lee Ritenour & Spyro Gyra, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Mar 9: Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra Spring Concert, Eau Gallie High School, Melbourne, 321-216-7804

Mar 9: Garden Bug Spring Seminar, Rockledge Gardens, Rockledge, 321-636-7662

Mar 10: Pickleball Mixer, Ted Whitlock Community Center, Palm Bay, 321-952-3400

Mar 11: Howie Mandel, King Center, 321-242-2219

Mar 12 & 19: Printmaking Workshop, Desert Island Press, Cocoa Village, 321-631-9075

Mar 14: March into Spring Dance, Eau Gallie Civic Center, Melbourne, 321-724-0555

Mar 15: Walt Belcher Storytelling, Florida Historical Society, Cocoa, 321-468-7797

Mar 15: Concert in the Park, Fred Poppe Regional Park, Palm Bay, 321-952-3400

Mar 15: Organ Spectacular! King Center, 321-242-2219

Mar 16: Sunday Stroll, Eau Gallie Arts District

Mar 16: Sunday Brunch Cruise, Indian River Queen, Cocoa Village Marina, 321-305-4753

Mar 17: National Park Photograph Painting Group, Studios of Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3840

Mar 19: Afternoon Tea, Field Manor, Merritt Island, 321-848-0365

Mar 19: Joe Bonamassa, King Center, 321-242-2219

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Indiafest is a non-profit, cultural organization known for its charitable efforts to several local charities, including the parent organization, Manav Mandir, and aids in disaster recovery. With support from the community, the organization has raised and donated over \$1.4 million to date. Indiafest has something of interest for everyone, from hands-on activities for the youths, games for the little ones, shopping for the adults, yoga demonstrations, all-day entertainment and, mouth-watering Indian cuisine for everyone to enjoy. The stage will come alive with all day performances by local artistes dancing to traditional folk, classical, and modern Indian music while the fashion show will be the highlight of the day.

www.indiafestbrevard.org

April 12, 7:30pm
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Four80East Jeff Kashiwa Jeff Ryan

Four80East is a Toronto-based electro-jazz duo that's all about the groove. Drawing from their diverse musical influences, Rob DeBoer and Tony Grace have created a signature sound that combines electronic production with live instrumentation.

Since breaking out with their highly successful debut "The Album" in 1997, Four80East has been a mainstay on contemporary jazz radio, with eight studio albums and a double live album to their credit. They have scored several top-ten Billboard hits, including their most recent #1 in 2019 with *Cinco Cinco Seis*. They perform as a six-piece ensemble.

Jeff Kashiwa became known as one of the most compelling young saxophonists in contemporary jazz during his first year with The Rippingtons back in 1989. Kashiwa performed hundreds of shows all over the world and appeared on many of the band's classic recordings.

After his decade long tenure with The Rippingtons, Kashiwa's instincts led him to more dynamic endeavors through his solo career.

Jeff Ryan is one the most essential young voices in contemporary jazz today. From his uniquely relatable emotive tone to his explosive performance and stage presence, it's no question why he is a staple across the country in the jazz festival scene. Jeff has held consistent radio successes with 5 Billboard #1s, the 2020 Billboard Artist of the Year and Song of the Year in 2021 with his track "Sentimental Soul." In 2018, his first year on the scene, he was awarded the JazzTrax Breakout Artist of 2018 and the Smooth Jazz Network Debut Artist of 2018.

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April 13, 8 pm
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Larry McCray is a legendary American Blues vocalist and guitarist. Born in Magnolia, Arkansas. Over the past three decades of nonstop touring and recording, Larry has played and shared the stage with such blues greats as BB King, Buddy Guy, Albert King, John Mayall, Johnny Winter, Robert Cray, Keb Mo, Jimmie Vaughan, Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Joe Bonamassa, as well as rock legends the Allman Brothers, Phil Lesh, Jonny Lang, Joe Walsh, Levon Helm, Chris Robinson, Dickey Betts, and countless others.

Joe Bonamassa says of Larry McCray, "Larry's still a relatively young man, with a lot to say, and the world needs to know who he is. He knows he's a badass, he just needs to be reassured and reassure himself that he can stand up there with the greats."

