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28 - Civic Center, Hartford, CT

Bob Dylan/Elvis Costello

29 - URI, Kingston, RI

Genesis

16 - Civic Center, Hartford, CT

George Clinton

7 - Lupo's, Providence, RI

Gretchen Wilson

14 - Foxwoods, Mashantucket, CT

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8 - Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA

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28 - Lupo's, Providence, RI

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14 - Chan's, Woonsocket, RI

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14 - Strawberry Park, Preston, CT

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28 - Chevrolet Theatre, Wallingford, CT

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27 - Chan's, Woonsocket, RI

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MUSIC NOTES

Back To The Garden, Through My Hair

By Mark T. Gould

Notwithstanding what a great hair stylist he is, it's always enjoyable for me to sit in Robert's chair at the Richard Penna Salon in Hamden. Like many of his co-workers, Robert is interesting and can talk about wide variety of topics, usually, at least when I'm sitting there, running the gamut from golf, the Yankees, politics and other things.

So it was last month that I was sitting in his chair, early on a Saturday morning, chatting up the news of the day, as he did his usual fantastic effort on my hair.

We covered the golf. We covered the Yankees. We covered the politics. Then, as he was sculpting my one tough side of my head, he happened to mention that it was, just a few days before, the 38th anniversary of the Woodstock concert. I thought for a minute, and agreed that, yes, it was the anniversary. Then, Robert, still working on that stubborn side that he fixes so well for me every month or so, said something remarkable, at least to me.

"You know," he said, eyeing me as cutters do, through the mirror in front of me, "that was a wild time, being there."

"Being there?" In the name of Peter Sellers, Chauncey Gardiner, not to mention Wavy Gravy, had I finally met someone who had actually been there, at Woodstock, in August of '69?

I mean, here I am, almost 52 years old, a huge music fan, owner of the Woodstock movie on VHS and DVD, including the director's cut; a very worn out vinyl copy of the original soundtrack album and a newer, yet still well-played copy of the fuller length CD. Heck, I'm even the writer of this monthly column, and I had not, in the totality of the those 38 ensuing years, ever met someone who actually went to the concert, which to my mind, was the zenith of the Sixties generation.

So, as he continued to work on my hair, I said to Robert, "you were there," more like a statement than a question, trying not to make it come out like "YOU WERE FREAKING THERE??!!," which was precisely how my Woodstock-deprived self was feeling.

Robert smiled, said yes, and thus, between cutting and styling my hair, began a bit of a tale, one that did a good job of putting that mythical, mystical experience in perspective for me.

"I drove up with a friend, who had a new, yellow Jaguar XKE. The main road was closed (who could forget Arlo Guthrie saying to the crowd, "The New York State Thruway's closed, man!") so there we were, racing over the back roads at about 100 miles an hour. It's a miracle we got there.

"We had to park about five miles away and walk the rest of the distance. We left his Jaguar XKE at the side of the road. Imagine doing that today.

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"We got there late on Friday afternoon. We had no idea that the fences had come down and it was free show by then. We were going to buy tickets at the gate, but, of course, we didn't need to when we got there. I'm still kicking myself that I don't have a Woodstock ticket to show that I was there.

"By the time we got to the site, the afternoon folk part of the show (Richie Havens, John Sebastian, Melanie, etc) was letting out. Because it was over, the people already there were moving to the back, so we walked right by them, and ended up down in the very front, right down by the stage.

"We stayed right there for three days. The only time either of us moved was when I drew the short straw and went up to get a little food for us on Sunday morning (remember "breakfast in bed for 400,000?").

"Walking up that big hill was very tiring. You had to keep saying 'excuse me, excuse me,' because you were literally walking over a wall of people. And, I had to keep looking back to see where my friend was because, believe me, it was easy to get lost.

"I got two pies and some orange juice. That's all we had to eat all weekend.

"We slept about an hour and half the whole time. I literally just put my head on the shoulder of the person next to me and dozed off.

"The rain and the thunderstorms were something else. They kept us advised from the stage, but, my God, what a mess! Then, Santana came on and everybody forgot, again, about the conditions.

"We were there for the rock, and, man, did it rock. The music. Santana, like I said. Jefferson Airplane at dawn. Janis Joplin. The Who. Just incredible.

"The only bummer was waiting until early Monday morning for Hendrix. He was great, but by that point, it was just a few thousand people left, and a whole lot of garbage piled up on the ground.

