

4th Fridays

with Rufus Harris

Good Music, Good Coffee, Good Company



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May Highlights



If you weren't at last month's 4thFridays you missed a great...no, let it be said it was a tremendous show. We featured all the way from Toronto, Ontario - Canadian Blues artist Danny Brooks and from Metro Detroit - New Age Jazz guitarist and fine artist Damon Terrell. Both artists were extraordinary.

First Up... Damon Terrell

All that can be said is, "Whoa!" It has been really, a short five years since Damon performed at 4thFridays back in 2002 (See: [June02 Newsletter](#)). He and his wife (Flair) would from time-to-time stop in and enjoy a 4F show and/or shoot us an email inviting us to events they were sponsoring. One day, we showed up at – of all things – a release party at [Different Stokes Art & Custom](#) an art gallery & custom framing shop in Southfield. Boy, were we happy to catch up with him to see and experience what he has been up to these days.

To our surprise, not only is Damon skilled on guitar and music composition, but he is also a wonderfully-gifted fine artist. At 4F, we displayed his art on stage and Rufus chatted with him before his set about his work. Damon talked



about how thankful and humbled he was that God had given him the ability to play guitar and create fine art.

Damon is not a man of many words but what he did not express verbally he powerfully conveyed through his electrifying performance on guitar. Both his style and proficiency absolutely thrilled the audience. He exhibited versatility throughout his set sharing soft jazzier tunes and then heavier Hendrix-like tunes. He performed songs from his latest release – *In My Life*. We look forward to having Damon back in the near future. To see more of Damon's art or for purchasing Damon's art: DamonTerrel.NET



Mary Schipper purchases *Graceful* from Damon



After the break... Danny Brooks

Danny stopped at 4F on his way to Nashville (who would want to go down there?☺) with his sweetheart of a daughter – Caitlin. Both his performance and the things he shared were nothing short of incredible. We felt honored to have an artist of such caliber. Rufus commented that he didn't know that Canada had all that going on and that if you closed your eyes, you would think Danny was a black man. His raspy totally in-tune voice worked very well with his bluesy sound. He skillfully played guitar and harmonica simultaneously and effortlessly. Because of the syncopations between the two instruments, it was as if there were three musicians on stage: a singer; guitarist and harmonica player. He was a delight to watch.



This type of performance was one we had not featured before at 4thFridays. Danny's songs were about the mercy and greatness of God and his personal journey. He was a great storyteller engaging the audience. He shared how his addiction to drugs and

alcohol nearly destroyed his health but how after crying out to God, the Lord miraculously healed him. In fact, the doctor who had previously told him the extent of the damage he had done to his body commented on how his body was now that of someone who had never done substance abuse at all. Danny has been serving the Lord ever since.

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Rufus and band engaged the audience with a combination of original and over tunes.



Jeannine Gardner- Washington and Mo Jones



Rufus

Here's What's Coming Up - June 22nd

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.

Tracy Price

Our resident poet takes the stage sharing some inspiring readings by the Reverend Billy Graham.



Tracy

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 – Blueberry Crumble Cake and the 4thFridays’s 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

OTHER NEWS
Tapestry Fundraiser



Ann Strubler

The Tapestry fundraiser which took place on May 30th was a success. It featured Detroit Symphony Orchestra Violinist – Ann Strubler. Ann was our special guest who shared the story of being united with her birth mother. She

then shared a tune entitled *Great is Thy Faithfulness* – a tribute to both her mother of adoption and her birth mother. She then surprised the audience by introducing her birthfather with whom she - just last summer - had been reunited. As a tribute to Joe, [The Jump Street Swing Band](#) shared songs with singer Jack Stock – *New York New York* and a song Joe had written – *Never Leave Me All Alone*. Jazz Artist - Paul Dozier shared songs with Ann’s song Mark on Bass. And Ann’s other son’s band – [Last in Line](#) performed as well. Rufus shared a song by Glenn Kaiser called *Tapestry* to wrap up the



The Jump Street Swing Band with Jack Stock

Last in Line



Emcee Ken Hammer

evening. It was an extraordinary night. We raised a little over \$10,000 that night. Thank the Lord!!! The Free Press will be printing an article about Ann Strubler’s story



Paul Dozier and Mark Strubler

and hopefully a little blurb about the CAMP on June 24th. A very special thanks goes out to Dave Strubler, Ken Hammer (our emcee), Diane Hammer and Richard Dalton for helping us with this event. Also thanks to photographer - Don Mancier for the Tapestry pictures.

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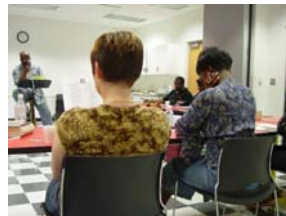
Rufus shared at Oakwood Hospital’s Dearborn location to in the hospital cafeteria. Numerous workers commented on how they enjoyed his music and his sound.



Special thanks to Diane Bernier from the Transportation department for her help with unloading the PA. Now that we’ve tested the waters, so to speak, we will be bringing more artists onboard to share at Oakwood.

Artist Resources

We held our second artist training seminar – *Effectively Sharing the Good News* to help artists share their music and their faith. Artists were trained on the do’s and the don’ts of prison ministry and given tips on effectively sharing the Gospel. Artists also enjoyed a continental breakfast and had an opportunity to meet other artists. Stay tuned for information on future seminars.



A couple of seminar attendees

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