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LOCAL Lowdown

By Steve Keller

Greetings and salutations everyone. I find myself behind the keyboard bringing you an update of the Brevard music scene. The mohawk is still here, albeit gray and Gandolph looking, from that science fiction movie (I still have never seen it). What I can attest to is that the scene carries on with some great talent and the drive to entertain local audiences.

First up, an update on the *WFIT Keller Radio Jimbo Song Contest*. The window to submit songs closed in early February, but not before over 60 songs were submitted! Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit their songs. Extra special thanks to our judges: Dave ‘Honey’ Miller, Pat Bautz from Three Dog Night and ‘Florida’ Frank’ from Hatebreed. It wasn’t easy, but they were able to pick six songwriters from the lot to become semifinalists. At press time, the semifinalists were to perform their songs live on the air. Three of the six songwriters will move on to the finale, held at a venue in EGAD. One winner will be crowned and have their song recorded in the WFIT studios and put into current song rotation. All of this as we celebrate the life and songs of James ‘Jimbo’ Garris, who died in 2023. Good luck and thank you to all who participated.

Vinegar is the latest project name of Brad Floyd and Ashton Gould along with keyboardist Tommy Lipscomb. Floyd describes their sound as “riff based with atmospheric keyboard and prominent drums.” They plan on recording their weekly house gig in Rockledge with intentions to release

an album composed over a year of live songs. Now Vinegar shouldn’t be confused with Y’all’d’ve, which is Floyd and Gould only. “How this band came about is an absolute mystery,” Floyd remarks. “Ashton and I started practicing in our spare time and ended up creating a plethora of songs ranging in style from heavy metal, progressive and jazz.” Floyd also plays in Fields of Saturn, who are “steadily putting new music out, despite the band having a curse where our bass player vanishes after each album that is finished.” You can check out Brad, as well as his 3 bands online and streaming platforms.

The *Lowdown* checked in with drummer Reilley Griffith. He informed us that sadly his latest project, **Dear Dark**, has broken up. On another note, the band formerly known as **Casket Culture**, has reformed. Now a four piece; Bassist Matt McCready, singer Josh Doyle, Griffith, and guitarist Billy Gibson will now be known as **Cryptid Culture**. Already booking shows, I look forward to hearing them again as they are talented players individually and even better working together. Another band to reunite after a long absence is **Soundproof 151**. If the name doesn’t sound familiar, it’s because they have been away for a while. Some of the members formed Bits N’ Pieces after the breakup. Now in 2025, they are back and ready to pick up where they left off. Although I never saw them perform, I do remember them having a sound that sets them apart from the scene. Look for big things to come from Soundproof 151.

Last but certainly not least, we recognize the coolness that has existed ever since local heroes **David Pastorius** and **Alex Petrosky** started playing with **Pat Travers**. Collectively, they are a trio to be reckoned with. Sometimes it is easy to forget what a legend Travers is, having been in the public eye and adored by musicians everywhere for decades. The shows may happen less

these days, but when they do, they can be magical. So was the case last month as The Pat Travers Band played a show in California. Opening the show, as well playing throughout the night, was guitar God and Travers pal **Nuno Bettencourt**. What transpired was a musician’s dream. Our local boys kept up with the two guitarists note for note. They played ‘Get The Funk Out’ from Bettencourt’s band Extreme (of which Travers sings background vocals on the recorded version). The show and various *YouTube* recorded footage, got worldwide acclaim. Sometimes it is easy to forget how much talent we have in our own backyard.

As many you have guessed (included in the column title), I talk almost exclusively about local bands, native to Brevard County. However, lately there are more and more bands coming to Brevard on a regular basis. One such band is Orlando’s **Vicious Dreams**. Comprised of Amanda on vocals & guitar, James on vocals and bass and Andrew on drums, the trio have brought their catchy hook ladder punk to *Punk In The Park* and more recently *Beach Stomp Fest* here in Melbourne. Check them out online on all streaming platforms and catch them the next time they come to come perform in our county.

