



This is right up there with the banjo joke...

I guess I should explain to the non-musicians that may read these little starter pieces that musicians have jokes about every instrument... banjos, accordions, bagpipes, etc. take a lot of the brunt of these though.

My dear Father was a very good accordion player and actually started me out on that instrument. He bought me a smaller "piano accordion" but for an 8 year old it was pretty heavy. He'd give me the money to go to my lessons (including bus fare) as it was about 20 blocks from my home to "Accordiana College".

I went a few times and completely lost interest so I would take the bus a little further to a theatre and use the lesson money to see a show and have some popcorn and take the bus home. I have a brother 3 years younger than me and I would give him 25¢ to "toodle" on my accordion so my Dad would think I was practicing... meanwhile down the street a teenager named Murray had a set of drums and would let me watch him practice.

My Dad found out and ended up buying me a set of WFL drums (old name for Ludwig) and put me with the best drum teacher (Lynn Wallace) in the top music store in my home town of Edmonton... Harmony Kids. By the time I was 12, I was playing in my Dad's band and getting paid and I have been paid ever since and that's coming up to 66 years this summer... and still going and loving every minute playing with the great guys I play with in a great club... I'm the luckiest guy anywhere!

Now I have got a "roadie" as I went through some health issues and I only play once a week to the greatest bunch of people that are "our" audience... how lucky can a guy get?

My goal now is to be the oldest performing drummer on Earth... right here in our beautiful paradise by the lake.

"Always Have Fun"

For the week of February 17th to February 23rd, 2020

AROUND THE RESTAURANTS AND BARS

MONDAY

You might want to call **Adelita Bar & Grill** at **766-0097** and make reservations... **The Ajijic Jamm Band** featuring **Jonathan Guzman** on lead guitar and vocals, **Paul Brier** on vocals, guitar and sax, **Sergio Casas** on vocals and bass and **Chelo González** on drums. The band starts at **8:00 PM.**

The Jazz Duet with Juan Castañón on guitar and David Calvario on bass, will be playing every Monday morning at Huerto Café in Riberas del Pilar starting at **12 Noon.** Great for starting the week, smooth music for coffee time!

"Oui Oui" French restaurant: "Black Swan with Diamonds" is performing their balanced blend of North American, Euro & Latin music around 7:30 to 11 PM. Something for everyone to listen, sing or dance to.

Hawaiian Superman, **Louis Pavao**, is back at **La Tia's** on Colon south of Tango Restaurant (about a block and a half south of the Plaza) starting from **5** to **7 PM...** neat little place!

TUESDAY

Go Bistro (less than a block north of the Carretera from the new pawn shop Marcos Castellanos No. 31) will be **Arpa de Chapala** featuring **Jose Armando Rivera** on bass, **Jose Antonio Marquez** on violin, **Jared Jimenez Encarnation** on guitar and **Javier Rayboza Munguia** on harp with two sets from **6:30** to **8:30 PM** during dinner.

Juan Castañón plays solo jazz guitar at **Teocintle Restaurant** in Ajijic starting at **6 PM**.

Casa Domenech has **Groobeaners Alvaro Medeles** and **David Calvario** at 6:30 PM.

