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## Message from: the Executive Director

### The Joy Set Before Us

At times I have looked at what we are doing at the CAMP and I ask myself, "What in the world have we gotten ourselves into?" I have thought and even said out loud, "If I only had known the amount of work involved; the finances required; and the continued commitment of this endeavor, the CAMP may have not been founded.



Rufus Harris

I think I would have never stepped up to the commitment. I would not have enthusiastically raised my hand and said, "I'll do it!" I would have said, "Sounds like a good idea, good luck! Be blessed, I'll pray for you". However all those thoughts and words fade when I am reminded why we do what we do. We are motivated because there is a need in our community to provide support for the artist who is a Christian. Artists need to be encouraged in their craft. Artists need to be encouraged to use their gifts for service. The need is very great.

The funny thing about artists who follow Christ is that they often come to the table with the built-in gifts of the evangelist, teacher, pastor, apostle and prophet. If they have something good they want to share it. If they have learned something, they want to pass it on. By humbly sharing their gift they can lead and care for others. And lastly, many artists feel that they are "sent" or commissioned to do what they do. At least they feel that way until their passion for one reason or another is extinguished. I am convinced that many artists are and can be just as inspired as many who serve on high elevated platforms.

As the CAMP comes up on its 5th year anniversary, I have the vision which motivates me. I "fix my eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross..."<sup>1</sup> Ah, that's what I needed hear.

Rufus

<sup>1</sup>Hebrews 12:2



## New Year's Eve Bash & Fundraiser

You're invited - The CAMP is planning an exciting **New Year's Eve Bash & Fundraiser** on

Sunday, December 31st from 8pm-1am. Our very special guest will be the premier Jazz Band - **Zamar**. Enjoy dinner, other great entertainment, and a good safe time with friends. There will also be a short presentation about theCAMP. Learn how theCAMP is helping independent artists and providing spiritual enrichment through the arts.



Zamar

The event will be held in the beautiful Grand Hall at:

**St. John's**

**Banquet & Conference Center**

**[22001 Northwestern Highway Southfield MI](#)**

*(It's attached to the church with the Gold Dome)*

Doors will open at 8 pm. Dinner will be served at 9pm. Tickets are as follows: **Individual - \$55, Couple - \$100, Table of 10 - \$500.** Dress is Semi-Formal. Tickets

must be purchased in advance via email or mail. All proceeds benefit theCAMP. Seating is limited. So get your tickets today and ring in the New Year with **Zamar** and your friends at theCAMP.



## 4thFridays

We can hardly believe that there is only one 4thFridays show left in 2006. It has been a wonderful year and we're looking forward to bringing you more great shows in 2007. Here are some highlights from September's show:

### 4F's September Highlights

**4**thFridays began with **Rufus and band** performing a positively delightful rendition of Sting's *If I Ever Lose My Faith*. They made the song their own. Rufus commented on how he didn't know what Sting was thinking about when the song was written, but he appreciates the lyrics and what they mean to him. Also included in their set was a song from the self-titled rufus harris CD – *Captain* – which they hadn't shared in while. The song speaks of how Jesus is ultimately the one we as Believers should follow. The band closed out the show with *2BePraised*.



rufus harris

### Up Next...All For One

Right after rufus harris performed, All For One took the stage. This solid group of musicians from the Brighton area connected well with the 4F audience with their full, well-crafted sound and songs. They performed songs from their new release, *One Way Home*. Out in front, lead vocalist Cheryl Wilson's soft, sweet voice and friendly outgoing personality truly engaged listeners while



All For One

Nick Steudle's performance on guitar was fluid and commanding. Steve Goddard - also on guitar - equally contributed to the distinctiveness

of the band's sound. Bassist Jerry Reams (a newcomer to AFO) was fun to watch – he was very expressive - as he held down the low end skillfully and with enthusiasm. Drummer Andrew Orstadius was steady and consistent throughout the night. Sideman Jackson Baugh (from Kindred Nation) stepped in adding nice, sweetening touches on percussion. All For One is a great band and full of good people!

### Beth Stalker... What can we say?

We were pleased to welcome back Beth Stalker for her second appearance at 4thFridays. She was as good as ever! In fact, her performance was absolutely wonderful. Her transparent personality and lovely voice was captivating and passionate.



Beth Stalker and Jim Rawlings



She shared a number of tunes from her *Here with You* CD and delighted and surprised us with a few brand new tunes she and accompanist - Jim Rawlings had just written. Beth also shared the title song from her jazz album called *Hallelujah, I Love Him So*. The

highlight of Beth's set was a traditional gospel tune entitled *Old Testament Blues*. The audience loved it and she and Jim received a standing ovation.

Jim was incredible on guitar. Actually, he is one of the standout guitarists in the Detroit area. He played rhythm; ... he played solos... and on top of all that he incorporated digital technology - skillfully using a technique known as looping. Jim was creative, melodic and entertaining. However, while we love Jim, we made one mistake... We left a live vocal mic in front of him. Once he used it we knew it was too late to turn it off – *it would be kind of rude*. So throughout the night, he found space to throw in an occasional one-liner to make us laugh. And he did.



## Here's what's coming up this Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>

**A**s we said earlier, this is our last show of the year (boo, hoo, hoo) and what better way to celebrate than with...

### **Grand Rapids rocker – Crisi...**

We can't say enough good things about this Grand Rapids artist. She first performed at Woodward Crossing with her band back in June. Her performance was amazing. With a Bachelor of Music Degree from Cornerstone University – Grand Rapids, Crisi has been busy performing at national and international venues both as a soloist and with her band. She has been interviewed on radio and TV and has opened for several recording artists.