"Then we walked out of there and back to the car. It was still there, right where we left it, but someone had let the air out of three of the tires."

My hair styling was finished, and it was as great as Robert always does it. But, I felt I had come out with something more. It was like Joni Mitchell said, "we are star dust, we are golden," and thanks to Robert's wonderful memories, I truly feel like I made my way back to the garden.

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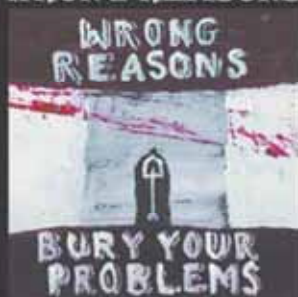
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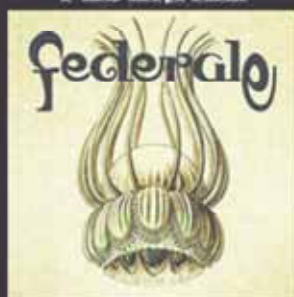
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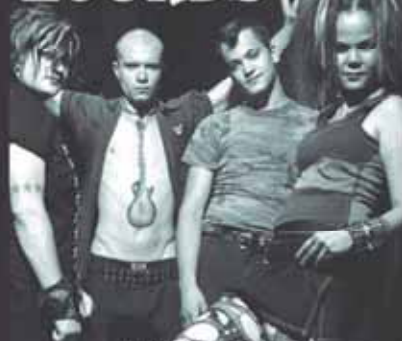
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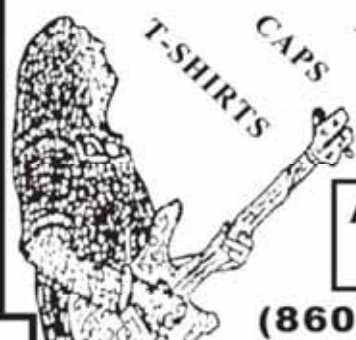
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STEVE VIA

By Bill George

Steve Vai is by no means a new entrant on the Music scene, his career has spanned some 27 years. Fresh out of Berklee in the early 80's, he was featured as Frank Zappa's "Stunt Guitar" player, aptly named to describe the precision, the execution, and the stratospherical proportions of his deep capabilities. He then ventured out as a solo Guitar slinger taking the "guitar shredding genre" to a new level by introducing complex composition, feeling, and tonal expansion of the guitar combined with blistering speed and dexterity. All this, while inventing new horizons for guitar music. Then, as a "hired guitar gun" to provide innovative world class guitar capabilities for the likes of Alcatraz, David Lee Roth, and Whitesnake. It has been during the last 19 years though, that he has squarely landed as a World Class Guitar Shredder, Virtuoso, Composer, Arranger, and Entrepreneur. Releasing more than a dozen solo titles as well as a number of collaborations with other world class musicians including a 2006 world tour as a "special guest" on the Zappa Plays Zappa tour, giving Steve an opportunity to go all the way back to his musical roots and supporting Dweezil Zappa in bringing his father's music forward for the world to hear live again. Steve has also developed the innovative Jem guitar for Ibanez, The Legacy Series of guitar amplifiers for Carvin, and the Bad Horsie guitar effects for Morley.

I had the wonderful opportunity to have a conversation with Steve in early August just as he completed his successful European tour. We discussed the many elements required to make the leap from World Class \ Virtuoso player in obscurity, to one known the world over. We also discussed his new double live CD Sound Theories Vol. I & II and his soon to be released DVD Sight & Sound Theories that showcase his deep compositional and arranging capabilities that match his playing. We also discussed his US tour that kicks-off September 7th in Las Vegas, NV with local appearances in Hartford, CT at the Webster Theatre on October 3rd; Boston, MA at Berklee Performance Center on October 4th; and Providence, RI at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel October 5th.

Sound Theories Vol I & II released in June by Epic, is a

double-live CD featuring Steve Vai's collaboration with the Netherlands Metropole Orchestra. The two-disc set features rare exceptional material pulled from five European performances, a studio session and a sound check rehearsal recording. These all took place in mid-2004 and 2005. This two CD set will be supported by a world tour and a soon to be released DVD Sight and Sound Theories which features the 5th European performance. The DVD is set for release in September.

BG: Composition has always been very important to you, why release Sound Theories Volume I & II now?

