



The College of Rock and Roll Knowledge
By Steve Lukather

Steve Lukather has some comments on the state of the recording business today. Steve was a founding member of Toto, has released solo LP's and is one of the most successful studio guitarists in history. He has been involved in thousands of records (if a Michael Jackson song has a guitar on it, it's Steve). Here is what he wrote:

"I just want to know something. ALL this pontificating about how Spotify and the like are the "answer" and how "the artists get paid" etc. How much? Really? WHO keeps tabs and accounting?

Maybe I just don't know. I don't see any money and have A LOT of stuff out there over 35 years of making records.

Have you done the breakdown on what an artist get PER tune on iTunes? Pitiful! Now IF you are with a label its even worse cause they take a huge share of that. The breakdown after all is said and done for most of it is pennies.

TOO many people can make records. Period. No catalog artists are made these days. One hit wonders galore. Sad really. Now record companies don't give budgets like the old days when the great records were made cause they cost MONEY!! They want to make money for nothing and own you for life and a piece of EVERYTHING an artist does.

You can sell a million and still OWE them! My 25 year old son has buddies who have platinum records living in a one room studio apartment...Broke.

Of course back "then" record companies cared about MUSIC and nurturing artists for a LONG-term career and long-term money. Sure they got the Lions share but then they invested, believed and promoted it so there was SOME justification.

Now its "Beats" and how many Facebook hits or You Tube hits you get... ALL which either makes NO money or short-term dog-shit money with no real way to account for it and truly suck for the most part.

What the f-ck? People want to be famous NOT good! It is TOO easy to play "pretend pop star" now. With all the fakery and auto tune-time correction, cut and paste etc... f-ck most young people don't know how to play a song from top to bottom in a studio in tune and in time and with feeling?? Rare!

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I am in the studios all the time and hear the stories from the producers and engineers... and yet NO ONE cares that "so and so" who sold a sh-t load of records (how much IS that these days?) cant sing or

play. They make "McRecords" for people who don't even really listen. It's background music for people to either find a mate or shake their heads while texting or Skyping or doing other things. Environmental noise for the multi-tasker.

Gone are the days of loving, dissecting, discussing the inner workings of "AN ALBUM"... sitting in silence while it plays... looking at the liner notes and the few photo's IN the studio... imagining what a magic place it was be to make such music...Gone! You need a f-cking jeweler's eye to read the credits IF one even cares... Most don't! So if you keep blaming the "old antiquated artists" who are the only REAL ones left.. who MAY make a great record once in awhile but may be overlooked cause the media chooses to care more about who is super gluing meat to their bodies and other ridiculous HYPE and bullsh-t to get attention rather than LISTENING hard to the music being made we might be in a different place.

When we were kids (yes I will be 108 this year) there were only a handful or artists and they WERE great because they HAD to be.

You could choose not to like some but outside the teenage fodder most deserved their success and NO ONE sounded alike! No one!

We live in a "McWorld" that moves way too fast and now even the drugs suck. I mean when I was young and got high I never got naked foaming at the mouth and tried to eat someone's face off.

Time to put on Dark Side of the Moon and chill. Have a nice day and may real music come back and fill our ears. (there IS some great stuff but you know what I mean... REAL music played by REAL musicians. They ARE out there. They just don't get a lot of press anymore, or at all."

Luke

(Steve Lukather)

"Always Have Fun!"

For the week of July 12th to July 18th, 2021

AROUND THE RESTAURANTS AND BARS

MONDAY

Have a nice brunch or lunch at **Huerto Café** in Riberas and catch **Juan Castañón** on solo guitar at **12 Noon**. Reservations can be made at **(376) 108-0843** or on WhatsApp at **(331) 094-6717**.

At **El Patio** in Chapala (right across the street from City Hall) **Larry Sulky** will be on hand with an **Open Mic** from **5:00** to **7:30 PM.** All are welcome to come, play, sing, clap or sit in... if you would like to showcase your talent with an audience and live accompaniment. It starts out on the folkpop side but then they veer into a dance party with all the hits you miss... come have some fun. You can call **376-765-3817** for reservations.



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.



EL PATIO, CHAPALA hosts the best open mic around from **5** to **7:30 PM** EVERY MONDAY! Perform solo, or with the band, it's all good! Bringing copies of lyrics/chords is a huge help if using the band for back up. Come share your talents with a truly supportive crowd!

TUESDAY

The American Legion Post 7 in Chapala Has ALOHA ROCK from 1 to 3 PM.

