

#### I'll get some e-mail on this article... Keep in mind it is Canada and I didn't write it!

Below is a beautiful shot of Festival Place, the premiere venue in my community that has hosted countless concerts, supported fundraisers for every cause imaginable and celebrated our lives through entertainment.



Festival Place is a beautiful venue in Sherwood Park, Alberta just east of my hometown of Edmonton.

It's not lit red in anticipation of Christmas my friends, it's a call for awareness and help for the 500,000 Canadians who are still out of work in the entertainment and events sector in our country. We were the first to shut down, will be the last to come back and remain completely stalled.

#### Did you know...

Every individual live performer you see on stage, anywhere, proudly represents an average of 11.5 full-time jobs. Stage crew, technicians, audio engineers, lighting, transportation and logistics, agents, managers, promoters, security, hospitality, support, etc - the trickle down is literally endless. ALL lost 100% of their income and livelihood on March 12th and remain stalled in the abyss.

The entertainment and events industry contributes over \$50 billion to the Canadian economy... There are 4 times more Canadians that work in the entertainment and events sector than in the auto sector, and almost 10 times the employment of oil and gas.

We're one of the first calls to support fundraisers for community, charity, disaster relief, schools, celebration, politics - yet have no advocate in government to consider us respectfully for meaningful inclusion any relaunch strategies.

Although we love what we do, our profession isn't a hobby. It's how we survive, pay our bills and feed our families. We spend our entire lives dedicated to our craft, working hard long hours with pride, and driven to deliver heartfelt performances with accountability to our valued and beloved patrons - our audiences.

For most, it's a lifelong pursuit and honorable career - and it's all we know how to do.

The tragedy is, if this goes on much longer there won't be an industry to come back. Every day I see professional grade gear for sale at pennies on the dollar - another brother or sister has had no choice but resign to survive. Trust me, you don't want my sound guy as your Wal Mart greeter!

CERB has ended, our federal government is prorogued, the majority of our industry won't qualify for the new yet-to-be-seen EI program and even if they did certainly can't survive on the \$1200/month net it would provide... whenever it's actually passed by a parliament is uncertain.

And a final note, specifically in Alberta, our health authority (Alberta Health Service) saw fit to prioritize and re-open public hot tubs, saunas, and blackjack tables while not a single case of COVID transmission has been directly linked to a live performance - anywhere. What has been described as the new "guidelines" only makes things worse for our industry, shows no value for our economic contribution and clearly had no consultation with stakeholders - it's ridden with conflicts and confusion and gives zero clear direction to anyone.

Stay safe everyone, treat each other with acceptance and mostly compassion - the battle isn't even close to over and for many it will be lost.

\* I encourage sharing the post if you wish. Please acknowledge your honorable MLA and MP to help share & communicate how important the message is.

PS – I did write the remarks on the last page and it is about here at Lakeside!

"Always Have Fun!"

For the week of March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 21at, 2021

#### **AROUND THE RESTAURANTS AND BARS**

#### MONDAY



Have a nice brunch or lunch at **Huerto Café** in Riberas and catch **The Jazz Duet** with **Juan Castañón** on guitar and **Gilberto Rios** on bass starting at **Noon**. Reservations can be made at **(376) 108-0843** or on WhatsApp at **(331) 094-6717**.



Adelita Bar & Grill presents Los Traficantes del Ritmo Featuring Chelo, Sergio and Chris Half price Margaritas during the show! Free valet parking! Call (376) 766-0097 for reservations From 6 to 8 PM.



Every Monday you can enjoy a delicious lunch and **Sweet Harmony** at **Panino's** on the Carretera in San Antonio Tlayacapan... enjoy!



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#### **TUESDAY**

See and hear the **Juan Castañón Jazz Trio** at **Meraki Bistro** at Ocampo 20 in Ajijic starting at **6 PM**.



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# **Rock & Latin alive & jamming 6:30 pm**

### **This Tuesday**

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Try Jazz Sounds, wine and have a good time!

