

4th Fridays

with rufus harris

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Good Music, Good Coffee, Good Company

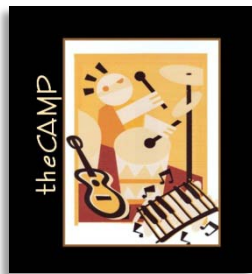


Here's what's coming up
this Friday
March 26th

This week *4thFridays*
celebrates **8 years** of:

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Our special guests will be Jazz Guitarist – Paul
Dozier and poet – Rhonda Welsh



Hardship Program

We know that the economy has hit everyone pretty hard these past few years. In times like these we are forced to make lifestyle changes. Often one of the first things we do is limit or eliminate entertainment. Well, we at 4thFridays understand and still want you to come to the show. You help make the show the success that it is. So we want to help. If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to still come to the show, simply email us and we'll work out an affordable solution. Thanks!

Email: info@theCampOnline.org

Happy Birthday *4thFridays*

Amazing! We started 4thFridays March 22nd, 2002 with the intent to do it only for 3 months and here we are 8 years later. This Friday, please join us to celebrate our 8th Anniversary Show.

Highlights of February 4thFridays

The roads were absolutely treacherous when we set out for **4F** last month. The forecast was for the afternoon and early evening to be "sunny and dry". But that certainly proved not to be the case as we very slowly made our trek through a kind of servious snowfall down Telegraph Road from the Pontiac area pulling the trailer on the increasingly slippery roads.

Without actually saying it, we thought the weather might affect our attendance at **4thfridays** (you know sometimes just rain stops some folks ☺).

But wonderfully and pleasantly to our surprise, nothing could have been further from the truth. As we were setting up for the show, a group from Canada who where caravanning to Dearborn emailed to inform us they were: making their way through a whiteout and; letting us know they were still coming to the show. And by the time we started the show we were full (not to capacity, but lots of people). We were very thankful.



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First up was Rufus and band¹. They mixed up the night with 3 band tunes and a couple of acoustic songs – a nice touch.



William Reynolds



William was up next. He just keeps getting better and better each time we hear him. Years ago when we heard his first album we were saying "this guy's not

¹ From left to right: Martin Stuart; Jeannine Gardner-Washington; Rufus; and James McGee



bad". The Second album had great songs and catchy music and now his third CD **Mr. Sunshine** is like – "Wow the bomb". William was fluid on guitar. His performance was energetic, engaging and just plain fun to listen to. It's amazing what one can do with just an acoustic guitar. He shared songs from his sophomore release - *A Motor City*

Saint and from his new release - *Mr Sunshine*. Rufus introduced him as "Mr. Sunshine", but Wm. explained that the Mr. Sunshine he was referring to was not himself - but was Jesus. Regardless, we continued to call him Mr. Sunshine despite his correction. Visit Williams site: WilliamReynolds.org

Sonnie Day

It had been a few years since Sonnie's last performance at **4thFridays** - June 2004. She certainly did not disappoint. She shared songs from her two releases – *You Visit Me Not* and *Jesus a Bad Dude*.

Sonnie shared how prison ministry *has been a blessing to her* and the importance of helping those who are hungry and visiting those who are sick and those in prison.



She invited Rufus to accompany her on her first song – *Everything's Gonna Be Already*. He performed some

tasty licks on acoustic guitar as Sonnie's soulful, rich voice filled the room. Her style could have been best described as a mixture of funk and R&B. She shared a brand new very wonderful praise song



called *You* from her upcoming album to be released on 10/10/10. This show was her first time performing this song publically. The audience loved it and sang along. Overall, Sonnie was impressive and confident. She served all of us through the lyrics and music. We hope to have her back soon to share more. For more info about Sonnie Day visit her MySpace site:

MySpace.com/SonnieDay2

Paul Dozier

Musician extraordinaire Paul Dozier is a talented singer, songwriter, composer and Musician. He plays multiple instruments including guitar, bass, drums and saxophone. He brings fresh sounds and jazzy blends of instrumental as well as vocal arrangements, which seem to have no boundaries, ranging from Smooth Jazz to Contemporary Christian.

In the early Paul was in a group called the Brothers In Christ. They recorded two albums for New Dawn Records, which was distributed by A & M Records and received

national as well as international acclaim. Paul was then plunged into a major arena and garnered headline openings with noted artists such as Paul Taylor, Wayman Tisdale, Will Downing, Phil Driscoll, The Clark Sisters, Shirley Caesar, The Hawkins Family, Bobby Jones T. V. Show and much more.



