

## News

### REMINDER

This is your last newsletter until August.  
Keep checking  
[www.turnagainarts.com](http://www.turnagainarts.com) for updates.

### SUMMER STUDY GRANTS AWARDED

Turnagain Community Arts Alliance is pleased to announce that summer study grants have been awarded to 6 individuals. Partially funded by the East Anchorage Rotary Club, TCAA sponsors these study grants in an effort to meet individual and community needs. Grant recipients are awarded up to \$250 in tuition towards study in arts and music. The 2005 grant recipients are Kala Lyman, Charles Steele, Leo Ash, Koncella Fortune, Annika Fortune & Liam Fortune. TCAA congratulates the recipients and looks forward to further supporting the arts community in Anchorage.

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### CALLIOPE DESIGNS TO COMPETE ON THE FOOD NETWORK

TCAA member Lora Mahaffey of Calliope Designs and her partner Jeryll Luper of Creative Cakes by Jeryll have been invited to compete in a nationally televised decorating competition sponsored by The Food Network. WE wish them the best of luck in the July Competition.



### FIRST FRIDAY AT KILLER DESIGNS

Michael Faubion performs live at Killer Designs Friday, June 3.

Killer Designs, in downtown Anchorage at 434 K Street and 5th Avenue, features the glasswork of Tamara Johannes. [www.killerdesigns.com](http://www.killerdesigns.com). Don't Miss First Friday all summer at Killer Designs with LIVE MUSIC!

### JULY 2005: OUT OF THE BLUE!

Glass Artist, Tam Johannes & Metal Artist, Cindy Shake exhibit at the Alaska Sea Life Center. The exhibit will run through the month of July in the new Sea Life Gallery! Please join us in beautiful Seward, Alaska over the Fourth of July holiday for the opening!



Fused Bottle stoppers available at Killer Designs

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## News

### MYOKOIN TEMPLE

**Myokoin Temple of the White Lotus Center for Shin Buddhism**, which has relocated to Suite G-2 of the Turnagain Arts Building. Services every Sunday 11am, Open to the Public, Visitors Welcome. Summer

Wednesday Service Added! This summer an additional weekday service will be held on Wednesday Evening from 7:30-8:30pm. Service consists of extended period of meditation/quiet sitting followed by meditative chanting.

1st and third Sundays from 10-10:45am Dharma School for Children, Open to the Public, all ages, modeling compassion and wisdom for our community's children. June 18 6:30pm.

#### Fill Your Buddha Belly Part II

Mexican Fiesta! Tickets are \$15. Kids 12 years old and under eat free. For the latest events and activities of Myokoin Temple visit: [www.akshin.net](http://www.akshin.net)

### MANDOLIN, MT DULCIMER, AUTOHARP OR FOLK GUITAR GROUP

Mandolin or Mt Dulcimer, Autoharp or Folk Guitar groups are forming - for women, walks, music lesson, tea = 2 hours of fun. Mornings or afternoons ... 8 summer sessions, to suit your schedule: \$160 contact [maryla@alaska.com](mailto:maryla@alaska.com) or 258-7002.

### MEMBER PROFILE

**Jodie Stover**, clarinetist turned writer and bicyclist, joined TCAA and the TCAA board in 2001 while she was teaching music in the Turnagain Arts Building. She holds a Bachelors degree in Clarinet Performance from the University of Oregon and a Masters in Public Administration, Management from UAA. She has performed with the Oregon Opera Ensemble, the Anchorage Symphony and the Anchorage Festival of Music Festival Orchestra.

In 2003 and 2004 she rode her bicycle 13,000 miles from Colorado to the Southern tip of Argentina. She is currently working to publish a set of articles and a book about the trip. Her articles have been published in Arequipa Today, the in-flight magazine of the Peruvian national airline, LANPeru. She also recently started working as the Development Manager at Out North in Anchorage.



## Member Performance Dates

**JOE & JOEL** will be at Los Arcos Sat June 4 & 18 from 6-9pm playing your Latino favorites and you can catch them as the main band at The Eagle River Bear Paw Festival July 16 from 7:30 - 10pm playing Swing Music.

**"Worth Many Cattle"** (Shannon Darling, Bonnie Nichols, Vickie Tinker and Sue Biggs folk band ) Will be performing at the KDLL Summer Soltice Music Fest June 18th in Soldotna/Kenai.

## Tips

### TELL YOUR STORY

Grab 'em with your bio! One of the first things a perspective employer sees is your biography. Give viewers (music promoters, A&R reps, bookers, etc.) something to drag them into your music -- something that captures their attention. Use your bio to relay more of a human interest story instead of a basic narrative of chronological events in your life. Some alternatives to merely writing, "I was born and joined a band," include: - a tale from the road which altered the way you play your music - trials and tribulations that led to your album title - whatever happened to your "lost tapes" - drummer is obsessed with collecting movie posters - hip hop group that listens to bluegrass music before every show - guy in the audience always requests the same song - recent accolades or high profile booked gigs Tons of artists are trying to get noticed. You'll find that the things that make your story unique are the things that are most interesting to promoters (and probably to your fans, too).

## Training

### ARCTIC SIREN SUMMER VOICE CAMPS NOW TAKING REGISTRATION

Registration for summer voice camps produced by Arctic Siren Productions is in full swing. These camps fill up early every year, but this year Arctic Siren is poised to offer additional afternoon sessions to accommodate young singers, ages 7 to 14.

Students will learn the basics of creating strong, healthy sound with a combination of classical breathing, vocal exercises and popular songs. Classes will cover proper breathing, elocution, vocabulary, harmony, and solo & ensemble singing. Class sizes are small and teacher/ child ratio is purposely kept low. Course curriculum includes theory and parts singing in a fast paced and fun structured learning method.

Class size is limited. All classes take place at the Turnagain Arts Building, 4105 Turnagain Blvd., Suites L and K. Voice Camps cost \$150 per session and includes all materials. All sessions run one week in length.