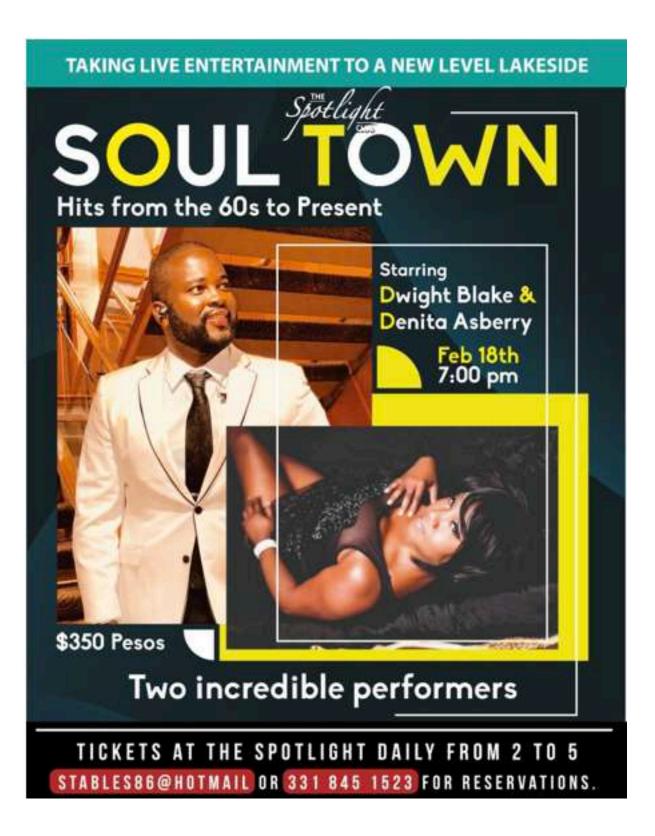
"Oui Oui" French restaurant: **"Black Swan with Diamonds"** is performing their balanced blend of North American, Euro & Latin music around **7:30** to **11 PM**. Something for everyone to listen, sing or dance... On Independencia, off Colón).



Come on down to **La Bodega de Ajijic** (16 de Septiembre #124... 3 blocks south of the Pemex in Ajijic).and have a great time dancing on the best dance floor in town to the great sounds of **The Great American Songbook** featuring **Paul Brier** on vocals, piano and piano bass, the always popular **Jimmy Barto** on vocals, trumpet and flugelhorn, and **Bob "The Wizard" Myers** on vocals and guitar like you've never heard and yours truly on the drum kit. Call **766-1002** for reservations.

Don't miss the great covers band **Gargamal** at **El Sombrero** every Tuesday at **7:00 PM.** Handy location just west of the Pemex in Ajijic... lots of parking in front and across the Carretera on the lateral.







Come dine and dance at the American Legion-Chapala with the lively sounds of The Whippersnappers variety dance band performing from **2** to **4 PM**. Good food, good tunes and good times! Calle Morellos No. 114 in Chapala.

WEDNESDAY

Don't forget the place with the best view at Lakeside... La Cima Restaurant out on the cliff just before San Juan Cosala awaits you for some great dance music by Jonathan Guzman and Paul Brier starting at 4:15 PM so you can get home before it's too dark. Love this place!

Go Bistro (less than a block north of the Carreter at Marcos Castellanos No. 31) will be **Salterio** who play traditional and soothing music for your dining pleasure at **GO Bistro** from **6:30** to **8:30** PM. The group features **Jared Jimenez** on guitar, **Isabel Hernandez Sotelo** on the harp-like salterio and **Jose Antonio Marquez** on violin. Reserve now at **(333) 502-6555.**

Join the fun at the **Ajijic Ukulele Sing...** Sing! Play! Enjoy! Always casual and always fun! This is on from **2** to **4 PM** at **The Cocktail Bar** at Constitucion No# 32 in Ajijic Centro. Singers, ukuleles, guitars, autoharps.... EVERYBODY is welcome. Come for the music and enjoy the food, drink and fun. Visit us on Facebook.

Are you up for some great line dancin' and two steppin'... then get yourself down to **El Patio** (right across from City Hall in Chapala) about **3 PM** because the great **Jerry Mayfield** will be on hand to entertain you AND get you home at a decent hour before sundown! Don't ya dare miss now... ya hear?

The Crooners are at **El Patio Restaurante** (across from City Hall in Chapala) from **5** to **7 PM** – great to drive home when it is still light!



ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY!!!

TAKING LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TO A NEW LEVEL LAKESIDE



THURSDAY

No Borders at **El Bar-Co** at **7:30 PM** with **Juan Castañón** on guitar, **Sergio Casas** on bass and vocals, **Chelo González** on drums and the very funky **Thomas Banks** on vocals. Have a very super night with these very entertaining and talented guys.