Crisi is an accomplished songwriter, singer, and acoustic guitar player having recorded three projects. She has written many of her songs while leading worship for two different contemporary church plants. Having a heart for ministry is a passion to Crisi. The her CD entitled *Woman You See* was just released last year and is published through Cabgirl Music. The band has performed at camps, churches, clubs, seminars and even sporting events at the impressive VanAndel Arena in Grand Rapids, MI. The band members are Brad Angus on percussion, Nathan Martin on bass, Curt Hines or Mike Marsden on electric lead guitar, and Crisi Dykstra on acoustic guitar and vocals. These very talented artists have a great passion for music and for the Lord. It shows in every performance. She'll take the 4thFridays' stage this Friday.

[www.crisiband.com](http://www.crisiband.com)

### **Mo Jones**



Michael Lee Jones, or 'Mo' as he is known, has been a musician most of his life. Starting with Piano at age 8, to Guitar, then by 12 he moved onto for what he would be best known - Bass Guitar. He began recording in the studio by the age of 13. He went on to study at the Flint Institute of Music, and at the Detroit Recording Institute. He has taken these

skills, along with his own abilities to record on numerous projects and to perform before thousands. His most recent project is a bass solo CD entitled *Mo Jones - Bass*. Using only Bass Guitar and Drums, he brings an amazing collection of songs, with an eclectic blend of funk, rhythm and jazz. Visit his website to learn more about him and read his touching testimony:

[www.mojones.net](http://www.mojones.net)

**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 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**

### **Institutional Ministry**

Prison Fellowship and Operation Starting Line launched their Michigan campaign October 6th thru October 8th. A roster of artists from different parts of the country – including Rufus shared the Gospel message in word and song at three prison facilities: Muskegon Correctional, Scott's Correctional in Plymouth and Huron Valley Correctional in Ypsilanti. It was one of the most amazing times every behind the walls. In fact, the logistics manager of Operation Starting Line stated that in the six years she has worked with OSL, she has never seen such a cohesive team. The roster included a hip hop artist from Los Angeles – 4God, a comedian from Texas – Joe Gautier, Rufus Harris, and the founder of Angel Tree – Mary Kay Beard. The weather was absolutely wonderful and surprisingly warm. The concerts were performed outdoors on the prison grounds. The inmates at the women's facilities were especially thrilled and exhibited a range of emotions – some shouted for joy, some laughed while others cried. It was a moving, experience and we can say with certainty that the Lord was in the midst.

By the way, it is our plan to have Joe Gautier at January's 4<sup>th</sup>Friday. He will be in the area. He's a very funny man.

### **Media**

Just Radio.NET – The CAMP's Internet radio station - was launched in January of 2005 and is still going strong. The radio station is heard in over 20 countries and is steadily growing in popularity. You can listen to

great Christian music while your work or play 24/7 by logging on to: [www.justradio.net](http://www.justradio.net).

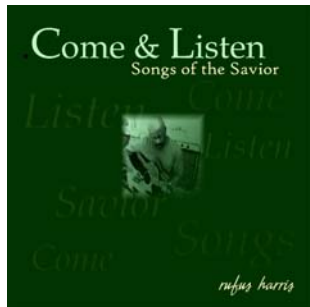
### Festivals and Special Events

The CAMP in conjunction with The Bridge Church presented a stage called Storytellers during Pontiac's Arts Beats and Eats festival on Sunday during the Labor Day weekend. The event was a tremendous success. Next year, theCAMP plans to once again put on the Storytellers stage and in addition will approach other festivals about opportunities to partner with theCAMP.

**Artist Resources** – In May, theCAMP presented its first artist seminar entitled "Effectively Sharing the Good News". Plans are in the works for another artist training seminar soon. Stay tuned for dates and times.

### Christmas CD release party

– Christmas is right around the corner. If you like Christmas music and the music of Rufus Harris, you'll love his new release – *Come and Listen*. The wonderful people at Central Woodward Christian Church have graciously agreed to host the CD release at their church located at [3955 West Big Beaver Road](#) in Troy. The concert will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 8pm. Admission is free.



Listen to the music and order the CD online by visiting [www.rufusharris.com/](http://www.rufusharris.com/)

**Want to help?** – Hey if you like what we're doing at the CAMP and you would like to support it here's how:

**Make a financial donation** – Your generous gift will help us reach our goal of promoting independent Christians artists while providing spiritual enrichment to the community through the arts. All donations are tax-deductible. You will receive a letter from the CAMP

stating that you donated to our organization. **Help us make a difference today.**

**Send Flowers and Help theCAMP** – The CAMP is happy to announce its partnership with **BloomDepot.com**. BloomDepot is an online-flower organization. When you send a gift of fresh flowers to someone special you'll be supporting us at the same time. Ten percent (10%) of your purchase will be earmarked for the CAMP payable to us from BloomDepot. Simply click on the BloomDepot graphic below to browse the site and purchase what you'd like to send that special someone.



If you are not comfortable buying via the Internet you can call toll free: 888-Bloom-06 (888-256-6606) mention that you are with the organization the CAMP and then make your purchase via the phone.

**Donate your used vehicle to Charity Motors** - Charity Motors is a non-profit organization that helps the underprivileged with transportation. When you donate your vehicle, not only are you helping a needy person, but you can also choose theCAMP to receive the proceeds from the sale. And of course, your donation is tax-deductible. To donate call: 313-255-1000 or 888-908-2277. Or click the key below to get started.



Charity Motors accepts: cars, trucks, motor homes, boats and motorcycles.

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Come check out 4thFridays

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)  
\$7 for students (w/ ID) and seniors

Please make them payable to: "The CAMP"

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