#### Dates:

Ages 7 - 10 July 18 - July 22 10 am - 1 pm

Ages 11 - 14 July 25 - July 29 10 am - 1 pm

Ages 7 - 10 August 1 - 5 10 am - 1 pm

Ages 11 - 15 August 8 - 11 10 am - 1 pm

8-week voice classes run continually. Cost is \$125. per student and includes all materials. Call for more information on the next start date. For more information contact Peggy Monaghan at 245-7311.

## Article of the Month

### WELCOME TO JUST PLAIN NOTES!

*Just Plain Notes: Volume 1.132* **August 6, 2003**

**Written by Brian Austin Whitney**

**Visit the Website: [www.jpfolks.com](http://www.jpfolks.com)**

**Mail CDs to 1315 N. Butler Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46219**

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Just Plain Quotes:

*"One of the great dreams of man must be to find some place between the extremes of nature and civilization where it is possible to live without regret."* -Barry Lopez

*"Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion."* -Martha Graham

*"Do not hire a man who does your work for money, but him who does it for the love of it."* -Henry David Thoreau

*"A success is someone who does what they love and does it very well, no matter what it is."* -Brian Austin Whitney

**My Take:** Now and then when one of the giant lotteries in the US gets above 200 million dollars I buy a couple tickets for the fun of it. Obviously it would be great to win and would change life for me and everyone who's ever been nice to me a great deal, but another benefit to buying a ticket is the enjoyment of dreaming what you'd do with it for a couple days before the drawing is made (and you see the less deserving person than you holding up the giant check...hahaha). Of course we all think we'd do the best job of dispensing that 200 million dollars. It's a fun bit of fancy.

So the last few times I've enjoyed this little diversion something a bit deeper occurred to me. I've been testing this revelation and realized something very important. When you ask someone what is the first thing they would do after winning the lottery (aside from taking care of family and friends and paying debt), the answer you get can tell you a lot about the life of the person answering. I thought it would be interesting to ask our members, so I did. Here's a link to some of their responses.

<http://www.justplainfolks.org/ubb/Forum2/HTML/002097.html>

What I learned was very interesting. I also called several successful people in the music industry and got their answers as well. Finally, I called several friends who didn't work in the music industry at all and got their answers. There were 5 very common points that came up and when I looked at them on a piece of paper, I realized that all of them could come true on a certain level even without the 200 million dollars. There was also 1 less common but very scary response that came up which I want to address. So, lets take a look at the 5 most common responses to what folks would do if they won 200 million dollars in the lottery (after taking care of family, friends and bills). I am going to show everyone how they can live like someone who won the lottery, without actually winning it. (You'll see a common theme develop pretty quickly). *continued*

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### **What would you do if you won the 200 Million Dollar lottery?**

#### **Scariest Response: Quit my job with a vengeance**

I actually expected this to come up even more often than it did. But it's clear that most artists/writers want to keep doing what they are doing. But many of the non-full time artists/writers we surveyed were adamant about how they would quickly and with extreme prejudice quit their day job which they loathed. I feel bad for people who feel this way. Because I was in your shoes for a LONG time. Without going off on an entirely new article, I will just say that life is far too short to hate what you are doing everyday. There are many types of jobs other than what you are doing which you could do. You may not be able to retire and live on the beach, but I promise you that you can find a better place to work, a more fulfilling job to do and still find a way to pay your bills. You have to value your life and the precious and priceless time you are losing more than whatever you perceive you will lose if you leave a job you hate. Nobody ever sits on their death bed and wishes they had spent more time in the job they despised. Make the change now before it's too late. Don't wait for the lottery.

**5th: Give the money to charity.** That's generous. There are literally tens of thousands of different types of charities. And though money is always a good thing, nearly all of them could use something else just as important: Volunteer support! If you felt like you wanted to support a charity, don't wait to win the lottery. Volunteer and help them out in person. Donate an hour a week of your skills to help their cause. Show up 1 day a month and work to help them in some way, either in the field where the work is occurring, or in their offices where they could use your energy.

**4th: Use the money to educate people.** Another great idea. Nearly everyone alive has a certain level of knowledge and expertise they could share with someone else. So instead of just giving money to someone else to teach kids or adults, why not do it yourself? Volunteer to teach a kid to play the instrument you are best at. Teach a kid how to write a song. Teach another adult artist how you write off your music business expenses from your taxes. Teach someone how to set up a successful tour. Or teach them something that isn't music related, but for which you have some knowledge and experience. Education opportunities are all around you everyday. Don't be shy. Teach someone something you know. (You'll learn at the same time.)

**3rd: Use the winnings to support talented and deserving artists.** Of course we'd all love to have a financial backer. But we also need manpower to help us succeed. If you want to help an artist, then do it ... literally help them. If you are passionate about an artist you know, use that passion to make others feel the same way. Help them at their gigs sell stuff and get names for their mailing list. Offer them a place to stay for free on the road when they come through. Make them a free dinner after their show. Little efforts of support make a huge difference to touring artists when they come through your town. You can support a lot of artists in your town or who come through your town at minimal expense just by being a friendly safe harbor contact for them. *continued*

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Do it and you just might find they'll help you out in return.

**2nd: Start a music-oriented business and finally do it right.**

Well ... that's exactly what I did with Just Plain Folks. And guess what? I didn't win the lottery. In fact, I've done it with a warchest of exactly zero dollars to start with. 5 years later we've become the largest music organization with over 25,000 members, the world's largest music awards program with app. 150K songs and 10K albums entered this year and a thriving website, support chapters around the world and lots of success stories of helping our members in both small and large ways. Derek Sivers started CD Baby on a shoestring as well. Jodi Krangle did the same with Muses Muse. Michael Laskow and his partner started TAXI out of a small apartment and used a bed as an office desk. All you need is a passion for doing something better and with more integrity than anyone who has come before you. Money can actually get in the way because if you aren't hungry enough, it's easy to take short cuts and the easy way out. If you want to start a music oriented business and do it better than anyone else, just do it. You really don't need to win the lottery, and if you DID win, you probably wouldn't have the time or driving motivation to do it anymore anyway.