Larry Sulky hosts the Open Mic at El Patio Bar in Chapala right across from City Hall. It will go from 5 to 7:30 PM and just see Larry about what you're going to play and with whom... this has become a real favorite at Lakeside... bring your friends!

Black Strings are at Teocintle Maiz in Ajijic from 6:30 to 8 PM.

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FRIDAY

The Iron Horse Saloon has **3 Times 7** to get you going... It is also Ladies' Night with specials from 8 to 11 PM... the band starts at **9 PM.**

Adelita Bar & Grill has Los Traficantes de Ritmo back on Friday nights! A great mix of Latin, pop, rock, new and old. A great band! They go from 8 to 11 PM.

The Blue Velvet Funk Band with Juan Castañón on guitar, David Calvario on bass and Miguel Soto on drums at El Bar-Co starting at 8:30 PM with very special and talented guest... none other than Diana Terry... gonna be a great show!

Don't miss this open mic with **Teresa Trigiani** (who was away for about a month) with another great open mic at **Historica Buenos Ayres Cafe** on Morelos and Zaragoza in Chapala on from **6** to **8 PM** – come early to sign up and play. Bring a jacket in case they're "Up on the Roof". **The Jazz Duet** is at the **Huerto Café** at Hidalgo #212 in Riberas del Pilar at **Noon**.

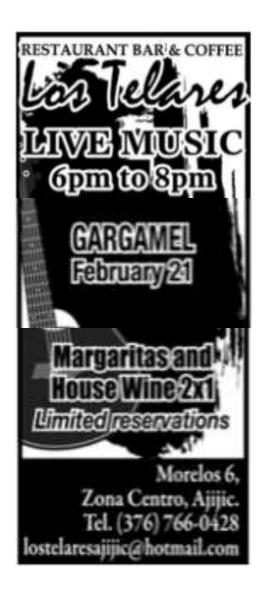
Janelle's Garden presents Sweet Harmony from 5 to 7 PM.

"Oui Oui" French restaurant: "Black Swan with Diamonds" is performing their balanced blend of North American, Euro & Latin music around 7:30 to 10 PM. Something for everyone to listen, sing or dance to. Next to "La Vie en Rose", the French Bakery & Patisserie downtown, (Independencia, off Colón).

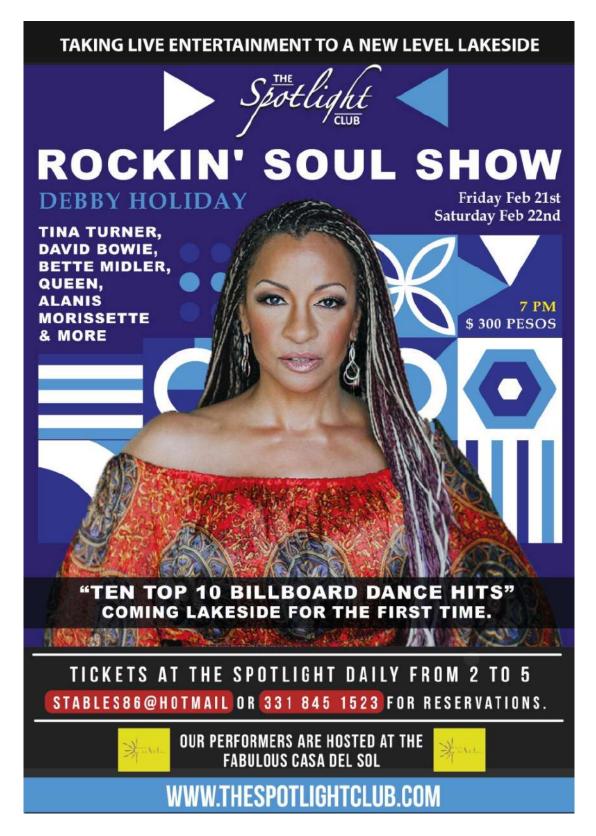
Sabor Del Caribe Cafe is a new Cuban restaurant located at Zaragoza #92 in Ajijic. They will have live entertainment with **Rafa Torres "El Crucito"** with lots of cumbia and traditional songs every Friday night starting at **7:30 PM.** Call **(376) 108-2406** for more information and reservations.

