

4th Fridays

with rufus harris

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Good Music, Good Coffee, Good Company



March Highlights

So true is the saying, "Time flies when you're having fun." It doesn't seem like it but, last month marked our 4th year of 4thFridays shows. Our March anniversary show was number 43 and we are really excited about moving into our 5th year!



Presenting 4F is not easy and it takes the remarkable, tireless, and faithful support of our volunteers:

Shelly Burns (Hospitality)
Mildred Sheets (Hospitality)
Christina Hoeinghausen (Photography)
Matt Beaudry (Production)
Lawrence Strong (Brew mister)
Kim Strong (the Brew Mister's sister and asst.)
Mike Brewer (Lighting)
Rod Sledge (Audio)
Marvin Sheets (Production)
Jeannine Gardner (House band musician)
Charles Weldon (House band musician)
Sidney Howard (House band musician)
Denise Strong (Events Director)

Again (and for the 3rd time this year), a large crowd came out to the show to enjoy our special guests: **Kelly Eldridge and Mo Jones**. There was – of course and in our book – the 4F award winning coffee and a wonderfully delicious 4F Birthday Cake by **The Cake Lady** (Betty Mullen). (The cake was consumed quickly,



4F Birthday Cake by the Cake Lady

Rufus didn't even get a piece – we either needed more cake or to distribute smaller pieces☺.)

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After the 4F intro

and the welcome, Rufus and band began their set with the softer melodic tunes on which Rufus performs with acoustic guitar. The set had a *VH1 Storytellers'* sort of vibe. They played: *My Life* – a story from Rufus' life based on Romans 12:1-2; *UMustBeBornAgain* supported by John 3:3-5; and they concluded the set with the finger popping - *It's Not*



Rufus

about... a song which speaks of God's purpose in our lives – not our own. One of the lyrics says,

It's about who we're called by and what we are called for. The purpose, commitment, the mission means so much more

The message of *It's Not About* is inspiring, encouraging, and challenging. Rufus' band consists of Jeannine Gardner, Sidney Howard and Charles Weldon.



Jeannine



SIDney



Charles

Mo Jones

4F had an opportunity to hear Mo Jones at a Woodward Crossing Event. He was and still is the bassist for Omega Force (a rock/hip hop group comparable to Kid Rock or P.O.D.) Omega Force has also performed at 4F.



Mo Jones

At the W.C. Event Mo was asked to perform a few solo tunes. What a treasure! It wasn't O.F. it was something different... it was Mo. We had to book him at 4F too!

At 4F, as part of Mo Jones' interview and introduction to the audience, Rufus made a few statements about the history of slap-style bass playing – how that the first time he saw a bass slapped during a performance was on a film dating back to the 1930s. *The musician was slapping an upright bass in a Country trio!*

During the interview, Mo explained how, prior to 1992, he could only play for about fifteen minutes because of the symptoms of Carpel Tunnel Syndrome. However, he shared how one day the Lord healed him and he now plays songs for the Him.

Mo then took the stage armed with his seven-string bass along with sidemen Brian Goodman (drummer) and Blake Donley (bassist) and treated the 4F audience with spiritually-based instrumental tunes performed expertly and passionately. The trio also exuded humility.

Intermission

During the intermission, a video presentation was shown highlighting some of the artists that have appeared at 4thFridays over the last four years. The video featured interviews with artists such as: Zamar, Beth Stalker, David Ivey and Crisi.



March 4F Crowd



Kelly

After Intermission...

Kelly Eldridge

We watched the video introducing Kelly. Then off stage Rufus said, "Please welcome... Kelly Eldridge". As the dimmed lights brightened and before the applause subsided Kelly and her band began to share songs from her new release *First Step*. Her set was a journey that allowed the audience to experience parts of her life. On stage

and off Kelly was amiable and transparent.

She was also cool; very laid back; kind of...; bluesy...; jazzy...; rocky...; funky and very talented. Her voice as clear as a bell and the message in her music captured the audiences' attention immediately.

With Kelly on guitar, she started her set with a funky tune called *Truth*. The chorus rang out "The truth will set you free" and she really meant it. That song set the tone for the rest of her time on stage. The remainder of the evening Kelly was on piano. She followed with cut after cut, songs that illustrated her spiritual maturity; solid teaching and gratefulness to the Lord. Not a whole lot of fluff, but certainly still fun.