**1st: Help my local community.** Winning the lottery is probably not going to lead you to helping your community much. The thing that REALLY helps a community is a few passionate, focused people willing to work their ass off in thankless ways to make things better for a lot of people who may never thank them or recognize the work they did. In every single community in the world, there are tons of things that need someone just like you to improve. If you have a vision for helping your local town, go out and get started on it. Government has proven that simply throwing huge amounts of money at community problems rarely fixes or improves anything (and often simply leads to more corruption and problems than they started with). Every community needs a passionate leader, a visionary and someone willing to put in some elbow grease in to make things happen. Put down that lottery ticket and get started! So, the common themes to all of the above leads me to believe that you don't need to win the lottery to do all those amazing things you daydream about while holding what is likely a losing 200 million dollar lottery ticket. You can probably get even more joy and satisfaction by simply rolling up your sleeves and spending even a tiny amount of time on those things you'd like to see happen. If you do it, you just might find your life is already richer than you ever imagined, with or without 200 Million dollars! But that's just my opinion ... I could be right.

Learn, Succeed, Thrive. We're All In This Together!

**CLICK ON IT**

To visit a website mentioned in the newsletter, just click on it!

Watch for links  
to your websites  
coming soon!

## Festivals

Many of the festivals are still looking for performers and contact information is included in the listing if available.

### ANCHORAGE

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#### SPIRIT DAYS

##### **Anchorage - June 4-5**

Celebration of American Indian and Alaska Native cultures. Spirit Days. (907) 258-2672.

#### THREE BARONS FAIR

##### **June 4 - 19, Tozier Track 3400 E Tudor Rd., Anchorage, AK**

**[www.3barons.org](http://www.3barons.org)**

Join the Red, Blue and Green Barons as they meet once more to determine the fate of nations!

**Jun 4-5: Three Barons Fair, week one!**

**Jun 10: 6:30pm - Renaissance Fun Run**

**Jun 10: 7:00pm - Mid-Fair Feast at the Crooked Toad**

**Jun 11-12: Three Barons Fair, week two!**

**Jul 17-19: Bear Paw Festival Renaissance Village**

#### 13TH ALASKA RUN FOR WOMEN

##### **Anchorage - June 11**

8K run to benefit breast cancer programs. (907) 566-3151.

#### BLUES ON THE GREEN

##### **June 11 from noon on at Kincaid Park in Anchorage**

Headlining acts for this year's festival is Ike Turner. Ticket prices should be similar to last year's ie starting at \$29.50 in advance. For more info, call Blues Central at 272-1341.

#### AWAIC SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

##### **Summer Solstice, June 17 & 18, 10 am to 10pm**

**Town Square Park, Anchorage**

A Fundraiser for Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, this family event draws a select group of demonstrating arts and crafts vendors, food booths and thousands of people to downtown. Constant Live music. Raffle tickets are available at AWAIC on 100 W 13th, SBS, Kobuk Coffee, The Body Shop and Mt View Sports. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for 20. Grand prize is 10x14 playhouse on display at SBS, 2 RT tickets Alaska Airlines, Wolfe Range, lawn mower.

This year's T-shirt is currently available at AWAIC or at the event.

Volunteer Music Coordinator is Mary LaFever [maryla@alaska.com](mailto:maryla@alaska.com). Contact her about performance opportunities at the AWAIC festival.

## Festivals

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#### JUNETEENTH

**June 17 – 19**

**12pm – 10pm Friday and Saturday, 1pm – 8pm Sunday**

**Park strip, 9th Avenue, between K & L Street**

Juneteenth has been celebrated in Anchorage, Alaska for 30+ years and this year, the annual banquet will be held on June 12. Other events include a basketball tournament, the first annual Hip Hop Night, the Miss Juneteenth Pageant and a Gospel Day. Juneteenth Alaska provides top-notch knowledge to the communities in Alaska about black history and famous African Americans both in our past and now. The African American Historical Society of Alaska (A.A.H.S.A.) hosts the annual Juneteenth celebration in Anchorage Alaska. The vision of the African American Historical Society of Alaska is to promote and preserve the historical recognition and culture of African Americans in Alaska. We endeavor to educate the general public about accomplishments of African Americans through celebrations; establishment of African American cultural centers and museums; and researching African American history in Alaska and beyond.

#### 32ND ANNUAL MAYOR'S MIDNIGHT SUN MARATHON

**Anchorage - June 18**

Race celebrates the longest day with marathon, half-marathon and 5-mile race. Anchorage Parks and Recreation, University of Alaska Anchorage and Conoco Phillips. (907) 343-4474.

#### 8TH ANNUAL ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN FAIR

**Anchorage - June 25-26**

Features speakers on gardening topics, live music, hands-on garden activities and popular annual plant sale. Alaska Botanical Garden. (907) 770-3692

#### GAY PRIDE FEST

**Anchorage - Saturday, June 25**

**11 – 5pm beginning with the parade down 6th Avenue that ends at Delaney Park Strip between I and L Streets**

**11:00am - The Imperial Court of All Alaska presents the Celebrating Diversity Parade - Downtown (E Street to 6th Avenue to K Street)**

**Noon - 5:00pm - PrideFest Festival on the Parkstrip (between I Street and L Street)**

## Festivals

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#### 24TH ANNUAL SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

**June 25, 2005, Lions Park, Eagle River**

Since 1981, the Alaskan Scottish Club has produced an annual Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans. Over the years, thousands of Alaskans have enjoyed this exciting opportunity to learn about Scottish culture through such venues as Highland dance performances, bagpipe competitions, unique athletic field events, historical re-enactments, clan booths, children's activities and sheepdog herding demonstrations.

The 24th Annual Alaska Scottish Highland Games will take place at Lions Park in Eagle River on June 25, 2005, and will be the biggest and best ever. [www.alaskascottish.org](http://www.alaskascottish.org)

#### 30TH GIRLWOOD FOREST FAIR

**Friday July 1 ~ 11:00 am - 9:00 pm**

**Saturday July 2 ~ 11:00 am - 9:00 pm**

**Parade at 11:00 am**

**Sunday July 3 ~ 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Free Admission**

**Girdwood Fairgrounds located at Mile 2.2 on the Alyeska Hwy.**

The Forest Fair features Alaskan artists, hand-crafted items, exotic foods and entertainers from all over Alaska. Fun for the whole family is kicked off by the Forest Fair Parade on Saturday, July 2 at 11:00 am.