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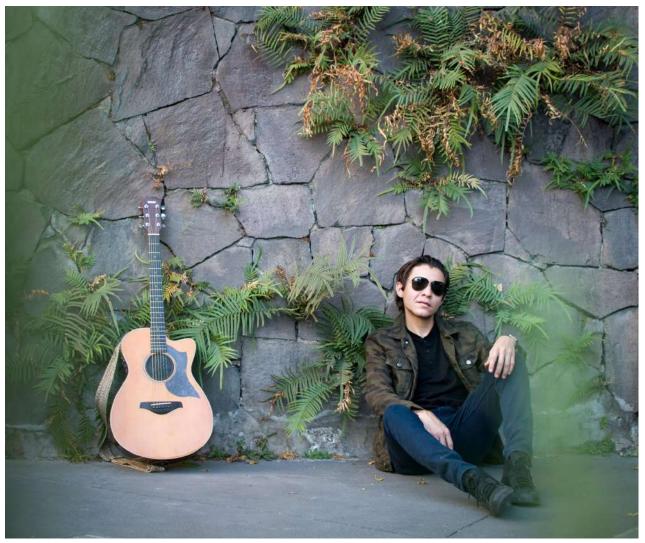
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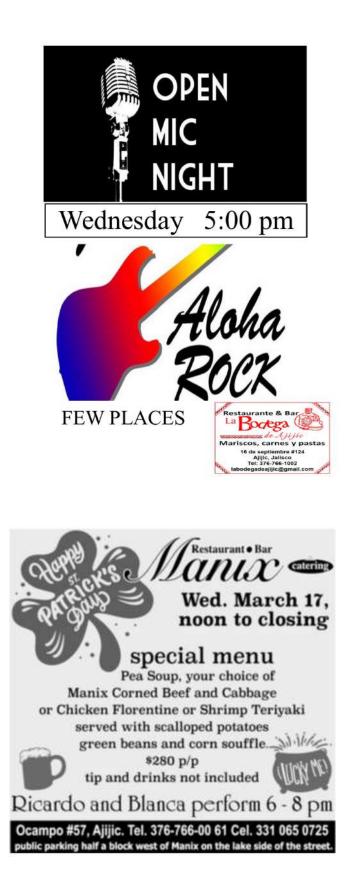
#### **WEDNESDAY**



Don't ya dare miss out on a great couple of hours with the very talented **Jonathan Guzman** starting at **3:30** to **6:30 PM** at **La Cima del Copal**. You can phone **(387) 761-0405** for reservations. **And I have used another new photo to remind you...don't forget your camera... what a setting!** The restaurant is located just at the west end of "restaurant row"... you will see the big palapa up on the cliff on the mountain side of the Carretera. Just as you round the last bend make a right! Hear and see the smooth and soothing solo jazz guitar wizardry of **Juan Castañón** at **Teocintle Restaurant** every Wednesday at **6 PM...** NEW Outdoor Terraza!



For **St. Patrick's Day** at the **Ajijic Pub House** in the Bugambillia Mall you be entertained by 2 BANDS....**Sopa de Piedra** from **2** to **5 PM** and **Traficantes del Ritmo** from **7** 'til **10 PM...** Going to be big time fun and surprises... phone **(332) 799-4019** and reserve to avoid disappointment!



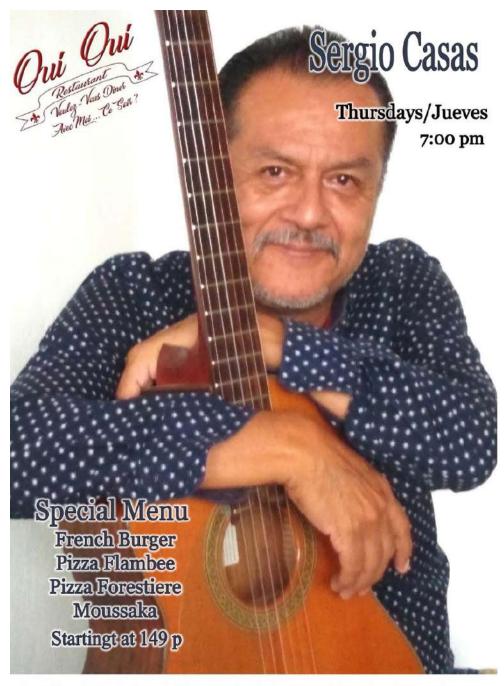
#### THURSDAY



6 to 8 PM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> price Margaritas during the show Free Valet parking Call (376) 766-0097 for reservations.