Go Bistro (less than a block north of the Carretera from the new pawn shop (Marcos Castellanos No. 31) will be **Salterio** who play Bossa Nova and Swing for your dining pleasure from **6:30** to **8:30** PM. The group features **Jared Jimenez** on guitar, **Isabel Hernandez Sotelo** on the harp-like salterio and **Jose Antonio Marquez** on violin. Reserve now at **(333) 502-6555.**

The Whippersnappers are at Perry's Pizza for your dancing pleasure from 6:30 to 9 PM with a mix of country, classic rock, funk and more. Featuring Charlie Cook on guitar and vocals, Pauline Proulx on lead vocals, the inimitable Jimmy Barto on trumpet, keyboards, Armand Vienneau on drums and vocals and Bill Sheehan on bass and vocals. Reservations are recommended at (376) 766-2841.



ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!!!



SATURDAY

The Iron Horse Saloon presents **Catharsis...** on stage to make sure you do some serious dancing!

La Bodega Restaurant has the always popular Ricardo and Blanca with their great Mexican and popular music... just for you. They start at 8:30 PM... call 766-1002 for reservations.

"Oui Oui" French restaurant: "Black Swan with Diamonds" is performing their balanced blend of North American, Euro & Latin music around 7:30 to 11 PM. Something for everyone to listen, sing or dance to. Full Cocktail Bar & Extensive Wine List. Next to "La Vie en Rose", the French Bakery & Patisserie downtown, (Independencia, off Colón)

Sabor Del Caribe Cafe is a Cuban restaurant located at Zaragoza #92 in Ajijic. They will have live entertainment with **Mario & Antonio** playing mariachi music starting at **6:30 PM.** Call **(376) 108-2406** for more information and reservations.

Black Strings are at Huerto Cafe in Riberas from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Also Black Strings are at Garufa Restaurant from 3 to 5 PM.



Guadalajarabased Jazz band Cienfuegos performs at the Auditorio de la Ribera, Saturday, February 22, 7 p.m.

Same Fabulous Event New Location Three Concerts

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New location

BRAVO! Hidalgo 441 Riberas del Pilar

SHOWSTO

SUNDAY



Back from the beach, **Blue Jay Slim & the Blues Machine** will be kickin' out da blues" at **The Iron Horse Saloon** from **3** 'til **6 PM.** The band is **Chris Cuevas** on guitar, **Sergio Casas** on bass, **Rod Struss** on drums, **Mike Leisenbach** on sax and **Slim** on guitar & vocals. If you like the blues this is it. If you don't like the blues maybe we'll change your mind. We'll be starting off the second set with some Cunbia. Be there or be square!

Come jam with **Aloha Rock** at **Perry's Pizza** at **4** until **7 PM.** This is an Open Stage so bring your thing and come and sing! Perry's Pizza is just over the crest of the hill in West Ajijic.

Latinitos Lounge Trio with Juan Castañón on guitar, David Calvario on bass, Miguel Soto on drums is at Garufa Restaurant in Ajijic starting at 3 PM.

Janelle's Garden presents Sweet Harmony from 11 AM to 1 PM.

LIVE THEATRE



HELD OVER UNTIL MARCH 4TH!!!

To ensure everyone has a chance to buy tickets for the extra show, we are not accepting email orders. Rather, the box office will open on additional days, 10 am to noon: Saturday, Feb 15, Monday, Feb 17 and Tuesday Feb 18, and tickets will be sold in person only, cash or credit card.

After that, as is our custom, the box office will be open from Wednesday, February 19 through the run of the show (to March 4), with the exception of Sundays. Hours: 10 am to noon.