Parking is available at the Alyeska Resort Day lodge with Shuttle service provided.

#### ANCHORAGE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

**Downtown, July 4, 8am to 6pm**

The celebration begins with a \$5 per person pancake breakfast benefiting The Salvation Army and Kids' Café. The Family Fitness on Parade 1-mile walk follows on the Park Strip at 10:45 a.m., before the annual veteran's parade leads the community parade at 11:30 along Fifth Avenue between E and K Streets. At 1 p.m. the Harvard Club will read the Declaration of Independence in their 1776 period costumes. Finally, it's a giant family picnic on the Park Strip with plenty of food, music and entertainment

#### 20TH ANNUAL EAGLE RIVER-CHUGIAK BEAR PAW FESTIVAL

**July 15 - 17, 2005, Regency Drive and Business Blvd in Eagle River**

[www.cer.org](http://www.cer.org)

The Festival features events such as the Teddy Bear Picnic & Family Fun Day, Classic Car Show, Miss Bear Paw Pageant, Bicycle Safety Rodeo, 5K run, Slippery Salmon Olympics, Bear Paw Chili Cook-off, Quilt Show and Auction, Dog & Owner Look-a-like Contest, Tri-Bear-a-Thon, Ugly Truck & Dog Contest, 300 Yard Fun Run and the highlight of the weekend ... The Grand Parade. The parade is one of the largest in the state.

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#### GALWAY DAY

**Date: Sat., Aug. 6, Time: 10 a.m. till late night**

**Where: G Street, between 4th and 5th Ave., Cost: Free,**

**Info: (907) 566-2028**

An Irish street fair in downtown Anchorage, with Ceili bands, musicians, bagpipes, solo and ensemble acts and performances by the Alaska Irish dance academy.

[www.akirishmusic.com](http://www.akirishmusic.com)

#### ALASKA FIDDLE CAMP

**Date: Mon., Aug. 8 through Sun., Aug. 14, Time: Varies, Where: Camp Carlquist, Chugiak  
Cost: \$395 for tuition, housing, meals before June 1; \$445 after June 1; check website for other rates Info: (907) 345-7787**

A camp for music lovers young and old from all over the nation, no matter what your experience level. First-rate instructors in fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, flute, whistle and singing teach classes. Campers are immersed in five full days and nights of instruction, jam sessions, dances and concerts. Sign up early as space is limited.

[www.anchoragefolkfestival.org](http://www.anchoragefolkfestival.org)

### **MAT-SU VALLEY**

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#### PALMER COLONY DAYS

**Friday June 10 and Saturday June 11**

**Downtown Palmer – all day**

Car rally on Friday evening, Parade on Saturday, June 11 at 11am. Goldenwheel Amusement at Library parking lot. Live entertainment at the pavilion. 70th anniversary of the arrival of the 203 original colonist families from the Midwest. Small town festival that celebrates Palmer's history as the seat of the Matanuska Colony project.

#### BIG LAKE 2005 FALL FEST AND CHILI COOKOFF

**Saturday Sept 17 12 to 4, Location TBA**

Live music, carnival games, dog sled rides, vendors, mobile massage, food, all the chili you can judge and eat. Contact (907) 892-6109. Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 520067, Big Lake, 99652

## Festivals

### KENAI PENINSULA

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#### KENAI RIVER FESTIVAL

**Sat June 11 and Sunday June 12, Green Strip in Kenai**

The festival is a celebration of the Kenai River and the creatures and people who live and play there. This event is centered around educating our children on the benefits of taking care of the Kenai River and our watershed. Wooden fish model painting, Pathways to fishing clinic, Free Rods and Reels, Puppet shows, Storytelling, Salmon Hat making, Birdhouse construction, Hands-on children's science booth, Stamp your own t-shirt, Live raptors, Salmon dinners, Live music, and much, much more! 5K Run for River Saturday at 10am. [www.kenaiwatershed.org](http://www.kenaiwatershed.org)

#### SELDOVIA'S ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

**June 17-18, 2005**

Features Outside and Alaskan artists and a beautiful setting. further info Susan Mumma, Festival Director, (907) 234-7614 or via email.

The Seldovia Arts Council presents... "Seldovia summer ... great fishing, hiking, boating... and a whole lot of great music! The Seldovia Arts Council's biggest event of the summer, The Seldovia Summer Solstice Music Festival, has built a reputation over its five year history as the place to see exceptional musicians in an intimate venue, and this year's festival will be no exception. Join us June 17 and 18 to hear headline artists Ann Rabson, Geoff Muldaur, and James Lee Stanley, plus British band Three Blind Mice, and many other artists. Performances and workshops will be held at Susan B. English School, and you can buy your tickets at the door. Performances begin at 6:30pm; Saturday workshops begin at 1:00 pm.

Seldovia Arts Council, PO Box 41, Seldovia AK 99663-0270

#### 27TH ANNUAL MOOSE PASS SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

**June 18-19**

Arts-and-crafts booths, barbecue, children's carnival, raffle, bands and auction. Moose Pass Sportsman Club. (907) 288-3168.

#### KDLL ART AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Kenai - June 18**, (907) 283-8433.

Live music, arts-and-crafts booths and food. Pickle Hill Public Broadcasting.

#### FAMILY FUN IN THE MIDNIGHT SUN FESTIVAL

**Nikiski - June 18**

North Peninsula Recreation Service Area. (907) 776-8800.

## Festivals

### KENAI PENINSULA continued

#### KASILOF MUSIC FESTIVAL

Contact Pete Barenson at 907-262-7203.