SV: "I am primarily a rock musician that plays the guitar, that's what I am known for, through the years I have played rock and spent a lot of time playing pop rock, which is not what my music is. My music is unique to rock music. My music is very guitar focused. I have always had a real attraction to orchestral music. Even contemporary well accepted composers have a very difficult time getting their music played. So composing and stacking scores in the back room for years has been a hobby of sorts and I had to wait until I had an opportunity to put it out there. I finally had the opportunity to work with Co de Kloet who was working on NPS radio (Dutch Public Radio & Television) in Europe and he would put these shows on the radio and solicit funds to bring them to reality. The Metropole Orchestra is an orchestra out of Holland and is one of those little satellite orchestras that are filled with, you know, folks who are interested in doing these new things. He (Co) paired me with the Metropole. It was basically Co's invitation that made this whole thing happen."

BG: Will you be performing anymore orchestral music in 07, 08, or even 09 as you look out to the future?

SV: "In 07, no." "Orchestral performance is cost prohibitive and the timing takes a minimum of a year in advance for planning. Orchestral music requires booking a year in advance for schedules, booking and fees. raising funds. I have already been approached by several orchestras around the world to participate with them. But if I am going to do more orchestra work I want to write more and do different stuff, yea, absolutely I am looking forward to doing much more of this kind of thing." "They say a composer's best years are between the ages of 50 and 70, by that time the old fingers may be slowing down some where I may want to focus more on that. I am still primarily motivated by the guitar and trying to find truth with that thing."

BG: When you compose guitar music, do hear how it is going to sound when you are writing or is that what happens when you actually play it? Especially your use of the tremolo (whammy bar) it creates a violin like sound at times and other sounds that are not of this earth?

SV: "It happens in different ways, the first thing you have to do is plant mental seeds, you know you have to imagine it. I tell myself, don't do anything I have heard before and if you do, you must evolve it to something unique to you. You have to think it is possible, so you have to imagine it, believe it, and be capable of doing it, and why not, there is no law in the universe that says if it is capable of being manifested why can't I do it or anyone else, the difference

is, I am telling myself that I am capable and then after that, it is just allowing these things to flow through you, sometimes it is just sitting and playing the instrument until something weird comes out, maybe it is a mistake that I keep developing into an idea. A lot of times, I just sit and imagine, I visualize myself playing things that are unorthodox, maybe impossible and unique. Why would I visualize myself doing something that someone else does? And then what happens is that they just start to become your reality and maybe not exactly as you envisioned them, but pretty close and it is up to you to cultivate those ideas and sort of incorporate them into your fingers and your music. But most importantly, the caveat I impose on myself is that whatever it is that I do, has to sound like music, whether it is noise or a dynamic idea all of these mental parameters you put up become your reality."

BG: Do you think about what is going to be heard on the other end of what you create in terms of your company, the fans, concert promoters?

SV: "Well, everyone hears things differently you know, there are as many perceptions as there are ears out there. Primarily, I just see myself as a guy that has particular talents and it is my responsibility to cultivate them so that a certain group of people will find some stimulation. You know, I am an artist, and that's what artists do. I don't have any preconceived notions to change the world or anything. I am just doing my best, to be the best entertainer I can be. So however it comes out, usually if I am having fun doing it and I get a kick out of it, or if it is something that is deeply moving to me, passionate, that group of people that I resonate with, usually find it to be stimulating to them. So, if I make a sound that I think is funny, the group I resonate with will as well. If I create something that is stimulating others, those who find what I do stimulating, the people that I am communicating with will feel a certain way. You have to find your audience. That is the beautiful thing about music, there are many different types, just as there are listeners."

BG: Have you seen your audience come with you through each era of your music?

SV: "Many of my fans have migrated, many have fallen off, many are young and new, it is really a pretty vast sampling. In the early days I was playing all that pop music \ pop rock, there was an audience that liked that stuff, they liked the songs, they represented a small portion of my audience as they like the songs, I was not a pop star so to speak. Then there are the people who love the shredding violent virtuoso guitar playing, this is primarily my audience. Through the years it is very difficult to maintain a career when you play the kind of music that I play because I don't have the outlets like the big artists who have radio. You will never hear my music on the radio, television, VH1, MTV or whatever it is. Large magazines like Rolling Stone are not going to happen. It is really word of mouth and concert performance. The past 27 years that I have been touring, my audience has ebbed and flowed, I don't just get up there and shred guitar, the body of my work is compositional, some shredding, some intense stuff, there is some accessible stuff, and some challenging



