

4th Fridays

with rufus harris



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Good Music, Good Coffee, Good Company

This upcoming 4thFriday will be our 5-year anniversary show.

It's hard to believe that we started **4F** in 2002 and since that time, we've produced 50 shows. We are so ever thankful to the Lord for giving us the vision and the strength to do these shows.



And we thank all of you for supporting what we do and your continuing to come back time and time again to support the independent Christian artist. With God on our side and your continued support, we can keep this thing going. That said, our Webathon results have slowed down a bit. And we have a quite a ways to go. If you haven't had a chance to donate to the CAMP, please visit: www.theCampOnline.org today.

February Highlights

In the words of Tony the Tiger, the show last month was **Grrreat!**

rachanee



First up was rachanee. She looked lovely in a black and white dress. She confessed that she doesn't wear dresses when she performs but decided to give it a try. The other bands commented that she looked like a princess. Onstage, Princess rachanee was great. Rufus interviewed her onstage before her performance and she talked about married life, performing throughout the Midwest and her upcoming new CD – *3am*. Afterwards she shared songs from her CD - *Ordinary Girl*. Throughout her set, rachanee exuded honesty, innocence and sincerity. Her music

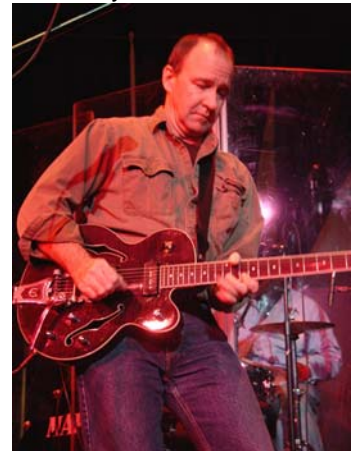
illustrated her love for God and her walk with Christ. She sang with all her heart and played guitar skillfully and enthusiastically.

Another great performance by rachanee. As always, she connected well with those who attended. rachanee's warm; truly friendly personality and excitement about God were clear both onstage and off. We look forward to having her back again to share songs from her new release.



Next... William Reynolds

What can we say about William Reynolds? He was a fireball at 4thFridays last month! Wow! The last time he performed at 4thFridays, he was a part of the group – *The Motor City Saints*. The group disbanded a couple of years ago and since that time, William has released a solo project - a new CD entitled – *A Motor City Saint*.



He stormed the stage with a brand new band – Todd Boone on bass and Tyrone Washington on drums. Needless to say, the band was fantastic – super tight with a groove that totally engaged the crowd. What a comeback for William! On top of it all, he opened with a cover of Stevie Wonder's *Superstition*. Later in his set, he called up Rufus and Denise to help him with background vocals on a few of his tunes – *Cover Me*, *Angels Sing*, and *Jesus Loves You*. (William recorded his CD at Rufus' studio – Bridgewater Audio Services. William knew that both Denise and Rufus had lived with the project for more than a year and that both were more than familiar with the project.) So they provided the

background harmonies that blended with William's original tunes. With energy, passion and a powerful blend of funk, blues and pop, William delivered an outstanding performance. Good lyrics, catchy hooks



and nice melodies.



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At the beginning of the night, after the band opened with the **4F** theme and then an original tune, Rufus switched to acoustic guitar to share two more numbers solo – *Rescue the Perishing* and *How Do You Read It?*

Rescue the Perishing was a tune that many years ago Rufus lifted from a Methodist Hymnal. It was written by Fanny Crosby in the late 1800s. And with a little *rufusizing*, he made it his own. He had fun with the idea that Fanny would probably talk to him one day about what he did to her song. Then he



played *How Do You Read It?* It was the first time he performed the rock driven electric guitar song on an acoustic guitar

at 4thFridays. The song took on a totally different sound that was slick and very funky. It was really a treat to hear Rufus masterful on acoustic guitar just as he is on the electric. Look for more of Rufus unplugged at upcoming shows.

Here's what's coming up - March 23rd

Jan Krist

Jan Krist is one of Michigan's finest folk artists. This Detroit born artist is well known in the acoustic music scene. Her music has been recognized by Billboard Magazine, and many other national magazines. She is considered by many as one of the best women



singer/songwriters in Michigan with lyrics that are soul-stirring and a voice that moves listeners of all ages. She has recorded eight CDs and has earned an impressive 13 nominations and 4 Detroit Metro Music Awards. March 23rd will be her fourth appearance

at 4thFridays. Visit www.jankrist.net for more info about Jan.