#### KDLL ART AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Date: Sat., June 18, Time: noon till midnight**

**Where: Diamond M Ranch, mile 16.5 Kalifornsky Beach Road**

**Cost: \$12, KDLL members; \$15, nonmembers; free for kids under 5. Family packages and fee camping available. Info: (907) 283-8433**

What: A benefit concert for KDLL 91.9, public radio covering the central Kenai Peninsula. There will be food and a beer tent (of course), as well as booths selling arts and crafts. A huge array of musical acts include the Spur Highway Spankers, Michael Morgan, Tim Sturm Band, Nancy Anderson, Mabrey Brothers Band, Worth Many Cattle, Nervis Rex, Edward's Smith and Turk, 60/40, No Road Pounders, Katie Skarha and Couzins, DNA Band and (whew!) Mo' Betta' Blues. [www.diamondmranch.com](http://www.diamondmranch.com)

#### KASILOF MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Date: Fri., June 24 through Sun., June 26, Time: Varies, Where: Decanter Inn**

**Cost: \$25 for weekend; \$15 a day, Info: (907) 262-5917**

What: A music festival on the Kenai Peninsula with vendors aplenty.

#### SEWARD 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION & MT MARATHON RACE

**July 2 – 4, Times vary, Cost: Free**

**Seward Chamber of Commerce, 907- 224-8051**

The traditional 4th of July race up the 3,022 ft Mt. Marathon began when 2 sourdoughs had an argument about whether it was possible to climb and descend the mountain in less than an hour. Today there is a men's and women's race with 300 entrants each, and a junior race of 200 entrants. Other activities include a Mini Mt. Marathon for kids, games, parade, fireworks, and many other activities. [www.sewardak.org](http://www.sewardak.org)

### KODIAK

#### KODIAK BEAR COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

**July 22nd and 23rd, Kodiak State Fairgrounds**

**Cost: \$10 Friday, \$15 Saturday, Info: 907-486-4829**

**Contact: Kodiak Lions Club 907-486-6117.**

An annual musical extravaganza that includes a full-spectrum of bluegrass, country, folk, soft rock and Alaskan music. Over fifty bands and musicians from Alaska are slated to perform. Camp out and jam at the campfires! [www.kodiakak.org](http://www.kodiakak.org)

## Festivals

### INTERIOR

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#### FAIRBANKS SUMMER FOLK FEST - 19TH ANNUAL

**Sat. June 11, 2005**

**Borealis Pavilion at Alaskaland/Pioneer Park. Noon to 10pm**

Bluegrass, blues, jazz and Celtic. Music by performers from around the state. Fairbanks Folk Fest, PO Box 84199, Fairbanks, AK 99708. Call Trudy at KUAC/FM 488-0556.

#### MUSIC WORKSHOPS

**June 10-11**

Praise Guitar - John Standefer (2002 National Fingerstyle Champion, 2004 Guitar Legends Winner). Bass Guitar - Steve Nishimura (2005 Top Bassist Award, Victor Wooten's and Steve Bailey's Bass at the Beach). Worship Singers - Dr. Jaunelle Celaire (ACDA National Champion, UAF Soprano Faculty). Worship Keyboard - Richard Celaire (Canadian Worship Director, Youth Director, Many workshops). Free Concert - June 11, 7 p.m. John Standefer, BBQ at 6 p.m. Contact: Koji Nishimura, (907) 356-7865, kn2@gci.net.

#### MIDNIGHT SUN FESTIVAL - SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

**Fairbanks - June 21**

**Music, food and family fun. Downtown Association/Main Street (907) 452-8671**

#### BLUE LOON SOLSTICE CONCERT

**Date: Sat., June 25, Time: 4 p.m., Where: The Blue Loon, Fairbanks**

**Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the show, Info: (907) 457-5666**

The Blue Loon presents its annual Solstice concert, this year features the Cowboy Junkies. [www.theblueloon.com](http://www.theblueloon.com)

#### MOOSE DROPPING FESTIVAL

**Sat July 9 & Sunday July 10, Downtown Talkeetna, Cost: Free**

Vendors, music, shopping, eating, a parade, moose nugget field events and a Fun Run. The highlight is the 16th Annual Mountain Mother Contest, an obstacle course involving hip waders, wood chopping, baby and grocery-sack carrying, fishing, wheel barrow driving, log walking, balloon inflating, baby changing, archery and pie assembling.

#### FAIRBANKS SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

**July 17 – 31, University of Alaska Fairbanks**

**Cost: Registration \$365; less for single classes and/or advance registration.**

**Concert tickets available to general public.**

Ours is a study-performance Festival held annually on the beautiful University of Alaska Fairbanks Campus. Registration is open to adults, college students and high school graduates. Experienced dance students ages 12 and up may register, too. Ice skaters at any age or level of advancement are welcome to register.

## Festivals

### INTERIOR continued

#### THE FAIRBANKS SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

**P.O. Box 80845 Fairbanks, Alaska 99708, Phone: 907.474.8869, festival@alaska.net**  
**Golden Days, Fairbanks, July 20 – 24, Cost: Free**

Golden Days commemorates the discovery of gold near Fairbanks in 1902. Includes a street fair and parade. Celebrate the founding of Fairbanks with the whole family.

For more information, call the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce at 452-1105 ext. 22 or e-mail Golden Days Coordinator Diann Pearson at goldendays@fairbankschamber.org

#### WORLD ESKIMO-INDIAN OLYMPICS

**July 20 – 23 Big Dipper Ice Arena, Fairbanks**  
**A non-profit organization, P.O. Box 72433, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-2433**  
**Phone: 452-6646, Fax: 456-2422**

Competitors from arctic lands compete in traditional games in the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics (aka World Exhibition of Indigenous Olympics)

#### ANDERSON BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

**July 29-August 31, 2005, near Clear Air Force Station off the Parks Hwy mile 283.**

They usually have guest artists. For more festival info, contact Ken Terry at: kenterry@acsalaska.net or 336-9719. This is a wonderful family affair, minimal entrance fee, plenty of camping space, even running water! Jean Murray takes care of publicity and can be reached at jmurray31@hotmail.com

#### TALKEETNA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

**Mile 102 Parks Highway Talkeetna, Alaska, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday**  
**August 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th 2005, Admission: \$35 for adults, kids and seniors free**