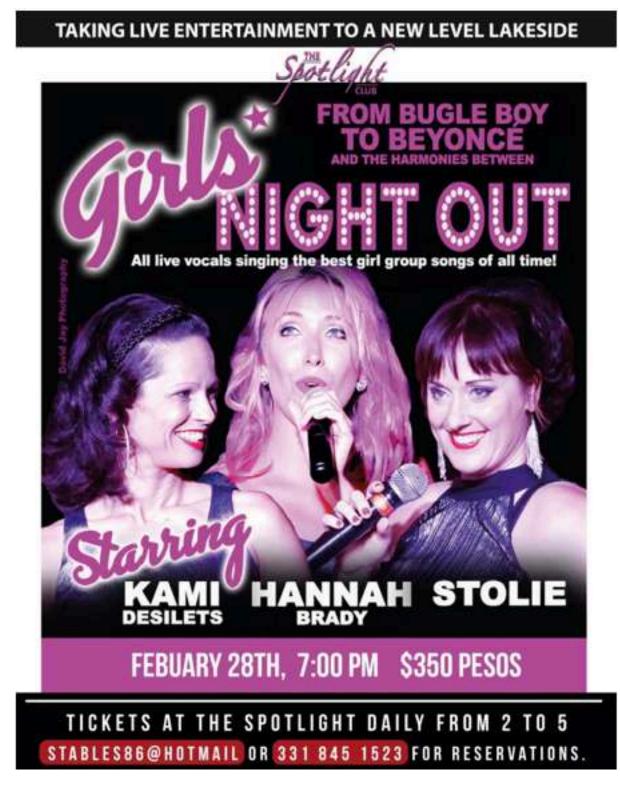
Also the box office is open one hour before curtain.

For this show extension, we cannot accept exchanges of previously purchased tickets. Thank you for your understanding.



UPCOMING EVENTS







Concert Pianist Samuel Armas will present a homage to Fryderyk Chopin, as a celebration of 210 years of the birth of one of the greatest exponents of romanticist music, Sunday, February 29, 7 p.m. at the Centro Cultural Gonzalez Gallo (CCGG) in Chapala. Enjoy waltzes, preludes scherzos mazurkas, ballads, nocturnes, polonaises, etudes and transcriptions. Tickets, 150 pesos, are available at the CCGG.

