

4th Fridays

with rufus harris

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Good Music, Good Coffee, Good Company



April Highlights

Some have said that last month's show was one of the best shows we ever had. We featured two artists who were new to the **4thFridays** stage: Danny Cox and Aaron G. of the band Omni. Both were absolutely fantastic.



We had a bit of a rough start. Due to some technical problems, we opened the doors about 15 minutes late. However it was worth the wait to make sure things were perfect for the attendees.

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First up was Rufus and band (on drums: **Jeannine Gardner-Washington**; on keyboard: **Martin Stuart**; and on bass guitar: **James McGee**). After the 4thFridays opener, the band played Sting's song – *If I Ever Lose My Faith*. And then Rufus went solo sharing two great songs acoustically. The first song - the first he wrote as a believer was entitled – *The Lord has Blessed Me Abundantly*. In the



song he relates how the Lord spared his life and avoided him injury from a drive-by shooting during a trip he and his cousin made a Detroit suburb back in the early seventies to look at motorcycles. And then he performed a song by Fannie Crosby (pictured right) called – *Rescue the Perishing*. Although blind since infancy, Fannie wrote over 8,000 songs in her lifetime – many of which we are still



acquainted with today. Even though Fannie passed away in 1915, her songs live on – and this particular song - with a rufusized sound. Rufus often says that one day when he meets Fanny she will probably scold him about what he did to her song ☺.

Up Next...Aaron G.



Rufus interviewed Aaron briefly on stage. We had no idea he was such a character. He is a regular attendee at **4thFridays** and often seems shy. But that was not the case that night. He smoothly responded to the questions Rufus' posed at times in his English accent with one eyebrow raised. We found that Aaron is multi-talented. In addition to being a singer/songwriter and guitarist, he also is an actor and voice over artist. He even does a variety of voices for puppet shows). He started off his set with a medley of music mixing popular praise music with secular songs of the day. Aaron was funny, creative, and highly skilled. His set was full of variety. He shared fun songs; an instrumental song illustrating his skill on guitar; and a moving song about the passing of Pastor Jack Wallace of Detroit World Outreach. He also shared songs from his latest release *Winter's End*. He was amazing. Next time we'll know to bill him not only as a musical artist but as a comedian too.



And then there was Danny Cox

This was Danny's first appearance at **4F** but he's been a performer in the Detroit area for many years and his expertise was obvious in his set. Danny's music was a

blend of inspirational praise and devotion. He shared songs from his two CDs – *Hallowed Ground* and *In All Things*. Danny demonstrated his love for God not only through his words and music but also through his lifestyle. Onstage as well as offstage he was warm and always friendly. Some of his songs were introspective while others pointed us towards God. He shared his journey of faith and his personal walk with God. That night he brought two other very gifted players to form a very talented trio: **Mike Mulliniks** (*he does have a face but we never were able to catch it on camera*) on guitar and **Brandon Husken** on percussion (he played a wave drum - a djembe on steroids - with other stuff). It was a great set. We hope to have them back real soon.



Here is what's comin' up this Friday May 28th

Chuck Tocco

This gifted singer, songwriter and guitarist from the downriver area once again takes the 4thFridays stage. His great vocal ability, creative melodies and insightful lyrics make him one of the most unique artists in the area. Chuck recently won Tate Music Group's "Artist of the Year" award. He'll share songs from his two CDs - "Louder than Audible" and "I Know You Can Hear Me." We know you are sure to enjoy him. Don't miss it. For more info please visit:



www.myspace.com/Chucktocco

Dan Mleczko



Dan's soft, airy and mellow voice blended with a jazzy laid back sound is balm for the soul and soothes listeners of all ages. He has been performing and writing songs for over 30 years. His vocal

influences include Dan Fogelberg, Kenny Loggins and Peter Cetera. Formerly a member of the Christian band - Jubal, Dan is a seasoned songwriter and musician. His latest release is entitled - *The Last Call*. These 10 songs take listeners on a spiritual journey with the goal of keeping their eyes fixed on Christ and not losing sight of the vision. Check him out at 4thFirdays this week. For more info, visit:

www.spiritabidesmusic.com

Coffee -The Coffee Brew mister invites you to stop by the coffee to enjoy this month's flavor of the month – **Danish Pastry**;



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

Hardship Program

We know that the economy has hit everyone hard. So **the CAMP** offers a special deal to those who would love to come to the show but can't afford to do so. If you are experiencing a hardship and need a break, simply email us and we'll tell you more: 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 artists have joined **the CAMP** and come onboard including **Rachanee, Therese Maynard, Mo Jones, Sonnie Day, The Gideon Crew, Debbie Brown** (drama) and **David Ivey**. If you'd like to get involved, let us know.

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: www.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... WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL HELP!!

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. Goto the **CAMP ONLINE** and see "Giving Opportunities". Thanks in advance!

Where two or more...

Jesus said where two or more are gathered in his name,



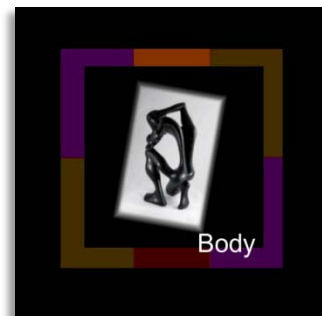
he is in the midst. We took that scripture to heart and started a prayer conference call in the Fall of 2008. Since that time, we have seen God move in wonderful ways. The ministry is stronger, and most importantly we have been drawn closer to God. Every Tuesday night we pray for **the CAMP**. We pray 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

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 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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