This year's lineup includes Guardian Alien, Banjovi, Josh Fryfogle, Biscuit Burners, Mo Betta Blues, Full Tilt Boogie Band and many more. Vendor booths featuring food, t-shirts, craft items and artist of every sort. [www.eideticimage.com/bluegrass/](http://www.eideticimage.com/bluegrass/)

#### TANANA VALLEY STATE FAIR

**Date: Fri., Aug. 5 through Sat., Aug. 13, Time: Noon to midnight**  
**Where: Tanana Valley Fairgrounds, Fairbanks**  
**Cost: \$8, adults; \$5, students, seniors and youth; Free, kids under 5**  
**Info: (907) 452-3750**

What: The theme this year is "Feast or Salmon." In addition to the midway, circus and booths, the fair will feature comedian John Rathbone, country-music star Joe Nichols, rock legend Greg Rolie (Santana frontman and Journey founder), jugglers Grinn and Barrett, hypnotist Tammy Harris Barton and entertainer Brad Bodary.

Try the deep-fried Twinkie. [www.tananaValleyFair.org](http://www.tananaValleyFair.org)

## Festivals

### **WESTERN ALASKA**

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#### MIDNIGHT SUN FESTIVAL

**Nome -June 17-19**

Celebration of Nome's 24 hours of daylight. Activities include bank-robbery re-enactment, polar bear swim, river raft race, folk music and food festival, and parade down Front Street. Nome Chamber of Commerce. (907) 443-6624.

### **SOUTHEAST**

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#### SITKA SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

**June 3 - 24**

The 34th Sitka Summer Music Festival begins on June 3 and lasts three weeks through June 24th with a full calendar of events, including concerts on Tuesday and Friday evenings and one Saturday evening performance, on June 18. The June 2004 series will include eight chamber music concerts equal to the finest heard anywhere in the world. Tickets are available now by calling 907-277-4852.

During the month of June, call 907-747-6774. Full Series Tickets are \$100 for adults. For more information go to [www.sitkamusicalfestival.org](http://www.sitkamusicalfestival.org).

#### CORDOVA COPPER RIVER WILD! SALMON FESTIVAL

**Cordova's Wild Weekends of Food, Fun Runs and Music**

**June 11th -13th, 2005**

**Events include Alaska Salmon Runs**

Participate in one of the 5 runs named after the 5 species of pacific Salmon. Runs occur along the scenic Copper River Highway and the Copper River Nouveau. Sponsored by the Prince William Science Center. A spectacular 7-course meal matching Alaskas's finest Copper River Red Salmon, Fine Wines and out of this world desserts.

#### HAINES SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

**June 18**

Live dance music, food and beer. Southeast Alaska State Fair.  
(907) 766-2476.

#### JUNEAU 16TH ANNUAL GOLD RUSH DAYS

**June 25-26**

Festival of logging events, mining events, food and fun for the whole family.  
(907) 586-2497

## Festivals

### SOUTHEAST continued

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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA STATE FAIR AND BALD EAGLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

**July 27 – 31, Haines, Alaska**

**Cost: Adults \$7; seniors \$6; under-5 free; 4-day pass \$20**

**SE Alaska State Fair Office @ 766-2476 Email:seakfair@aptalaska.net**

Five fun filled days. Includes a parade, exhibits, logging show, live music, food and daily entertainment.

#### PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SCIENCE CENTER

**July 30-31, 2005**

Events include; Salmon Jam Music Festival, Arts, Crafts and Food Fair, and the Prince William Sound Science Center Community Picnic. email: cchamber@ctcak.net Cordova Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 99, Cordova, AK 99574

#### VALDEZ GOLD RUSH DAYS

**August 3 –7, Valdez, Alaska, Time: Varies, Cost: Mostly Free, Info: 907-835-2531**

Experience the Gold Rush and Valdez history with daily activities and special events. Parade and community fish fry on Sunday the 7th.

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#### ALSEK MUSIC FESTIVAL & KLUANE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

**June 9 - 12 at Haines Junction, Yukon Canada**

The 3rd Annual Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival is four days of bluegrass, including our first ever bluegrass music camp, June 9-10, followed by the festival June 10-12.

Showcase acts for the 2005 festival include the James King Band, the Leah Larson Band, Down to the Wood, and the Canadian Whitewater Bluegrass Band. We will have great regional bluegrass and old-time bands this year including the sweet fiddle of the Joe Loutchan Band, Anne Louise Genest and Friends, Nadine Landry, The Canyon Mountain Boys, Deja Blue, Bruce and Deb Bergman, and One-Way Track.

For the third year, the Bluegrass festival shares the weekend with the Alsek Music Festival, bringing more than a thousand music lovers to one of the most beautiful mountain towns in the world.

[www.alsekfest.com/AlsekMusicFestival\\_main.htm](http://www.alsekfest.com/AlsekMusicFestival_main.htm)  
[www.kluanemountainbluegrassfest.com/](http://www.kluanemountainbluegrassfest.com/)

#### DAWSON CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

**July 22 - 24** - held the second to last weekend in July, bringing a large influx into this small Yukon community. Contact: Dominic Lloyd, festival producer.

## Opportunities

### SSI PRESENTS: TOUR LONDON 2005!

Singer-Songwriter International (SSI) provides unique opportunities for American singer-songwriters who are interested in a career abroad. SSI organizes tours in many international cities where the chosen artists perform in well-known and respected venues, they are also given the opportunity to meet with experienced international music industry professionals that could help build the foundation for any artist who wishes to have an international music career.

This fall, Singer-Songwriter International will be selecting up to three artists for a ten day, all-expense paid tour to London, England starting in early November 2005. Selected performers will get the chance to perform in 6-7 clubs and venues and meet with some of England's most knowledgeable and experienced music professionals.