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stuff to listen to. As a result, my audience has ebbed and flowed. As my work encompasses all of the aforementioned, those who just shred may have dropped off, and... ultimately what happens, if you can withstand the torrents of challenges, the core element of what you do is embraced by a particular group of people who find it particularly stimulating, those people know...5% out of a 100% like what I do, I might have 3% of them, I have to keep building and fortunately, I mean tremendously fortunate for me through the years without all of those potential marketing avenues, I have still been able to slowly grow my audience because what we offer is a little different than what you can get any place else."

BG: How does a world class guitar player go from obscurity to notoriety?

SV: "Being a world class player takes one brain muscle, and to market what you do, it takes another brain muscle. In order to cultivate an audience, it's a whole different approach, I went to school with guys who can play me under the table, guys on street corners around the world can play me under the table, there are certain elements I had in place that made what I do, made me more accessible. Maybe the way I look, my intensity, my history, Frank (Zappa), big bands, innovative things that I have done with the instrument...The Ibanez Jem is a totally innovative instrument and the approach I have taken to playing the instrument. The reason Edward Van Halen is so much more popular than me, is because his application of his innovation was in a much broader field. So that guy in the supper club (I mentioned to Steve, that it is difficult to understand why world class players have to struggle so much) may be a fascinating player, and he may be a world class player, he may be the best in the entire world, but it doesn't necessarily make him a great musician & entertainer. It doesn't necessarily make you an accessible personality. That is what people are stimulated by. I used to go to a local supper club over here, I think it was Spago's and I used to see Ted Greene and Jay Graydon and see these guys playing, they are playing and they are phenomenal, they are ridiculous, they are just ridiculous players...the input jack on my guitar closes up when I get near them. I hear them play and they can't even sell out a supper club, yet they are world class players. Guitar playing is only really fascinating to a very small group of people and it requires more than just guitar capability to cross over."

BG: The business side of what you do must be immense with your music, touring, product innovation and brands?

SV: "The business side of the music industry is bedazzling to a lot of artists, to me it has always been very natural. I understand it implicitly, I get it, and I protect my intellectual property because it is very valuable and I don't let anybody take advantage of me. I don't, to the best of my ability. I have tried to not let anyone take advantage of me. The business is easy. It is like music...It is like writing music, there are many artists, guitar players that say they don't know music, it is this daunting field

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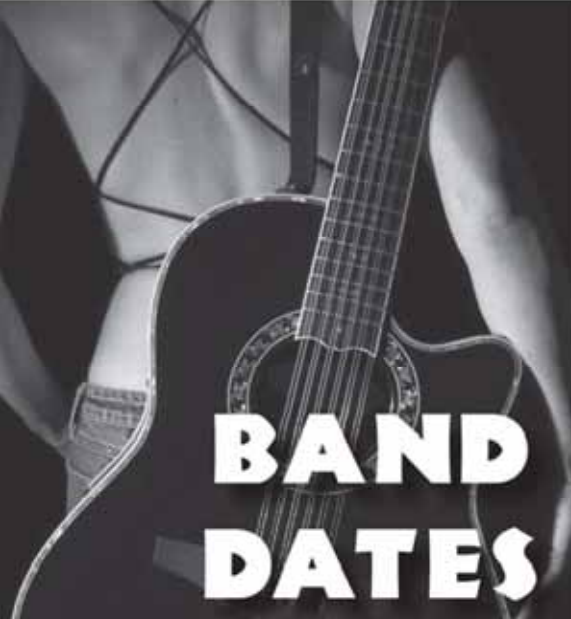


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7 - C. C.'s, Southington, CT
8 - Town Green, Plantsville, CT 1-2
8 - Café Atlantique, Milford, CT
10 - Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, MA
13 - Old Mill Pub, Skowhegan, ME
15 - York Harbor Inn, York Harbor, ME
16 - Powow River, Amesbury, MA 11:30-2:30
20 - Perks & Corks, Westerly, RI
21 - The Big E, W. Springfield, MA 6-8
22 - Olde Mistick Village, Mystic, CT 2-4
22 - G. W. Tavern, Washington Depot, CT
23 - Delta Grill, New York, NY 11am-2:30pm
27 - River House Tavern, Westport, CT
28 - Apple Fest, Southington, CT 7-8:15
29 - Penny Lane, Old Saybrook, CT 7:30
30 - Town Green, Stafford Springs, CT 7:30

