

# 4th Fridays

with Rufus Harris



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Good Music, Good Coffee, Good Company

We never know what to expect when we setup for the 4thFridays show. So when we see lots of activity at the Ford Center, we like to know what's going on. We might learn something.



Back in 2006 during the war between Israel and Lebanon (that is, or the war between Israel and Hezbollah), Rufus found himself in the Center's rest room smack in the middle of a ritual Islamic washing. We also discovered that one of our attendees' 11 year daughter who was in Lebanon visiting her father had to escape to Syria. We mentioned in last month's newsletter, there was a really big deal PBS High Definition recording of a Mediterranean band. All of these experiences can be rich whether one is a "tech head" or learning about another culture or their traditions and also how small the world really is.

If there is a big show in the theatre it sometimes affects the parking situation at the Ford Center. So last month as we were loading our equipment into Studio A, we saw lots of activity. So we poked our heads in.

We noticed that there was an actual boxing ring set up on the stage in vivid colors. That's different we thought. After talking with the Center's employees and hearing some frustration at the amount of setup involved, we discovered that there was actually going to be a real boxing match with some fairly known fighters from the local area – *don't ask us who they were*.

As the day went on, we noticed another culture enter the theater we just weren't used to seeing. It was like watching something from out of the movies. Think – Vegas: Gangster types; the girls in swimsuits holding signs displaying the round as they walked around the ring; guys backstage with bandages and cuts on pulverized faces. The foul language from promoters

and managers as they argued about who knows what. They managed to pack the house with a large audience eager to (no, thrilled to) see two men beat each other until one fell helplessly onto the ring's mat. It was actually quite sad to see very few smiling. The event seemed empty, dark and completely void of joy. That wasn't the case at 4thFridays though. We had a great show and the room was full of smiling faces and friendly people. Paul Dozier and Rhonda Welsh were wonderful.

## Paul Dozier

Jazz Guitarist – Paul was fabulous at last month's show. His skill on guitar never ceases to amaze those he entertains. He thrilled the audience song after song with his speed and precision. The songs not only were



cleverly crafted, but each tune pointed the listener to our heavenly Father and allowed them to focus on who He is and what He has done for us. Paul performed several songs from his new CD – *One Way Street* as well as songs from his previous projects. In between the selections, Paul shared the thoughts behind the music and the hope he has in Christ.



## Rhonda Welsh

Poet – Rhonda performed poetry from her CD – *I Saw Myself*. It is always a treat to hear Rhonda perform because

she delivers her poetry was so much zeal and energy. It was a delight to hear Rhonda recite her poetry so

eloquently coupled with the great music underneath. Her music oozed with melodic jazz sounds with intelligent rhythms and skillful beats. Rhonda was a wonderful storyteller. In between each piece, she engaged the audience throughout her set with witty stories and words of encouragement.

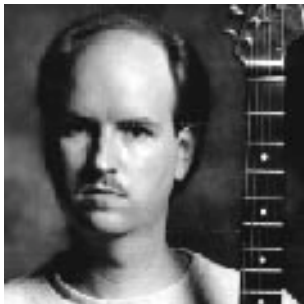
**rufus harris**

The house band was great – and the band (from left to right Mo Jones; Martin Stuart; Rufus and Jeannine Gardner-Washington) performed well opening and closing out the show. They performed: *Risen*, *I Need*, *Believe*, Sting's *If I Ever Lose My Faith* and *Not Black or White*.



**Here's what's coming up this Friday  
- March 28th**

**Waldon Reed, Jr.**



No matter what your tastes may be, Waldon's music will captivate you with its beauty, intelligence and passion. He has developed a well-earned reputation as a "musician's musician" since his debut CD, *Resonance Reconnaissance*, was released in 1998. His innovative compositions

freely bridge genres and shatter stereotypes, while his virtuoso technique and style challenge the limits of the electric and classical guitar. *Guitar Noir* is an album heavily steeped in the instrumental progressive rock/fusion jazz tradition. The music of this CD continues the ever evolving quest for perfection of musical expression through the guitar.

**Angel Rivers**

Angel started writing poetry in the summer of 1998 as a result of a difficult situation that she encountered in her life. She believes God has used her gift of poetry to deliver and heal her through the turmoil she faced and that She now uses it to inspire all who lend an ear. What makes her style of poetry so unique are the strong apologetic lyrics (words that defend the faith). Her unforgettable words coupled with her expressive delivery and creative rhythms have made her one of areas finest Christian poets in town. She'll share pieces from her latest CD entitled *This is Poetry*.



**rufus harris** – will also share some tunes opening and closing out the show with new keyboardist – Martin Stuart.

**Coffee** – The Coffee Brew mister invites you to stop by the coffee table and enjoy this month's featured flavor – Chocolate Cherry.

**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

**Other News**

**2ndFridays in Flushing**



We had our first installment of 2ndFridays in Flushing on March 14th. We featured Rachanee, Mo Jones (solo) and rufus harris as the house band at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Flushing. The attendance was a little low but the show was very good. The next show will be held on April 11th and will feature

extraordinary Guitarist – Andrew Hively. If you are interested in performing or just attending, just email and let us know at: [info@theCampOnline.org](mailto:info@theCampOnline.org)

### 3rd Mondays in Milan

Okay, that's not the official name but it is a unique opportunity for the CAMP to work in conjunction with Prison Fellowship doing Prison Ministry at the only Federal Prison in Michigan. Every third Monday of the month from 6-8:30pm, the CAMP will bring in gifted musicians, poets, comedians and speakers to this Milan facility. This event is really catching on at the facility. Mo Jones and Rufus shared at the March event and there were over 70 men in attendance. Every seat in the chapel was filled. Next month may very well be standing room only. We strongly believe this is going to be a popular and well-attended event at Milan. If you would like more information, contact the CAMP via [email](mailto:info@theCampOnline.org) or at: 248-872-1197 or Prison Fellowship at 248-886-0881. You will be required to take an orientation in order to participate in this event.

### Cowman - The Moosical Fundraiser

Cowman featuring funnyman Joe Gautier is scheduled for this May. It will be a fun event for the whole family. We'll keep you posted on dates, times and locations.

### Red Letter Records

Some of you know that Red Letter Records is the co-sponsor of 4thFridays. The RLR site had been down for several months but is now up and running again. The site features many of the talented artists featured at 4thFridays. Please visit and tell your friends and relatives about the RLR site <http://www.redletterrecords.com> and support these independent artists by purchasing their music downloads for only .99 cents and [the CAMP](http://theCampOnline.org) also.

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At the *beautiful*

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