Where/When: London, England - Fall 2005 Deadline: August 30, 2005 Cost: \$25.00  
Genres Accepted: Acoustic, Blues, Americana, Folk, Adult Contemporary, Country, Singer-songwriters. [www.singersongwriterintl.com](http://www.singersongwriterintl.com)

### CMJ MUSIC MARATHON 2005

Submission Deadline: June 13, 2005 Price: \$35.00 Location and Date: New York City, NY - September 14 -17, 2005

Celebrating 25 years, CMJ Music Marathon attracts more than 90,000 music professionals, artists and music enthusiasts to New York City every year. Experience four days and nights of new music, networking, keynote addresses and over 50 panels covering the state of the music business with topics including radio promotion, retail, artist management, technology, webcasting, Internet sales and distribution, college radio, independent labels, film soundtracks and more. CMJ Music Marathon has over 1,000 bands performing live in over 50 of New York City's greatest music venues September 14 -17, 2005. [www.cmj.com/marathon](http://www.cmj.com/marathon)

### FROM DEREK SEIVERS AT CD BABY

I think you should know about the NEMO Music Conference in Boston this September, and should consider sending them your showcase application NOW, because the deadline is coming soon. [www.nemoboston.com/nemo/](http://www.nemoboston.com/nemo/)

Download and print this showcase submission form, here:

<http://www.nemoboston.com/forms/showcaseapplication2005.pdf>

Boston really is a great music city. From its sophisticated jazz and classical scene, to its dirty-water college-rock, and my old Berklee College of Music, it's an inspiring place to make music, and a good place to keep in touch with, as a musician.

### NEMO MUSIC FESTIVAL 2005

Submission Deadline: June 3, 2005 Price: \$30.00 Location and Date: Boston, MA - September 29 - October 1, NEMO is three nights of music, featuring almost 250 artist

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showcases, two full days of panels, workshops, clinics and a music industry trade show. NEMO will take place September 29 - October 1, 2005 in Boston. Panelists include major label representatives, managers, publishers, retailers, artists, booking agents, and much more. The Conference also offers performance clinics, a mentor program, an acoustic stage, and an outdoor stage. Some of the brightest and most talented people in the music business will be at NEMO to share their knowledge, showcase their talents, and most importantly - have a great time. NEMO's showcases have been held at venues including the Paradise, Axis, Avalon, Middle East, TT the Bears, Roxy, Harper's Ferry, Passim Folk and Cultural Center, Bill's Bar and several other venues in Boston and Cambridge. NEMO is thrilled to announce for the second year that the NEMO Showcase Compilation CD will be distributed by Starbucks! PAST NEMO SHOWCASE ARTISTS INCLUDE: Keane, The Von Bondies, Dresden Dolls, Gavin DeGraw, The Black Keys, Auf Der Maur, Godsmack, Flogging Molly, Fishbone, Howie Day, Rubyhorse, Linkin Park, Staind, Tracy Bonham, The Slip, Guster and many more! [www.nemoboston.com](http://www.nemoboston.com)

### CANADIAN MUSIC WEEK 2006

Submission Deadline: October 31, 2005 Price: \$40.00 Location and Date: Toronto, ON, Canada - March 1-4, 2006 Canadian Music Week is a once-in-a-year opportunity to get your band in the face of over 3000 movers and shakers in the industry. From March 1-4, 2006, Toronto's most popular clubs and music halls throw open their doors to industry insiders and the general public to create an electrifying musicfest of discovery. Past years' performers include: Three Days Grace, Fefe Dobson, Ian Thornley, DOA, Esthero, Bif Naked, Daniel Lanois, The Zoobombs, controlle If you submit before August 1st, you will be notified of your acceptance to the Festival by the end of September. [www.cmw.net](http://www.cmw.net)

### CUTTING EDGE MUSIC BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2005

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2005 Price: \$25.00 Location and Date: New Orleans, LA - August 18-21, 2005 This year's 13th Annual Cutting Edge will take place at the Hotel Inter-Continental - New Orleans from August 18-21. There are 125 showcase slots available for this event that will be held at 12 venues over four days. Cutting Edge began in 1992 with one simple premise: Knowledge is Power. Founded by the non-profit organization Music Business Institute, the Cutting Edge is dedicated to the many musicians whose dreams and efforts make t s of 7,000 educators, musicians, record executives, exhibitors, media, and enthusiasts are expected to attend. Education, teacher training, professional networking, and outstanding professional and school group performances are firmly at the heart of each conference. You must be an IAJE member in order to submit. If you are not yet a member, you may submit and sign-up for your one-year IAJE membership through Sonicbids. IAJE will contact you will details of your membership. Please note: If you are already a member of the IAJE, you will need to have your member number handy in order to submit. <http://www.iaje.org>

## Opportunities

### PROTEST SONGS FOR A BETTER WORLD COMPILATION CD

Submission Deadline: July 4, 2005 Price: \$20.00 The Association of Artists for a Better World,, a non-profit organization devoted to improving our planet through artistic expression, is now accepting submissions for our third compilation CD called Protest Songs for A Better World. TEN selected artists will be featured on the CD, release date September 2005. [www.abetterworld.ca](http://www.abetterworld.ca)

### HOTGIRL COMPILATION CD

Submission Deadline: June 3, 2005 Price: \$10.00 We are looking for up-tempo, inspiring songs for or about women. The Hotgirl Diet is catching fire; we're putting together our very first Hotgirl Mix tape Compilation CD and we need you! Winners will have their song featured on the 2005 Compilation CD that will be distributed to businesses and women that subscribe to the Hotgirl Diet. [www.hotgirdiet.com](http://www.hotgirdiet.com)

### ALLIKAT RECORDS EMERGING ARTIST CD

Submission Deadline: June 1, 2005 Price: \$10.00 AlliKats is pleased to announce the creation of a compilation CD of original music. The CD will be distributed at the Area Venue in Newport, RI to music lovers and fans during the 2005 season. Musicians selected to participate on the CD will also be asked to perform at the Area Venue for a CD release event during the Newport summer season 2005. Open to a variety of genres including: Rock, Alt. Rock, Acoustic Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Folk, Alt. Country, Classical, World, Reggae, and Hip Hop. Please no Metal or Rap. [www.allikats.com](http://www.allikats.com)

### PLANETARY GROUP PRESENTS: THE ROCK BEIJING FESTIVAL

Planetary Group & Sonicbids in association with China West Entertainment present The Rock Beijing Festival. The Planetary Group has been presenting shows in China for the past four years. Shows have been at the club, theatre and special event level. We will be choosing one artist to spend a week in Beijing. The selected artist will be playing on a bill with several of the best musical acts that Beijing has to offer. The selected act will also receive a guided tour of Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City & The Great Wall while in Beijing. This event is exclusive to Sonicbids members. This event will take place in mid to late August and is open to all forms of acts - rock, pop, reggae, world, jazz, blues, hip-hop and singer-songwriter. Planetary Group takes care of all logistics: airfares, visa, hotel, equipment rental, etc. All members must be over 18 years of age to participate.