Rhonda Welsh

Rhonda is a great poet. Her new CD entitled – *I Saw Myself* combines spoken word, traditional poetry and instrumental jazz and deals with subjects like self-realization, relationships, and church life. Her work has been heard at the Museum of African American History, The Upper Room, Marygrove College, the Lafayette Grande, coffee houses, churches and a number of other southeastern Michigan venues. A



native Detroiter, Rhonda Welsh holds a B.A. in English and a M.A. in Public Relations and Organizational Communications from Wayne State University. Learn more about Rhonda at www.rhondawelsh.com.

rufus harris will also share some tunes opening and closing out the show.

Coffee - The Coffee Brew mister invites you to stop by the coffee table and enjoy this month's featured flavor and the 4thFridays' house blend.

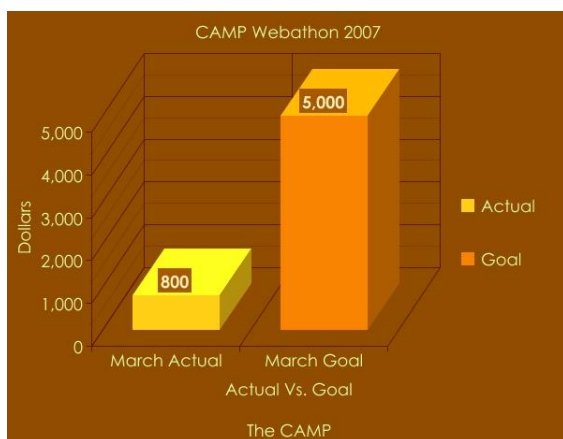
Raffle - With admission, you'll receive a ticket for our raffle. The drawing is held near the end of the show. You can win music and coffee in a little blue jean tote.

Want to help? - As we mentioned earlier, if you like what we're doing at the CAMP and you would like to support it, you can do so in various ways. Proceeds will support 4thFridays shows, Institutional ministry and our internet radio station - JustRadio.Net. Visit www.theCampOnline.org to get started. There are four ways you can help.

Make a financial donation - Your generous gift will help us reach our goal of promoting independent Christians artists while providing spiritual enrichment to the community through the arts. All donations are tax-deductible. You will receive a letter from the CAMP stating that you donated to our organization. Help us make a difference today.

Webathon Results

Check out this month's results on our graph below. Please prayerfully consider how you might help us reach



our goal.

Other Great Coffeehouses

We know you like what we do at 4F and we encourage you to visit some of our friends who run great coffeehouses in Metro Detroit. If you're looking for somewhere to listen to Christian music and meet new people, check them out.

Divine Caffe - is located in Keego Harbor and run by John and Nan. They are some of the most wonderful people you ever want to meet. They have great coffee and feature musical guests on Fridays and Saturdays. Visit www.divinecaffe.com

The New Exodus - run by our friend Rainman - this coffeehouse is a great place to listen to local music, play pool and just fellowship. Lots of cool bikers also frequent the place. It's located in Lincoln Park. Visit www.thenewexodus.com Tell Rainman we sent you.

The Upper Room - Alonzo and Pam Dover are the owners of this Christian jazz club. It's located on Grandriver near Telegraph in Detroit and features jazz music, gospel, comedy, poetry and more. For more info visit: www.theupperroomcec.com

Anointed Faces - is a Christian nightspot that features a diverse roster of artists. Run by Gerald and Carol Ervin of the Gospel Group Sounds of Imani, Anointed Faces coffeehouse happens every month. Dates vary so check out their website for days and times at: www.soundsofimanicom.

It's Coming Soon! -

A new educational series

Spectrum - a new educational series that broadens our view of the Christian faith will be launched this spring at The Bridge Church in Pontiac. So you probably know by now that The CAMP is big on diversity. Hopefully, you see it at our 4thfridays shows and you listen to it on our internet radio station -JustRadio.NET and now a new educational series is born. If you would like to learn about Christianity from the perspective of a Messianic Jew, Arab Christian, or Chinese Christian, you'll love this new series. If you would like to hear about a ministry that reaches out to bikers or one that targets race car drivers, you'll love this new series. It's coming soon. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event.

CAMP Fundraiser - is currently in the works for this Spring. This one promises to be very exciting and very unique. More info to come.

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At the *beautiful*

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between Southfield & Greenfield Roads

Doors open at 8pm/Show starts at 8:30pm

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