

Live Events Locally and in the LAC

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Grand Annex will be staging the second in a series of Japanese Fusion music programs on Saturday October 18 featuring the Kotoyuki Band with Yukiko Matsuyama. Ms. Matsuyama, whose compositions of original Koto music blends the traditional with contemporary pop and jazz idioms, is a unique world music sound.

Born in Osaka, Japan, she attended the Ikuta School of Koto, where she received her certification and teaching credential in playing the Koto in 1986. The Koto - the national instrument of Japan - is a large six-foot long hollowed zither/harp like instrument that has 13 strings that are plucked. She will be holding a workshop at the Grand Annex at 5pm and then a full performance at 8pm with the Kotoyuki Band. Price is \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. The workshop is \$10.

The following day on October 19, at 7pm, contemporary bluegrass artists Cliff Wagner and Old Number 7 returns to their home turf for a show at the Grand Annex. Triple Chicken Foot will be providing some southern fried honky tonk music as the opening act. Cliff has been busy playing since last year's shows here in San Pedro. You might have seen him on the Fox network program, "The Next Great American Band," or his recent return at the John Anson Ford amphitheater in Hollywood. He has been all over Southern California supporting his new CD, "Hobo's Lullaby," which really should be the roots music/Americana album of the year. You can purchase all his CDs at the show. Cliff will be autographing them afterward. Presale tickets are \$15.

The Grand Annex is located at 434 W.6th Street in Downtown San Pedro.

If you are out late on Saturday October 18 head to Hollywood Rivera to Zina's to catch San Pedro's Ron Olson, with his band the South Bay Rockers. Ron was the mainstay at the former "Mules" bar at the Terraces for many years. This is a hot cover band playing all the classics, just the way you like them. To find out more about Ron and his other musical projects go to www.RROlsson@aol.com, Zina's Restaurant and Bar is located at 4525 Calle Mayor, Torrance, Ca, 90505.

Friday, October 24, get out to the Warner Grand Theater for the "Love Jamm Super Show" starring the one and only The Intruders, known for such Gamble and Huff "Sound of Philadelphia" classics like: "(Will be) United," "Cowboys to Girls" and "When We Get Married" and over a dozen more hits. Philly soul star Barbara "Yes I'm Ready" Mason, will be performing along with this Stax recording group, The Temprees.

The Temprees played for the largest African American audience ever at the WattsStax Festival in 1972. With three albums and dozen hits to their name the Temprees are going to get everyone grooving to the sweet soul music of the 70's. The show is being produced in association with radio station Hot 92.3 FM, where if you listen you could win free tickets to the show.

Tickets start at \$25 and go up to \$55, you can purchase them online at www.samlin.com or at the door. The Warner Grand Theater is located at 478 West 6th Street, in downtown San Pedro.

The Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz is holding one of the most prestigious events in the jazz world here in Los Angeles. October 25 will be the date for the gathering of the best young Jazz musicians in the world at Schoenberg hall at UCLA, in a semi-final competition—with the finals to this event to be held at the Kodak Theater the next day on October 26. The event on Saturday will run from 1-5pm and is free to the public. Competing for scholarships and prizes worth \$50,000 in value, these talented young players will perform for an elite panel of jazz legends which includes Wayne Shorter, Jimmy Heath, Greg Orsby, Jane Ira Bloom, and David Sanchez.

The finals on Sunday will be followed immediately with a gala benefit concert honoring blues legend B.B. King. The concert will feature such greats as Herbie Hancock, Terence Blanchard, Robert Cray, the P.V. Peninsula's own Lee Ritenour, Keb'Mo', George Duke, Wayne Shorter and Poncho Sanchez just to name the many performers who will be playing that night. Tickets for the Gala can be purchased through ticket master or by calling (213) 480-3232 or contact the Kodak Theater.

Somehow Still Alive will on the main stage October 25 at 12:20pm, Saturday afternoon for this years "So Cal Rock Revolution." They will be opening for the headliners the Kottonmouth Kings, Unwritten Law, and HED P.E. at Hollywood Park. This is an all ages event. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Dominic's Pizza located at 28360 S. Western Ave, RPV, or online at myspace.com/ssirecords; ticketweb.com. You can also give a shout out to the band at

www.alivestillsomehow.com

Kill Kitty Kill, with The New Flesh will be at Harold's Place 9:30pm on Saturday, October 25. There's no cover. Prepare yourself for some unrelenting mayhem; fortifications will be served until closing. For more info go to www.myspace.com/thenewfleshdr