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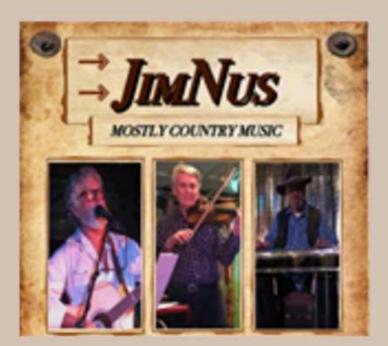
#### New to Oui Oui on Thursdays!

One of my very favorite performers ever and that covers a whole lot of years... call 376-766-1360 and reserve... see you there!



**NEW EVENT!! El Patio** in Chapala presents **THE CHARLIE COOK BAND** every Thursday from **5** '**til 7:30 PM.** These guys play a fresh variety of tunes, from classic rock to country to blues to funk. Always something new! 50p cover. 50% capacity and safety protocols are in place. Call **El Patio** today to reserve your table-**376-765-3817.** By the way, if you don't know the restaurant is right across the street from City Hall in Chapala.

### LA BODEGA DE AJIJIC PRESENTA



#### COVER \$50 P/P



Don't miss 'em for an evening of "mostly Country Music" with Flip Nicholson, Jim Nus and Gary Trego!

#### FRIDAY

#### Phone and reserve NOW!!!



Have a nice brunch or lunch at **Huerto Café** in Riberas and catch **The Jazz Duet** with **Juan Castañón** on guitar and **David Perez** on bass starting at **11:30 AM**. Reservations can be made at **(376) 108-0843** or on WhatsApp at **(331) 094-6717.** 



La Cima del Copal presents Hector Uribe From 3:30 to 5:30 PM You can phone (387) 761-0405 for reservations. West side of "restaurant row" up on the cliff .



**The Iron Horse Saloon** presents **Traficantes del Ritmo** starting at **7:30 PM**.



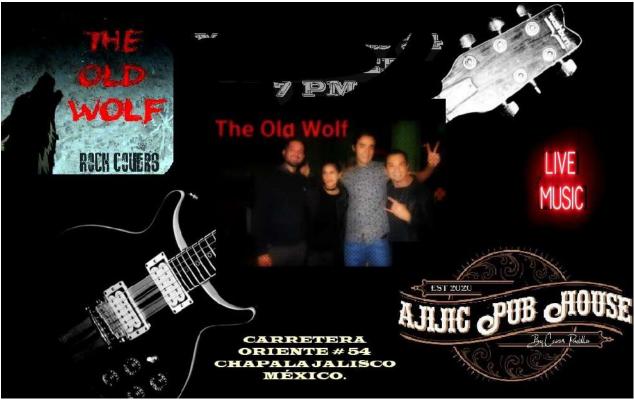
Don't miss **Black Swan with Diamonds** at **Oui Oui** with their show under the patio. The stage is well distanced from the audience. Avoid disappointment, reserve at **376-766-1360** Seating is limited... **also Saturday!** 

Phone and check for new times or Cancellations?

#### **SATURDAY**







From 7 to 10 PM (332) 799-4019 for reservations



#### **SUNDAY**



Blue Jay Slim & The Blues Machine is back at The Iron Horse Saloon and will be kickin' out da blues at 3 PM. Please join Christian Jimenez on piano, Chris Cuevas Ibarra on guitar and vocals, Sergio Casas on bass and vocals, Rod Struss on drums, and Slim on guitar and vocals. All safety protocols will be in effect.





#### **NEW TIME!!**

Don't miss this band! Lots of great fun at Scallion Ajijic Bistro on a Sunday evening... Alex Medeles on drums and vocals, David Calvario on bass and vocals and Gary Lanz on everything else!