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6 - AARP Convention, Boston, MA
8 - Fair, North Haven, CT 6 pm
14 - Geraldines, W. Springfield, MA
15 - Grandstand's, Northampton, MA
22 - Stash's Cafe, New London, CT
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21 - Burke's Tavern, Niantic, CT
28 - JT's Cafe, Stafford, CT

EIGHT TO THE BAR

7 - German Club, Pawtucket, RI 8:30
8 - Beach Club, Madison, CT
9 - "A Taste of Mystic", Mystic, CT 1:30
14 - Ultimate Billiards, Berlin, CT
15 - Connolly's, NYC, NY
21 - Bulkeley House, New London, CT
23 - Wauregan Ballroom, Norwich, CT 7
27 - Foxwoods, Mashantucket, CT 9-10
30 - RR station, Wallingford, CT noon-2

FACE FIRST

7 - Bank St. Cafe, New London, CT
20 - Webster Theater, Hartford, CT
29 - Backstage, Groton, CT

FAT BETTY

15 - Brown Derby, Montville, CT
28 - Fat Cats, Westchester, CT

FRANK & JERRY

7 - Steak Loft, Mystic, CT
10,17,24 - Daniel's, Norwich, CT
14 - Jen's Jetty, Westbrook, CT
21 - Trios, Occum, CT
22 - Aqua, New London, CT
27 - Senor Flacos, Westerly, RI
28 - Knucklehead's, Moodus, CT
29 - Billy Wilson's, Norwich, CT

THE GOAT ROPERS

8 - Enterprise, Brockton, MA 12:30-5:30
14 - VFW, Taunton, MA 8:30
15 - Elks, Warwick, RI 8pm
22 - Fitzgerald's, Webster, MA 8:30
23 - VFW, Uxbridge, MA 2-6
28,29 - Madeira Café, New Bedford, MA

GOPHERBROKE

6,20 - Riverwalk, Mystic, CT 8-11
7 - School St. Bistro, Westfield, MA 7-11
8,29 - Hub Bar, Canton, CT
9 - Town Gazebo, Hope, RI 2:30-4
15 - Angelico's, E. Hampton, CT
21 - Bidwell Tavern, Coventry, CT
28 - Whip City, Westfield, MA 5:30-8:30

GREEN TEA

7 - Shamrocks, Wakefield, RI
15 - Sandy's, Misquamicut, RI
28 - Wood River, Hope Valley, RI

JAMES HARRIS

4,18 - Harp & Hound, Mystic, CT

5,8,12,19,22,26 - Daniel Packer, Mystic, CT
14,28 - Riverwalk, Mystic, CT
13,27 - Skipper's Dock, Stonington, CT 6

KEVIN CRANDALL BAND

8 - Taste of Mystic, Mystic, CT 1:30-4:30
13,27 - Lighthouse, New London, CT
29 - C.C.O'Brien's, Pawcatuck, CT
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6,8,20 - Ivoryton Tavern, Ivoryton, CT
7 - Sobieski Club, Deep River, CT
8 - Italian Fest, West Haven, CT 4:40pm
14 - Old Corner Cafe, Naugatuck, CT
15,22 - Cugino's, Cheshire, CT 8:30pm
16,30 - Driftwood, Clinton, CT 8pm
21 - Ivory Restaurant, Deep River, CT
28 - JRoo's, North Haven, CT
29 - June's Outback, Killingworth, CT

MISSGUYDID

8 - Christopher's, Groton, CT

MORTAL MADNESS

5 - Larry's, Danbury, CT
8 - Brickhouse, E. Haven, CT
13 - New Wave, New Bedford, MA
14 - Jimmys, Stamford, CT
15 - Hard Hat, N. Haven, CT 7pm
20 - Webster Theater, Hartford, CT
21 - Cooks, Naugatuck, CT
22 - Festival, N. Haven, CT 2pm

PHANTOMS

7 - Lighthouse Inn, New London, CT
15 - RBar, Norwich, CT
28 - Dano's, Groton, CT

PUSHBOxx

8 - Deja Vu, Plainville, CT
14,15 - Mr Goodbars, Old Orchard Beach, ME
21 - Block Party, Hartford, CT 8-10pm
23 - Bikefest, Tyrone Farm, Pomfret, CT
28 - Gilo's Cafe, Hartford, CT