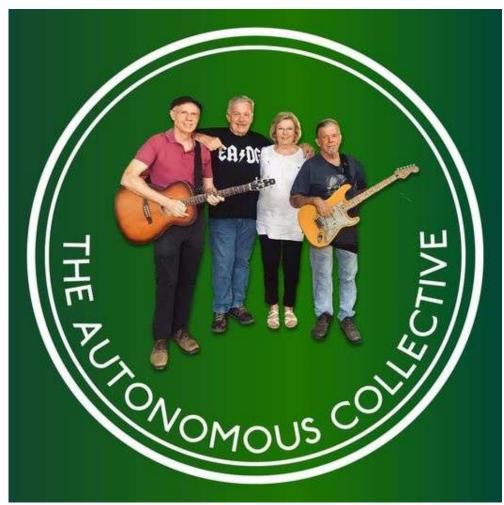
Hear the great **Juan Castañón** with solo jazz guitar stylings at **Teocintle Restaurant** in Ajijic at **6 PM**.



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!

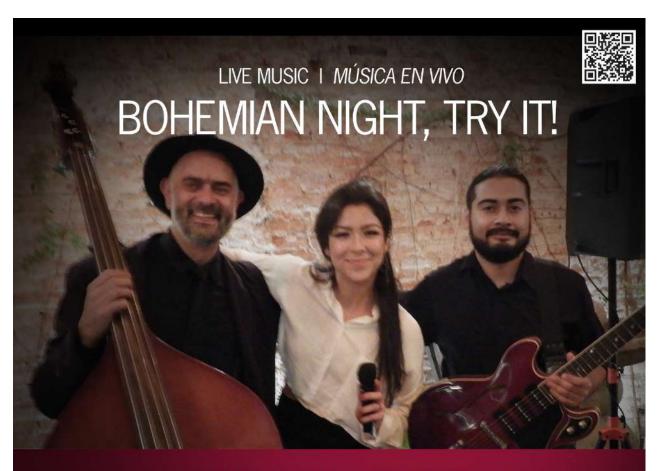


La Bodega on Wednesday's from 5 to 7:30 PM! It's the best open mic format ever! All are welcome to participate, play solo or with the band, it's all about you having a great time sharing your talents. Call 376-766-1002 to reserve your table today.

every wednesday starts 6:30 pm







Join Black Sapphire Jazz at La Serenata. Live music, delicious food in a great place!

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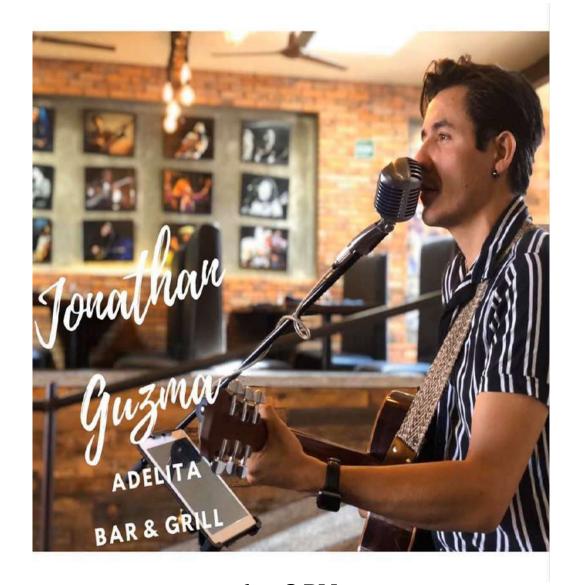
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Reservations: 33 1140 0901, N.C. Wednesday July, 7th

café La Serenata



THURSDAY



6 to 8 PM
½ price Margaritas during the show
Free Valet parking
Call (376) 766-0097 for reservations.

The Juan Castañón Jazz Trio with Gil Rios on bass, Miguel Soto on drums are at the Vita Bella Restaurant in San Juan Cosala at 6 PM!



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! 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.

Thursdays 4:30 to 6:30 **CHRISTY CALDWELL &**



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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.

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 **12 Noon**. Reservations can be made at **(376) 108-0843** or on WhatsApp at **(331) 094-6717**.



Come to the ultra beautiful **La Cima del Copal** up on the cliff on the mountainside of restaurant row just before San Juan Cosala... This is **Soul Train** and they'll be entertaining you between **3:30** and **6:30 PM...** you won't want to miss them!

TRAFICANTES'ROCK'N'LATIN ALIVE & JAMMIN'



FRIDAY 11 STARTS 7:00 PM







Please call first... the restaurant had a fire recently but should be open... your support will be appreciated!!!



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

66 Trafigantes del Ritmo99

every saturday starts 8:00 pm









LIVE MUSIC I MÚSICA EN VIVO

BOHEMIAN NIGHTS, TRY IT!

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8:00 pm Reservations: 33 1140 0901, N.C.

Saturday July, 10th



café La Serenata Bistro & bohemia



Cena romantica

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Sábados 8:00PM Cover \$50 MN



SUNDAY



What an enjoyable brunch! The Casa del Sol Inn presents Sergio Navarro and Peter James to complete the wonderful experience. Very good music, at the perfect volume to enjoy a leisurely Sunday brunch from 9:30 'til 2 PM. Reservations at (333) 964-5320.