Also joining Kelly and band was special guest – Marlin Baker of Zamar. He accompanied her on sax on a few of the tunes. The set ended with a song called *Joy*. And then, the audience requested one more. Kelly truly



Jackson



Kelly and Phillip

delivered an unforgettable performance. Although she is new to the Christian music scene, we pray that her impact will be felt not only locally, but internationally. Kelly's band consists of: Jackson Baugh (percussion); Ian Roberts (bass); Phillip Baugh (drums); and Danny Velic (guitar).



Ian and Danny



Marlin and Kelly

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP APRIL 28TH

Looking Up

Looking Up is a Christian Rock band in South Eastern Michigan. They are a full-service ministry dedicated to spreading the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through music. Although they are a rock band, their music is very diverse and includes praise and worship as well as thought provoking ballads.



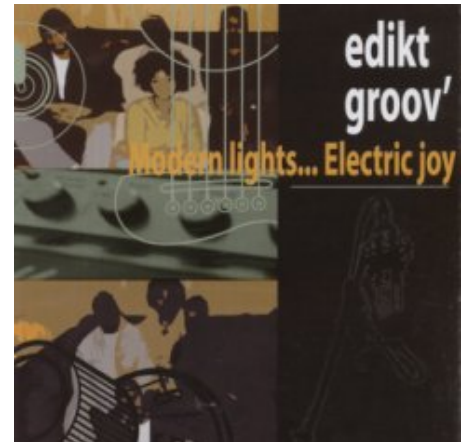
Looking Up (photo by Cybelle)

The beginnings of Looking Up go back as far as 15 years ago when drummer, Blaine Thiel, and guitarist, Richard Engle began playing together. The addition of bassist, Bob Bolton, several years later would solidify the core of the band. These first 3 members have gone through many other personnel and style changes, but have remained committed to God's call. November of 2000 would bring singer and guitar player Kevin Brown. Recently, percussionist and vocalist Roger Schofield joined the band, forming the current line up. Looking Up is managed by Robert Bailey. Robert joined this ministry in 2001 and not only manages the business, but runs live sound for Looking Up during shows. Robert, Richard, and Kevin all ride Harley's and God has used this passion as yet another tool for ministry. The band is actively involved in events supported and sponsored by many biker ministries. For more information: <http://www.lookingup.net>

edikt groov'

Fresh and like no other you've heard – edikt groov' is a unique mix of hip-hop and reggae. Pierre Mayo, the visionary and founder of edikt groov', is a Recording Institute of Detroit graduate who has an astounding gift of God stirring in his spirit. Mayo, a Producer, began to

collaborate on some projects with Travon Brooks in early 2000. It was a genesis awaiting God's time. Three years later, obeying the sound and Gods given vision, Pierre brought in Eyan Stephens, the "Jamaican Crooner", whose velvet style was a perfect compliment to the angelic Travon. However, edikt groov' was not yet complete. An element was still missing. In confirmed timing, that link was to feature an awesome neophyte, lyricist/rapper, Earl "E-Cree" Hunt. Creatively, audibly, and aesthetically the group was ready! Now they are not only a group, but also a family that is firm on the foundation of the Word of God, which is always the straight edge by which they try to direct themselves both publicly and privately. The group's sound is eclectic. They are self-proclaimed Organic Hip-Hop. The lyrical content is Word rich, musically a neo-soul vibe, and the special ingredient is the brilliant mix of the sounds from nature. The vision is to touch the world with a new sound upholding the ever-standing fundamentals that Jesus saves. edikt groov' has performed with Gods Army, King Ray, Elijah The Preacher's Son, and for the Annual Michigans Dream Cruise.



They are also featured artists on the O2 United Tour. For more information: <http://www.myspace.com/ediktgroov>

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

This Month's Coffee - The Brew mister invites you stop by the coffee table to enjoy this month's featured flavor. Also enjoy popular **Purple Passion Tea**. And of course there will be decaf and the **4thFridays House Blend** for those who like it strong and robust.

4F 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 canvas tote.

OTHER NEWS

Effectively Sharing the Good News

An Exciting Artist Resource Seminar/Continental Breakfast - If you've ever been at a loss for words while performing or speaking or if you're tired of using the same old clichés, then this seminar is for you. Join Rufus Harris on Saturday, May 13th from 10am-1pm in the Meeting Room at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center. The cost is \$20. You must RSVP to attend this event: 248-886-0881 or email: info@thecamponline.org

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

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