SPECIAL 20

16 - Demarinas, Groton, CT 2-6pm
27,28 - Atrium, Mashantucket CT

TONECATS

22 - C.C. O'Briens, Pawcatuck, CT

TRIPLE PLAY

15 - Voodoo Daddy's, Gales Ferry, CT
22 - Harp & Dragon, Norwich, CT
28 - Voodoo Grill, Mystic, CT

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 13 - Bidwell Tavern, Coventry, CT
 14 - Main St. Tavern, Old Saybrook, CT
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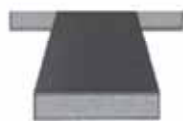
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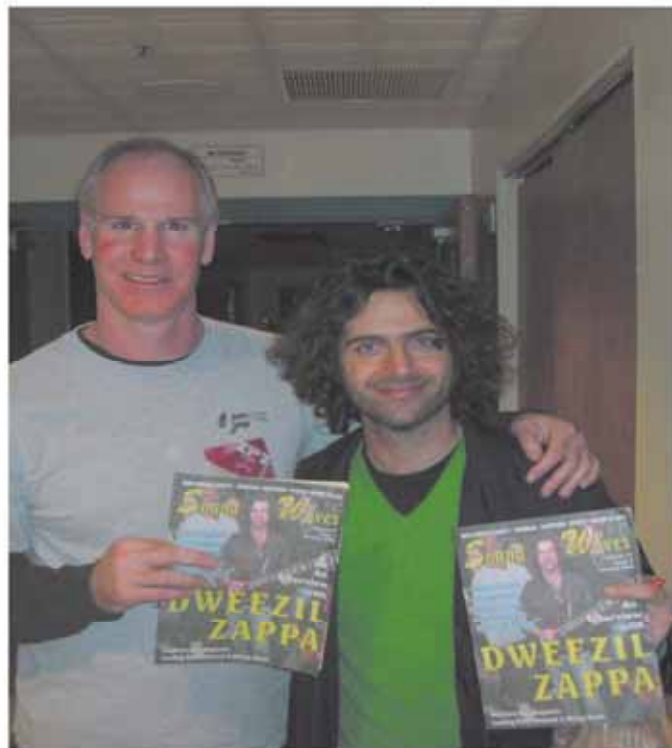
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that they feel is impossible to embrace, it is just black dots on a piece of paper with a couple of little things and some practical theory applications. It's really very simple. They don't give their brains the opportunity to embrace it. They take the same approach to business....I am the artist, I don't care about the business....GUESS WHAT, YOU SHOULD! the difference between....I should say, a musician is fascinated with the little black dots, and fascinated with the performance, and the artistic value. Business people, are fascinated by the numbers, and nary do the two twains meet. Whenever I saw a deal that didn't make sense, I would just say it, NO!"

BG: Do you have any other projects in addition to your current tour with the "String Theories Band" like anymore ZPZ dates?

SV: Yes, in addition to my solo tour I am scheduled to do Zappa Plays Zappa in Australia in November and Japan in January. I am really looking forward to playing with those guys, I had so much fun with them last year.

If you have never heard of, or seen Steve Vai, don't miss this opportunity to see him up close and personal at any of his New England appearances, you will be glad you did. See Steve's web site at WWW.VAI.COM for all his latest info and tour information and fan blogs.



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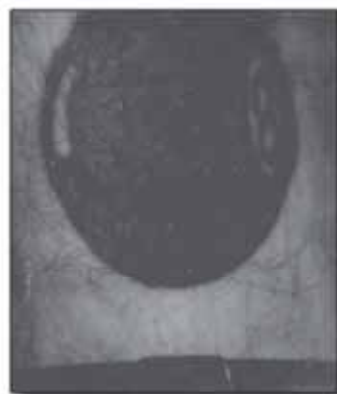
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CRAIG BICKHARDT

"No Road Back"

Stone Barn Records

I've said this before, and, with the release of this career-spanning retrospective of rarities and previously released tracks, I'll say it again:

If there's any justice in the musical world, Craig Bickhardt, with his soulful, moving voice and dynamic songs, will be one of the new standard bearers for Nashville-based music.