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#### LIVE THEATRE



## Quarantine for Two an original play by Hy Conrad directed by Peter King

#### A hilarious dark comedy for our time!

After months of quarantine, recently retired Oscar and his wife Ruth are driving each other nuts, and are ready to kill each other. A chance encounter with a stranger turns their world upside down and someone is likely to end up dead!

#### Performances on the Angel TerraceDates: March 25 - April 2, 2021

EVENING PERFORMANCES AT 7:30NOTE: MATINEES ON MARCH 27 & 28 AT 4:00(No show on Monday, March 29)

**COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE!** 

## Tickets for *Quarantine for Two* are 300 pesos – you can get them by:

Order online and pay with your credit card from the comfort of your home: just click <u>here</u>.

 Visiting the LLT box office -- see our opening hours below. (376) 766 0954 is the number and you can leave a message if there is no answer, and we'll get back to you during box office hours. Cash and Credit cards are accepted.

LLT BOX OFFICE HOURS:

- Every Wednesday & Thursday from 10am Noon
- Every day for the run of the show one hour before curtain.



**THE NUTCRACKER SUITE** performed by the Ballet Company of the National Opera of Ukraine. (This will only start broadcasting December 26 and will be available for three months.)



<u>The Nutcracker Suite</u> Operavision - The National Opera of Ukraine Available from December 26, 2020 at 1:00 pm until March 26, 2021 at 6:00 am (Ajijic time)

On Christmas Eve, a young girl has a dream. She stumbles upon a magical adventure when she is given an enchanted Nutcracker doll. Can she break the spell that turned him from a boy to a toy?

#### **Upcoming Events**





#### 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

#### **Dos Juntos**

Karen Procter and Michael Leisenbach Phone: (331) 838-5201 E-Mail: saxofyl@hotmail.com Facebook: Mike Leisenbach Mike and Karen have a wide repertoire.

#### **Latinitos Lounge**

Juan Castañón Phone: (376)766-4959 Cell (331)130-1303 Facebook: Latinitos Lounge Latin, jazz, funk, you name it.

#### **Teresa Trigiani**

Singer/Songwriter – plays coffeehouses, cafes and bars Cell: (331) 540-8947 E-Mail:lilikoipassion80@gmail.com. Eclectic folk, jazz, blues and originals.

#### Flor de Quetzal

Latin American music, bolero, bossa nova, samba Cell phone/Whatsapp: 331-792-9526 Classical guitar, voice, piano (can add percussion and bass) Eddie Lara and Sofia Ramírez <u>flordequetzalmusica@gmail.com</u>

> The Whippersnappers Lively all-occasion dance & party band Charlie Cook Cell (331)-967-3002 helvetiacook@msn.con

Pauline Proulx Cell (332) 622-6959 muzikluver125@yahoo.com

Daniel Cordero For a truly special event From over 800 songs – Covers & Originals In Spanish & English <u>danielcordero.unplugged@gmail.com</u> or cell at (331) 767-4215

> Aloha Rock Feel the Aloha! <u>aloharockmusic@gmail.com</u> Dan Elliot cell: (332) 236-3287

#### Dirty Black Beans The best in Rockabilly, blues and swing Contact Diana Terry at: <u>dianater138@gmail.com</u> Or cellphone/WhatsApp: (331) 453-9769

#### Next Wave

Live 70s, 80s & 90s Pop Rock Dance Music Contact Rich Birkett at: <u>rich@lakechapalaguide.com</u> Or cellphone: (333) 393-0245

Black Sapphire Jazz Smooth jazz and swing Contact Evaristo Leytte at (331) 064-9410 Or e-mail: info@blacksapphirejazz.com https://www.facebook.com/blacksapphirejazz

Folks! Please remember when you go out to ANY of the above... when you are not sitting at a table... WEAR YOUR MASK! If the officials come along they will close down the venue in a heartbeat! I don't believe in masks either but it really bothers me to see people up dancing, table hopping, using the facilities, entering or leaving with no regard to the owners, workers or musicians in the club... not smart and not cute!

See you somewhere... SOON!

#### **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 <u>if you</u> wish to **unsubscribe** my e-mail address is: **francis.dryden@gmail.com**.

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