And just like that, we are a quarter of the way through the year. A happy birthday to my kids; Connor, Mathew, and Sage this month. As always, go out there a find good music and support the arts. I’ll talk to you on the radio. Find me at Keller5@hotmail.com with questions, comments, concerns and the latest Spring fashion tips. Be good to each other, Brevard.



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By Steve Keller

There have been many great musicians gracing Brevard stages throughout recent memory. Trends come and go, but true craftsmen stand the test of time. Guitarist/songwriter/instructor/promoter John Bridges has done and seen it all. Constantly evolving while trying to give back to his community, he embodies a leader in the local music scene.

Hailing from Nashville, Tennessee, Bridges' first exposure to Brevard county occurred in 1999. By 2009, he was a full-time resident. His first entry into the music scene was with a hard rock/metal band called Grindstone. With a limited audience and venue options, he soon joined the up-and-coming Jacie & The Knick-Knacks. Who ironically recorded their debut *La Rubia* in Nashville, quickly becoming an "It" band.

The band changed names; first to The Knick Knacks, then to Tank Top (the original name founder Chris Walker had before adding singer Jacie Madison). They played throughout the 2010s up until recently. Bridges continued giving guitar and drum lessons out of his home and waited tables in various restaurants around town. He then cofounded Zeddemore, named after Ernie Hudson's character name in the Sci-Fi classic *Ghostbusters*. Zeddemore would record their debut with producers Stu Richardson (Lost Prophets/Thursday) and Anthony Fata (Dull Blades/John In A Strangeland) locally at *Rocky Water Studios*. The band took the hard rock writing of Grindstone and hook sensibilities of Tank Top and combined them into something the local scene rarely sees. Add the musicianship of drummer Alex Petrosky and Bradley Burton, and it has all formula for success. Currently, Petrosky and newly added bassist David Pastorius are playing shows internationally with Pat Travers, which limits the ability for Zeddemore to do anything.

Bridges' music lesson business started to flourish. He soon made the decision to pursue it as a full-time time job, leaving the hospitality business altogether. He continued to write and record and started the tribute act Smashing Pixies. As the name suggests, he combined his love for The Smashing Pumpkins and Pixies, eventually adding other band's hits into setlist. The timing of tribute bands has struck a chord with local audiences, as many of the shows are close to capacity. Bridges takes the lead in Smashing Pixies, versus the support role of guitarist in the other bands. To see him perform, you would think that he is channeling Billy Corgan, or Frank Black. The tribute trend has caught on, as he also currently performs in a Pearl Jam Tribute act, playing throughout the state.

Between his live show schedule and lesson clientele, Bridges is surrounded by music 24/7. He found joy in teaching guitar, drum, and songwriting lessons to students of all ages. "When I first started, I had between 7-10 students weekly. I'd wait tables the rest of the time," says Bridges. "Currently I have 60 students a week, scheduled over 6 days." He not only was able to teach beginners the basics, but also intermediate and advanced players the ins and outs of playing on stage. It is through this love that he has cofounded Mosaic Music. Together with business partner Rachel Gray, Mosaic Music strives to teach music lovers of all ages and backgrounds. The original idea of having a brick and mortar has morphed into more of a network of local teachers. "I started more of an admin role, but have added teaching yoga and drummer classes," says Gray. Gray's clients include special-needs kids; her own son is autistic. The pair, along with their staff, receive positive feedback from the students' parents and from the community for being able to be so inclusive.

With all the ongoings that Bridges has in his life, the elusive 'making it' question may come up. To hear him speak about his current endeavors - he's already made it! From submitting an audition tape recently to fill the touring guitarist slot for The Smashing Pumpkins, to being invited to jam with "The Backyard Boys" (a local group that includes Backstreet Boys member and Brevard resident Howie D.), Bridges is right at home in any musical environment. His involvement in other live band projects has increased tremendously as well. Bridges claims involvement in 13 different bands at press time, including the self-described "Another Nirvana tribute band" No Access and tribute/original quintet Friends Like Us. He has added band coaching to his list of services to his students. He has a knack of participating with different players of many different music styles. And he's a nice guy. "Someone called me the Rock n Roll Winnie The Pooh (*laughs*)," he jokes. "I just want to spread love by playing music."