Yet, ironically and tragically, Nashville's inability and inflexibility in embracing and developing a talent like Bickhardt has caused him, among other reasons, to leave the city, and the industry, behind. And, judging from these splendid recordings, it's an absolute shame and disgrace that he isn't at the very top of the Nashville musical totem pole. Thankfully, Bickhardt's fans will have these songs as a towering moment of this phase of his career.

What's so remarkable about Bickhardt's work isn't simply the absolutely stunning quality of songs, all of which are uniformly strong, interesting and thought provoking. What really makes his work click is the emotional depth in his voice and his presentation. He puts a lump in a listener's throat and a thought in a listener's head, frequently at the same time.

That's not just unique talent, that's greatness.

The breadth and depth of these songs, and, most importantly, evidence of Bickhardt's unsung, yet important, presence in the Nashville musical community, is paramount throughout this remarkable collection.

Among its 12 stand out tracks, "No Road Back" contains five unreleased performances, two of which are wonderful duets co-written and performed with another underrated talent, California singer-songwriter Wendy Waldman, recorded back in 1983. One of them, "That's How You Know When Love's Right" ultimately became a hit for Nicolette Larson and Steve Wariner, the latter of whom also recorded the second one, "In Love and Out of Danger." Another track, "You Are What Love Means to Me" was used in the Robert Duval film "Tender Mercies," while "Untasted Honey" was produced by Garth Brooks

longtime producer Allen Reynolds and previously recorded by Kathy Mattea. The disc is rounded out by two cuts from Bickhardt's last solo release, "Easy Fires," two from his recent release "Idlewheel," cut with the equally talented Jack Sundrud from Poco, and two from a long out of print release entitled "No Easy Horses."

"No Road Back" is proof positive of the incredible songwriting and performing abilities of Bickhardt. Find it. Buy it. Don't dare miss it.

Information on the CD is available from www.craigbickhardt.com.

***** - Mark T. Gould

DAVID BROMBERG

"Try Me One More Time"

Appleseed Recordings

It's hard to believe, but David Bromberg's iconic taste, style and masterful musicianship has been missing from the recording world for 17 years. Thankfully, with the release of "One More Time," this criminally underrated genius is back in the fold, big time.

"One More Time" may be the most relaxed, yet engaged and enjoyable, recording in Bromberg's long, illustrious career. It's just his acoustic guitar and his voice, spanning a tasty smorgasbord of the folk, bluegrass, blues and folk music that has made his work so wonderful over the years.

Bromberg virtually jumped off the popular music merry-go-round over 25 years ago, after years of under the radar, yet highly acclaimed, session work with the likes of Bob Dylan, Kris Kristofferson, John Prine and many others, as well as tours and recordings with his own band. After several years spent studying violin making, serving as an artist-in-residence and finally operating a violin retail shop, Bromberg has, in the past few years, steadily increased his live appearances and, with "One More Time," serves more than ample notice that his sophisticated sound, educated ear and precise playing remain intact.

Coupled around the originally-penned title track, Bromberg covers a wide variety of tunes here, including Robert Johnson's "Kind Hearted Woman," Tommy Johnson's "Big Road," Dylan's "It Take

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a Lot to Laugh, It Takes a Train to Cry," Reverend Gary Davis' "I Belong to The Band," and "Trying to Get Home," Blind Willie McTell's "Love Changing Blues," and a handful of traditional songs like "Moonshiner," "Buck Dancer's Choice," and "When First Onto This Country." Bromberg's self-penned liner notes give a great history lesson of the songs, as well as his wry reasons for recording them.

Give this classic a good listen and you'll come back to it much more than "one more time."

**** 1/2 - Mark T. Gould

PONCHO SANCHEZ

"Raise Your Hand"

Concord Music Group

Grammy Winner Poncho Sanchez calls on a talented cast of special guests on his latest Latin jazz CD "Raise Your Hand". Sanchez is a skilled percussionist with a ton of musical experience, and the addition of seasoned musicians the likes of Eddie Floyd (lending a hand on two tracks including his classic "Knock On Wood", Booker T. Jones on the Hammond B-3, Steve Cropper (guitar), and Maceo Parker (alto sax), in addition to Sanchez's talented bandmates, insures precision music with plenty of soul.

Sanchez's rhythm and blues background is evident three classic cover selections: "Shotgun", "Knock on Wood", and the title track. Delivered with plenty of Latin rhythms and salsa swing, the result is a strong one. This expansion into the soul market will surely increase Sanchez's listening audience, while the majority of the tracks stay true to the Latin rhythms and up-tempo horn arrangements Sanchez is best known for. The combination works.

