

# Coffee shop offers double shot of music

CALENDAR

Subject to change.

**Antelope Valley College**

Performing Arts Theatre  
3041 West Ave. K, Lancaster  
(661) 722-9790  
www.avc.edu

- **"Americana"** — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. Presented by Symphonic Band. Cost: \$10.
- **"Requiem for JFK"** — 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23. Presented by Antelope Valley Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale. Cost: \$10-\$20.

**Eastside Performing Arts Complex**

3200 East Ave. J-8 and 30th St. East, Lancaster  
(877) 467-8570  
www.epacshows.com

- **Landia** — 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9. Cost: \$20-\$80
- **I See Hawks in L.A.** — 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. Cost \$20-\$80.
- **Willie Chambers** — 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Cost: \$20-\$80.
- **Holy-D** — 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Cost \$20-\$80.
- **Rogee Rogers** — 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10. Cost \$20-\$80.

**Lancaster Performing Arts Center**

750 West Lancaster Blvd.  
(661) 723-5950  
www.lpac.org

- **The Official Blues Brothers Revue** — 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. Cost: \$19-\$65.
- **Pacific Mambo Orchestra feat. Tito Puente Jr.** — 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. Cost: \$29-\$35.
- **Uncle Kracker** — 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17. Cost: \$29-\$50.
- **Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez: A Merriachi Christmas** — 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. Cost: \$12-\$29.
- **Willie Nelson** — 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. Cost: \$67-\$100.
- **Helen Reddy** — 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. Cost: \$37-\$65.
- **Jesse Lynch's Jazz 101** — 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12. Presented by Antelope Valley Community Concerts Association. Cost: \$60, AVCC Membership, or \$30 per concert.
- **Antelope Valley Jazz Ensemble, Saxophone Symphonette** — 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Cost: \$20.
- **Umi Garrett** — 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. Presented by Antelope Valley Community Concerts Association. Cost: \$60, AVCC Membership, or \$30 per concert.
- **Molly Ringwald and her Quartet: The Great American Songbook** — 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15. Cost: \$29-\$50.
- **John Anderson and Tracy Lawrence** — 7 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Cost: \$29-\$55.

**MUSIC FOR THE MASSES**  
LOCAL AND POP MUSIC

By **BRITTANY MCSHEA**  
Valley Press Staff Writer

Whether it's the smell of freshly ground coffee beans or the unbelievably comfortable chairs, there is something about a coffee shop that makes it the perfect environment to listen to good music.

But you don't have to just take my word for it. Listen in as singer and songwriter Michael Gabriel and folk duo The MacMammals take the stage starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Butler's Coffee, 40125 10th St. West, Suite I, Palmdale, and see for yourself.

Gabriel is a classically trained singer from New Westminster, British Columbia. The pop singer-songwriter has toured extensively across Canada and the Los Angeles area.

Saturday's performance is a CD release party for Gabriel's latest work, "A Sliver of the Sun." The new album features eight original tracks with uplifting melodies and strong instrumental arrangements.

Compared to James Taylor and James Blunt, Gabriel has sold thousands of CDs from eight released albums and EPs. Many of his singles have received radio and online airplay.

Gabriel is always working to expand his craft. In 2012, he embarked on an impressive musical mission with his orchestral piece "Strings Attached."

On the live album, Gabriel is accompanied by a three-part orchestra ensemble including violin, viola, cello and piano.

As performances began to garner more audience attention, they evolved to also include a choir and a light show that operates in sync with the music.

Following Gabriel's performance, Celtic-infused folk duo The MacMammals will take the stage.

Based out of Thousand Oaks and Orange, Carol Schryver and Ron Bloom have been delighting audiences with their folk melodies for years.

The MacMammals are acoustic performers who have crafted their unique sound by combining the traditional music of Ireland and the British Isles with a smattering of bluegrass and North American influences.

The duo's vocal arrangements are complemented by their traditional instrumental repertoire including guitar, mandolin and the Irish bouzouki.

Guest artists also frequently join The MacMammals on stage. The talented musicians lend the sounds of the fiddle, bass, banjo, Celtic flute, tin whistle and Uilleann pipes among others to the performances.

The group has become a main-



**CD RELEASE PARTY**

At left, pop singer-songwriter Michael Gabriel will take the stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Butler's Coffee in Palmdale. Gabriel's performance is a CD release party in honor of his latest work, "A Sliver of the Sun," which features eight original tracks (Michael Gabriel photo). Below, Sean Wiggins will perform with guitarist Paul Houston at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at The Rock Inn in Lake Hughes (Sean Wiggins).

stay at folk and heritage festivals through the years including Celtic fairs, Highland games, The Turbotville Folk Festival and the Live Oak Music Festival.

There is no cover charge. For details, call Butler's Coffee, (661) 272-9530, or visit butlerscoffee.com. For details about Gabriel, visit michaelgabrielmusic.com. For details about The MacMammals, visit themacmammals.wix.com.

**More Music**

► Sean Wiggins knows the music business like the back of her hand. She should. She has more than 100 songs in her catalog and has independently sold some 10,000 CDs.

Now she is hoping the Valley will get in on the Sean and Paul act at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at The Rock Inn, 17539 Lake Elizabeth Road, Lake Hughes.

While Wiggins plays with her full band, Sean Wiggins and IOne Goat, she formed the duo with Paul Houston to play more intimate venues.

Joined by Houston on lead guitar, Wiggins captivates audiences with her vocal range and the country rock duo delivers a performance audiences are not soon to forget.

Houston grew up in Chicago in the '70s and cites much of his musical inspiration to the likes of Aerosmith, the Allman Brothers and Joe Walsh. Houston plays everything from heavy metal to pop.

Wiggins and her band have toured the United States and frequently appear at festivals throughout the state including the Gilroy Garlic Festival, Avocado Festival, San Diego Fair and California Mid-State Fair.

As an award-winning performer, Wiggins and her band have shared the stage with Cyndi Lauper, The Bodeans and Blues Traveler.

There is no cover charge for the event. For details, call (661) 724-1855



or visit [www.historicrockinn.com](http://www.historicrockinn.com).

For details about Sean Wiggins and IOne Goat, visit [www.seanwiggins.com](http://www.seanwiggins.com).

► Halloween is almost here and there is no better way to celebrate than dressing up and enjoying a frosty beverage while listening to live entertainment.

The Cosmopolites are ready to quench your thirst for music from 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 26, at Bravery Brewing, 42705 8th St. West, Lancaster.

The eclectic musical stylings of the Cosmopolites call all vampires, witches and ghouls to get down with

their bad selves at the brewery's second Halloween Party.

Comprised of Travis Fisher and John Karwoski, the band specializes in a combination of jazz, rock and pop music to create a flavor all their own.

The night will also feature costume contests, food and special beers on tap. Costumes are encouraged, but must not cover the face.

All ages are welcome to the event and there is no cover charge. For details, call (661) 951-4677, or visit [www.braverybrewing.com](http://www.braverybrewing.com).

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