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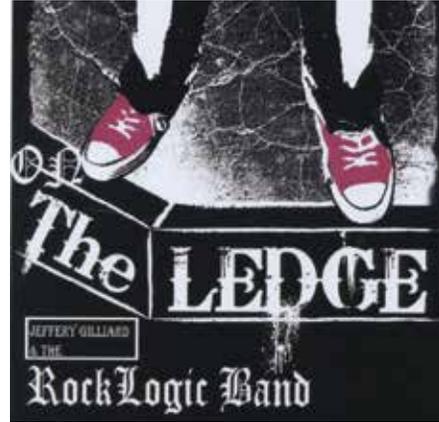
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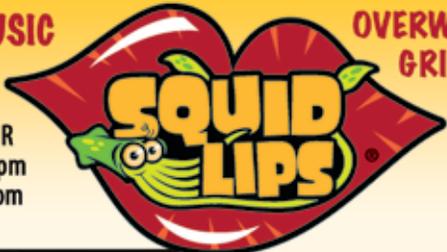
I hope everyone is having a cool Winter! No pun intended! This month I will be reviewing Jeffery Gilliard and The RockLogic Band and their CD "The Ledge".

RockLogic is a classic rock band based out of Rockledge, Florida. They play a wide variety of classic rock and blues favorites that we've all come to enjoy over the years. Bad Company, Tom Petty, Pink Floyd, Clapton, Skynyrd, Deep Purple and a host of others. They mix in a blend of their originals to keep things really interesting.

They started out in 1976 and decided to hit the road logging in thousands of miles across the country. This enabled them to shape and define their sound. Like many long-lasting bands, there is always a changing of players along the way. An evolution that breeds cohesiveness when making music. RockLogic is James Baily (Bass and Vocals), John Crowley (Lead Guitar/Acoustic Guitar), Jeffery Gilliard (Drums/Percussion), Mark Harden (Guitar/Lead Guitar/Vocals), Greg Linnemeyer (Keyboards/Guitar/Lead Guitar/Vocals). Produced by Ledge Studio, Recorded at Zone Productions. The band gives "Special Thanks" to Anthony "Tone" Stevens for input and collaboration.

The CD has 12 powerful songs that are very retro rock and convey quite excellent the classic rock vibe. I hear Southern Rock, British Blues Rock, Hootie and The Blowfish, and a Little Prog. None of the songs run together and are all very distinct in their own right. The lyrics and original writing content are solid as is the musicianship of the players. The only negative I felt was the vocals seemed lost in the mix somewhat. That certainly does not take away from how good this CD is.

I encourage all to check RockLogic out. I will strive to get out and watch their show! You can get in touch with RockLogic at jdgilliardtheledgestudio.com. Find Rock Logic Band on [FaceBook](https://www.facebook.com/rocklogicband) and rocklogicband.com.

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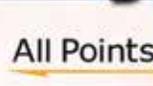
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NATURAL + FRESH + LOCAL