14th Annual Lake Chapala Shriners Ribfest

Located at: Cumbres Jardin Eventos on top of Chula Vista Norte

Featuring: Ajijic Jamm Band

Doors open at 1 pm and close at 5 pm Food service 2:00 - 4:00 pm

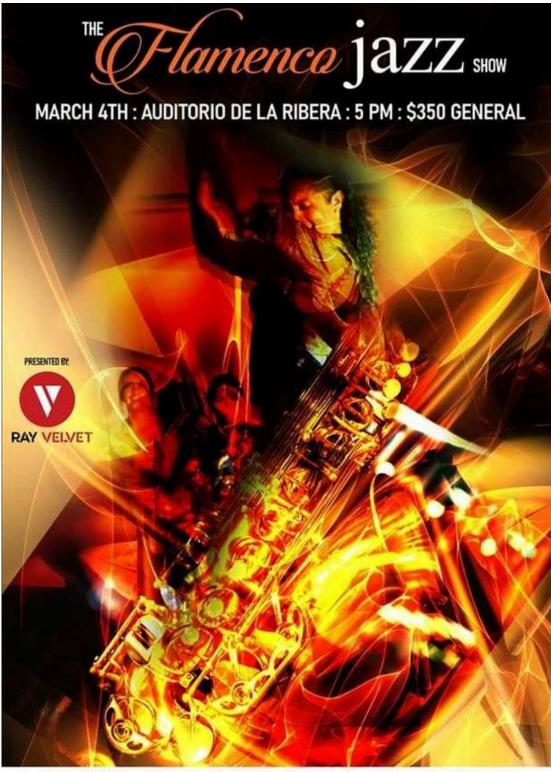
> Menu: Adelita's Famous Ribs

Ticket donation \$600 pesos 50/50 Raffle

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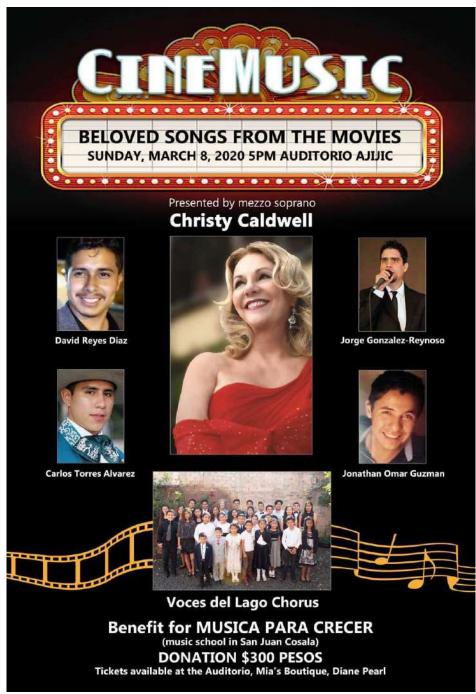
You can contact me at <u>francis.dryden@gmail</u>... for tickets to... ALMOST SOLD OUT!!! HELP THE SHRINERS HELP KIDS!!!



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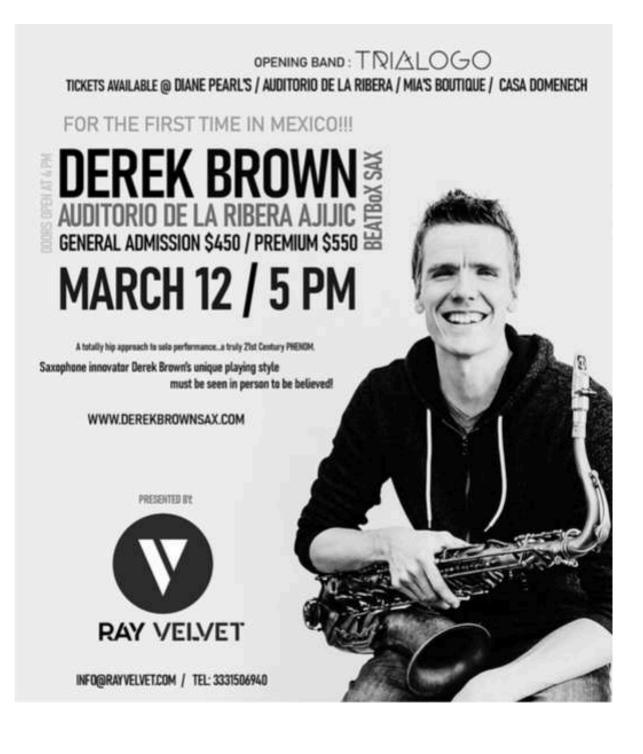






The show is a very unique multimedia show with a large screen and movie clips playing behind the singers. The show is called CineMusic and has lots of great movie music, from such movies as Gladiator, Godfather, Ghost, Dirty Dancing, Pearl Harbor, Disney and Armageddon. Everyone from Fred Astaire in 1935 to Lady Gaga in 2018. It is light-hearted with just a bit of narration and very moving as well. And there will be a surprise appearance by Marilyn Monroe. (Guess who?)







Playing at El Bar-Co on March 21st!!!! The one and only **Ginetta** and her band... **Vendetta!** Show at - **7 PM** and Tix – 200 Pesos

Book your own band

The Great American Songbook

Francis Dryden Phone (376)765-4619 E-Mail: francis.dryden@gmail.com All the top tunes from the '40's to the '80's

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The Ajijic Jamm Band

Paul Brier Phone: (376)766-4418 E-Mail:paulbrier2112@yahoo.com Top-notch party band for all occasions!

Teresa Trigiani

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Well what are you going to do this week... there is lots to choose from but then there always is!

I look forward to seeing you somewhere... SOON!

Regards,

Francis Dryden

PS – If you run onto any events I've missed or know of something coming up that has **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**, please have someone from the group or the venue send me a message. Thanks for subscribing and if you wish to **unsubscribe** my e-mail address is: **francis.dryden@gmail.com**.

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