This tour follows the recent success of the past tours of China and Scandinavia by the Planetary Group. Please visit the Planetary Group's website to read more about these past tours and to view FAQs about the tour. Where/When: Beijing, China - August, 2005  
Deadline: June 30, 2005 Cost: \$25.00 - Genres Accepted: All Genres Accepted.  
[www.planetarygroup.com](http://www.planetarygroup.com)

## Creative Opportunities

### ARCTIC SIREN PRODUCTIONS CD PROJECT

Arctic Siren Productions is accepting submissions for inclusion in an upcoming cd project. Material should address cancer recovery through messages of hope, trust and strength. Composers of accepted submissions should be prepared to be a part of a larger recording project.

Submissions will be accepted through December 30 and should be sent to Arctic Siren Productions Inc. at 4105 Turnagain Blvd., Suite L, Anchorage, AK 99517. For more information call Peggy Monaghan at 245-7311.

### SONG OF THE YEAR

The 2005 Song of the Year Contest will be in full swing by the time you get your next newsletter. We are in our 10th year, and growing bigger and better every year. Here's a reminder of how you can get involved. Check the website for updates and entry forms.

[www.songoftheyear.org](http://www.songoftheyear.org)

Send in your songs. Submissions accepted from August 1st through September 16th. To become a judge in the contest contact Peggy Monaghan at [artcsirn@alaska.net](mailto:artcsirn@alaska.net)

Adjudication will occur September 23 - October 8th. Volunteers needed The 10th annual Song of the Year Concert will be on November 12th. Awards were commissioned by Alaska Public Radio Network. The glass platters were designed and handcrafted by artist Tam Johannes and the sand blasting was completed by Eagle River, Alaska artist Connie Englebrecht.

The square platter is a finished size of 16" X 16" and was awarded to the winner of the contest.



The Song of the Year 2001

### PLANNING A TOUR? ANCHORS AWAY!

Pick a venue, secure an anchor date and hit the road! Below you'll find some great venues across the United States that would make perfect stops along your tour.

### LAKESHORE TAVERN

**Submission Deadline: Ongoing Price: \$5.00 Location and Date: Muskegon, MI**

Lakeshore Tavern, located in Muskegon, Michigan offers live music on weekend nights. Our venue holds 100 comfortably and we've been operating under the same friendly management for over 10 years. We mainly feature rock, reggae, '70s & '80s dance, bluegrass, and rockabilly. Lakeshore also provides compensation to all performing artists: \$400 for first-time bookings and bands get \$10 drink compensation per member.

Bands may be required to provide their own sound equipment.

<http://www.lakeshoretavern.com>

## Creative Opportunities

### THE WALK-ATLANTIC CITY

**Submission Deadline: June 27, 2005 Price: \$10.00 Location and Date: Atlantic City, NJ**

Atlantic City Outlets Presents The Walk, a multi-million dollar retail complex that attracts thousands of visitors each summer to the New Jersey hotspot. The Walk features a great outdoor stage and basic PA system and is currently booking artists for the upcoming summer season. Concerts will be held every Thursday night at The Walk from about 5-8 PM, with 2 sets per night. Lyrics and onstage performances must be family-friendly. [www.acoutlets.com](http://www.acoutlets.com)

### CIRCADIEM ARTS CAFE

**Submission Deadline: Ongoing Price: \$5.00 Location and Date: Salisbury, MD**

CircaDiem Arts Café is a non-profit music and arts venue located in Salisbury on Maryland's Eastern Shore. We can accommodate an audience of over 100 people, and provide basic sound reinforcement and lighting. We typically look for acts in all genres that perform acoustic music or can do an "unplugged" set. Typical sets usually last about 45 minutes to an hour, and all artists will be compensated for their performances, along with a meal reimbursement up to \$10 per artist or performing: acoustic, post-punk, jazz, etc. [www.voxpopnet.net](http://www.voxpopnet.net)

### LIVE GROOVE TUESDAYS AT WESTWOOD BREW CO.

**Submission Deadline: August 31, 2005 Price: \$5.00 Location and Date: Los Angeles, CA**

PM Management is the exclusive booking agency for „Live Groove Tuesdays% at the Westwood Brew Co. in Los Angeles. We feature "high energy groovy bands" every Tuesday during the summer that play original groovin' music. There are 3-5 slots available each week with at least 1 reserved for Sonicbids online applicants (set length approx. 40-50 minutes).

Genres accepted include: Anyone with an undeniable groove. Compensation will be provided to all per [www.detroitmutantradio.com/livegroove.html](http://www.detroitmutantradio.com/livegroove.html)

### SIZZLE ON BROADWAY

**Submission Deadline: Ongoing Price: \$5.00 Location and Date: Chicago, IL**

Please join us every Friday at Sizzle On Broadway for the Unplugged Acoustic Night. We are looking for small bands and acoustic artists in these areas of music: Progressive/alternative Rock, Pop Rock, Tribute Bands, Country, Blues, R&B, World Beat. If you can play your music acoustically that would be best for our venue, yet we can accommodate small four piece bands. There are 2-3 performance slots per night. Right now we are only looking to boo include: Rock, Alt. Rock, Acoustic Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Alt. Country, Classical, World, Reggae, Spoken Word. [www.allikats.com](http://www.allikats.com)