IN COCOA VILLAGE

401 Delannoy Ave
321.877.3456

HAPPY HOUR

Mon-Fri

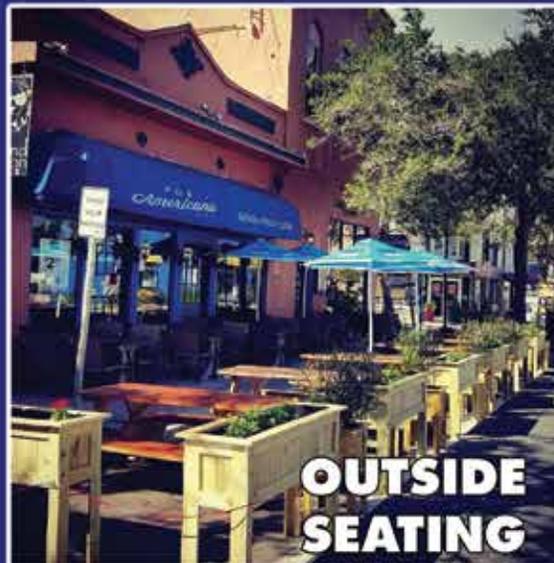
3-6pm & 9pm -close

Sat/Sun 9pm-close

\$3 select drafts

\$5 mixed drinks

\$5 house wines



Not Your Average Pub Food



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WING WEDNESDAYS

\$7 wing orders • \$7 Bud Light pitcher

\$5 Tito's and Jack Daniels

4pm-close



THURSDAY SPECIAL

1/2 price pizza & bottles of wine
5pm-close



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JAZZ & BLUES CLUB

MARCH 2025

NO COVER FRI & SAT

FRIDAYS at 8pm

2 Drink Minimum before 10pm

7th Vince Love & The Soul Cats Blues, Funk Soul

14th Omilasa Latin Jazz

21st Robby King Chicago Blues Trio

31st Schreddie King Blues, Grooves, Rock

SATURDAYS at 8pm

1st Craft Fair - closed

8th Harbor City Trio Blues, Jazz, Rock

15th Midnight Ramblers Rockabilly, Blues, Rock

22nd Don Alexander & The Alleygators New Orleans Sound

29th Which Doctors Rock, Blues, Reggae, Jazz

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Featuring our

FULL MENU

STAND UP COMEDY Showcase

Thurs, 7:30pm
STAND UP COMEDY SHOWCASE
by Eugene Singleton

PIZZA ★ BEST FISH TACO ★ ALL SPORTS ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ KARAOKE



COCOA BEACH

2005-2025

4301 OCEAN
BEACH BLVD
321-799-2577

SPECIALS

SPECIALS MONDAY-FRIDAY START @ 4PM | SUNDAY @ 8PM

MONDAY

1/2 PRICED NACHOS W/
1ST PITCHER
\$3.25 JACK, JIM, JOSE
\$2.50 BUSCH LIGHTS

TUESDAY

1/2 PRICED TACOS &
DOMESTIC DRAFTS

WEDNESDAY

8 WINGS 50% OFF W/
EVERY PITCHER
\$3 FIREBALL
\$3 GOOD BOY SELTZERS

THURSDAY

LARGE PIZZA @ SMALL
PIZZA PRICE
\$4 SKYY VODKA FLAVORS

FRIDAY

\$10 OFF 1LB OF
CRAB LEGS
\$3.50 CORONAS

SUNDAY

\$2 MILLER & COORS
DRAFTS
\$3 TEQUILA & FIREBALL

MARCH 17

Saint
PATRICK'S
DAY
Party

EVERYONE IS IRISH AT THE SANDBAR!

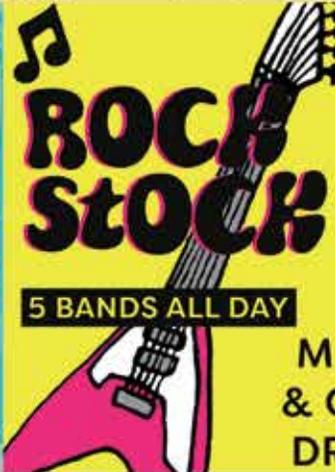
\$25 ALL YOU CAN DRINK
GREEN BEER & IRISH
WHISKEY ALL DAY

WET T-SHIRT
Contest
EVERY TUESDAY

9PM-CLOSE
CASH PRIZE FOR WINNER

1/2 PRICED TACOS &
DOMESTIC DRAFTS
4PM-12AM

MARCH
22ND



5 BANDS ALL DAY

\$2
MILLER
& COORS
DRAFTS

MARCH
20TH

KARAOKE
CONTEST

8PM-MIDNIGHT

WINNER GETS \$200

LARGE PIZZA FOR SMALL PRICE
\$4 SKYY VODKA FLAVORS



MARCH
29TH

PIMP &
HOE BALL

COME CELEBRATE
MARK'S BIRTHDAY WITH US!

\$4 CORONAS
\$5 REVEL STOKES

FAST TIMES
4PM-8PM



CHEETAH COALITION
9PM-1AM

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