Paul has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Jamaica. He has release numerous CDs and currently performs as a solo artist around the United States. Paul also plays with a six man jazz group called Zamar. For more information about Paul, visit: MySpace.com/pauldozier

Rhonda Welsh

Rhonda's soulful delivery and thought-provoking topics are always sure to inspire and entertain audiences. A regular on the arts and culture scene, she is equally comfortable in front of small and large audiences. Born in metro Detroit, she approaches poetry the way musicians

approach music. "My poetry is meant to be heard. I always think about the rhythm and the flow of the words. That is as important to me as the message." Her biggest influences are Gil Scott Heron,



Phoebe Snow, and Langston Hughes. The only poet featured during the Detroit Institute of Arts Re-opening ceremonies, Rhonda's work fuses poetry and music. Whether it's life, love, loss, self-realization or faith, few topics are off-limits. Her work has been heard at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Campus Martius, the Ford Performing and Community Arts Center, Marygrove College, churches, halls and a number of other venues. She resides in metro Detroit, Michigan.

Visit: RhondaWelsh.com



Coffee -

The Coffee Brew mister invites you to stop by the coffee to enjoy this month's flavor of the month - **Irish Cream**. We think it has something to do with St. Patrick's

Day earlier this month.

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 tote

OTHER NEWS...

Where two or more...

Jesus said where two or more are gathered in his name, he is in the midst. We took that scripture to heart and started a prayer conference call in the Fall of 2008. Since that time, we have seen God move in wonderful ways. Finances are better, the ministry is stronger, and most importantly we have been drawn closer to God. Every Tuesday night we pray for **the CAMP**. We pray for everything from **4thFridays** to the many independent artists in Michigan. If you have a prayer request, please, please email it to us at so we can pray for you:

info@theCampOnline.org

3rd Mondays in Milan - 3mm

Prison Fellowship in conjunction with The CAMP continues its monthly event at Milan Federal Prison. The event, called Third Mondays in Milan, is a unique way to minister to those behind the walls. Every third Monday, we invite various artists to share with the men at Milan. Many CAMP artists have come onboard including Rachanee, Mo Jones, Sonnie Day, The Gideon Crew, and Debbie Brown (drama) and David Ivey. Singer and Songwriter - Therese Maynard performed some great tunes at the March 15th event along with Debbie Brown who did a wonderful depiction of the woman with the issue of blood in the Bible. The men really enjoyed the program. If you'd like to get involved, let us know. You will be required to take a brief orientation.

ARTIST RESOURCES - CAMP Community!

The CAMP is pleased to introduce our new network - **CAMP Community**. Camp Community is a place where artists can network and share with other artists and fans. Join the community on Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and Twitter. Follow the links on the CAMP's website: TheCampOnline.org to sign up.

JustRadio.NET

New artists have been added to the radio station. Log on to www.JustRadio.NET and hear great music by independent artists who are Christian while you work or play.

Ways to Give...

You can give financially to the CAMP, via eBay, by giving flowers, or by donating your used vehicle. Please help today so that we can keep all of the programs going. Visit:

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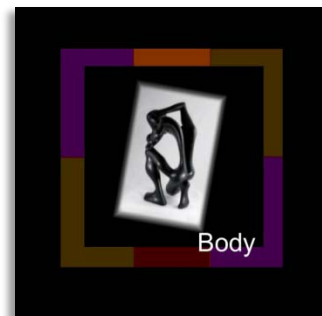
Red Letter Downloads

We are happy to announce that the Red Letter Records downloads website is up and running and the Body project is now available. Red Letter Records is the sponsor of the CAMP. Visit [Red Letter Records](http://RedLetterRecords.com) and download **the Body project for FREE - 15 songs by 11 artists**. And watch the video featured on YouTube. Featured artists include: **Beth Stalker, David Ivey, Kelly Eldridge, William Reynolds, rufus harris, Dan Mieczko, Sarah Dalton, Therese Maynard, Rhonda Welsh, Kim Margerum and Larry Hover**. Feel free to peruse the site and purchase music downloads for only .99 cents. Thank you in advance for supporting these fine independent Christian Artists.

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This month in **Studio A**

At the *beautiful*

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI
between Southfield & Greenfield Roads

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

Admission: \$10 (checks and money orders accepted)

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