"Raise Your Hand" incorporates Latin rhythms and mixes in a soulful influence that stays true to its roots yet offers a fresh dosage of salsa. Pablo Sanchez and friends play it as well as anybody.

**** - Don Sikorski



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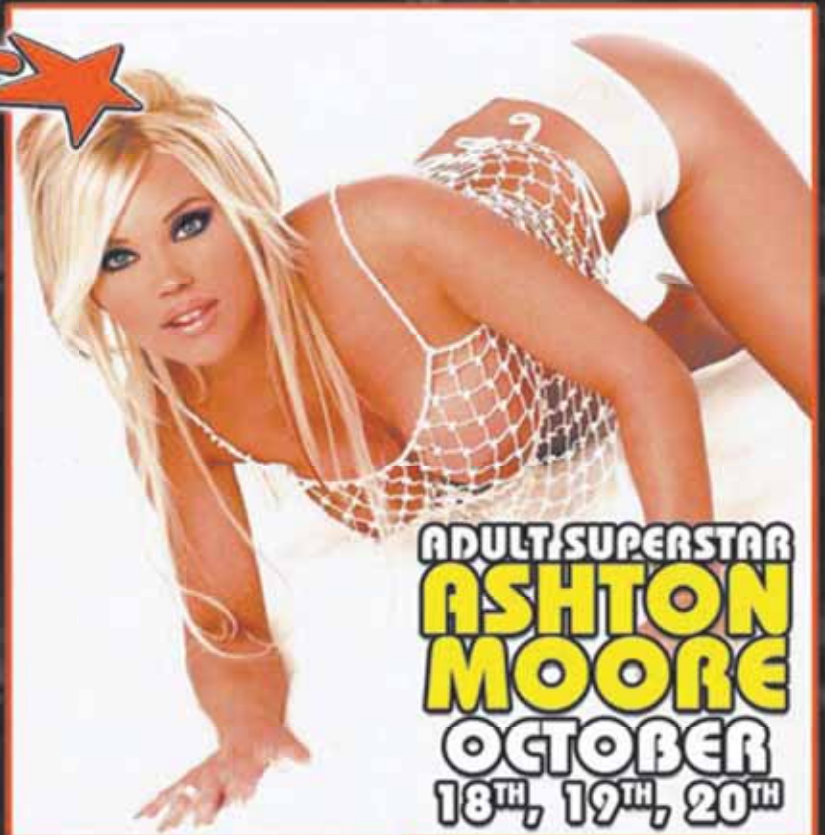
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Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9-7
Thurs. 9-8 Saturday 9-3

CoCo's Salon Uses & Offers
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EVERY SUNDAY

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8-10:00

**EVERY SUNDAY
MUSICIAN'S
SHOWCASE**

4-7

Starting Sept. 9th

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
OLD TIME
COUNTRY BAND**

7pm

Fri. 7th - DOUBLE FISTED

Happy Hour SLEEPLESS ANGELS

Sat. 8th - **SHIVER**

Fri. 14th - **SUGAR**

Happy Hour EXIT 72

Sat. 15th - **DIAMOND BACK**

Fri. 21st - **1800 BAND**

Happy Hour SLEEPLESS ANGELS

Sat. 22nd - **NEVER ENUFF**

Welcome Home Alex

Fri. 28th - **HARD KNOXX**

Happy Hour EXIT 72

Sat. 29th - **FLOWERS & KAINÉ**



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**ARM WRESTLING
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Double Elimination

\$5 entry fee
weigh in at 1pm

Starting Oct. 6th

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Scott **Gordley** Trio
Sat Sept 8th 9pm

Vertigo

SAT 9/15/07 9PM

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MONDAY
NIGHT
FOOTBALL

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MILITARY -

SERVICE INDUSTRY NIGHT
FREE HALFTIME BUFFET

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FOOTBALL

TUESDAY
PITCHER & PIZZA \$10

WEDNESDAY
COLLEGE NIGHT

\$2 PINTS - \$6 PITCHERS

THURSDAY

SALSA - MERENGUE

\$2.50 CORONA

FRI & SAT

LIVE DJS - TOP 40 & DANCE

\$2 BUD LIGHT DRAFTS

\$3 DRINKS

SUNDAY

REGGAETON \$2.50



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