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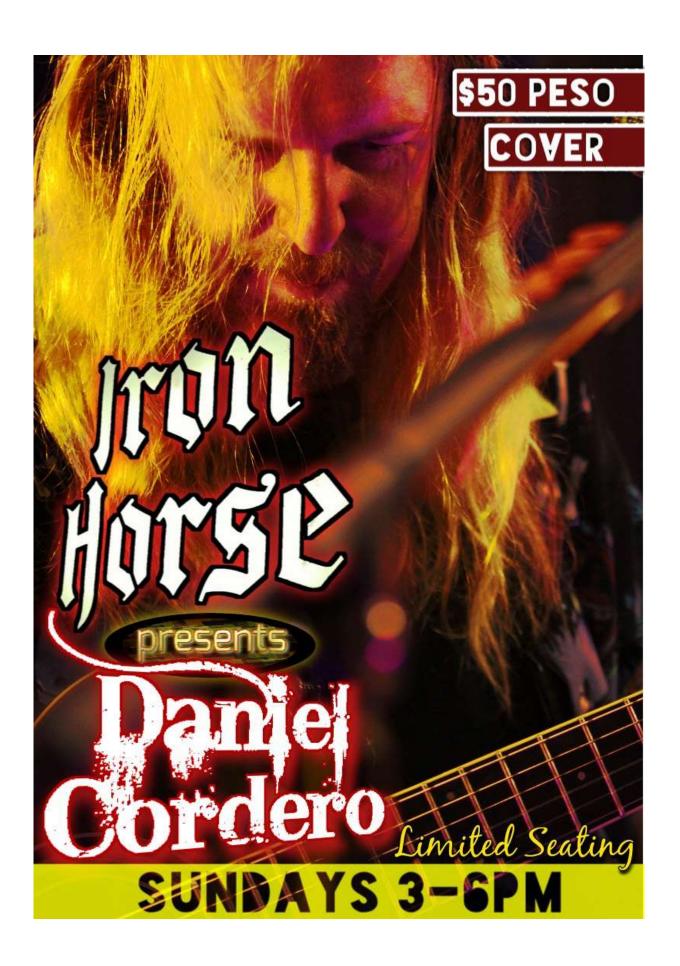
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Sunday July, 11th

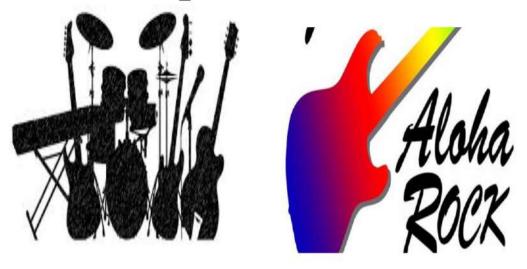






Jam's

W/ Aloha Rock
Sunday 4:00 PM
No Cover
Cupo limitado

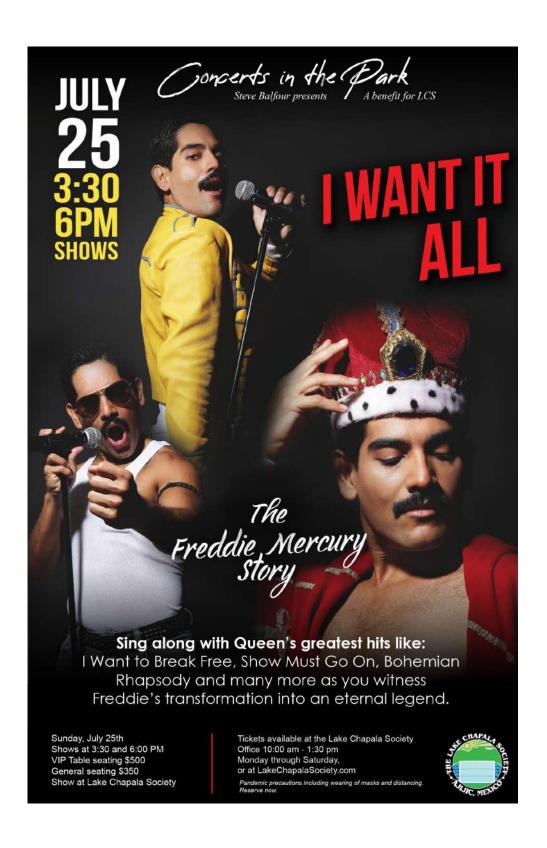


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UPCOMING EVENTS



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!

SUNDAY, JULY 25TH From 4 'til 6:00 PM

MARIANA VIGUERAS IS BACK TO AJIJIC!!

At LaBodega de Ajijic 16 de Septiembre #124, Ajijic Call (376) 766-1002 for Reservations Cover charge is 100 Pesos











Book your own band

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Or e-mail: letytte@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/blacksapphirejazz

What are you doing this week?... Lots going on as per normal in our little town. As you can see from the opener... the only way a musician can make a living anymore is from getting out playing... no money made recording anymore... please support them!

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

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