



Ephemeral Radio Music Newsletter

Music News About Atlanta Songwriters Series, Sharaab, Gift Ideas, The Happenstance, Music Zeit, and City Skies Festival

Dear Jim,

Hard to believe it is that time of the year again. Where did 2007 go? There was lots to be thankful for this year and plenty of good things came my way musically. I got to perform regularly and was part of the best Different Skies Festival yet. My CD received fantastic reviews and boatloads of airplay and sales. Readers of Creative Loafing voted me "Best Local Electronic Act" of 2007. And 2008 is already looking to continue the trend.

Many greetings and salutations are due for my good fortune:

To Brad Jones for dreaming up the Songwriters Series and keep it firing on all cylinders.

To Eric Levin and Wytan Getz for giving us great venues for the Songwriters Series.

To Mike Metlay for Different Skies (again) and all the musicians and Ivan Schwartz and Tim Thompson for taking it to a new level.

To Bill Binkelman, Matt Howarth, Sylvain Lupari, Mick Garlick, and John Shanahan for the great reviews of *Leak*.

To John Diliberto, Darrell Burgan, Jerry Nelms, Jukka Mikkola, Scott Raymond, Francisco M. López Herrero, Rik MacLean, Capt. Christopher, Scott Ericson, Misha, Eric Mystic, Marty, and Rusty Hodge for all the radio airplay this year.

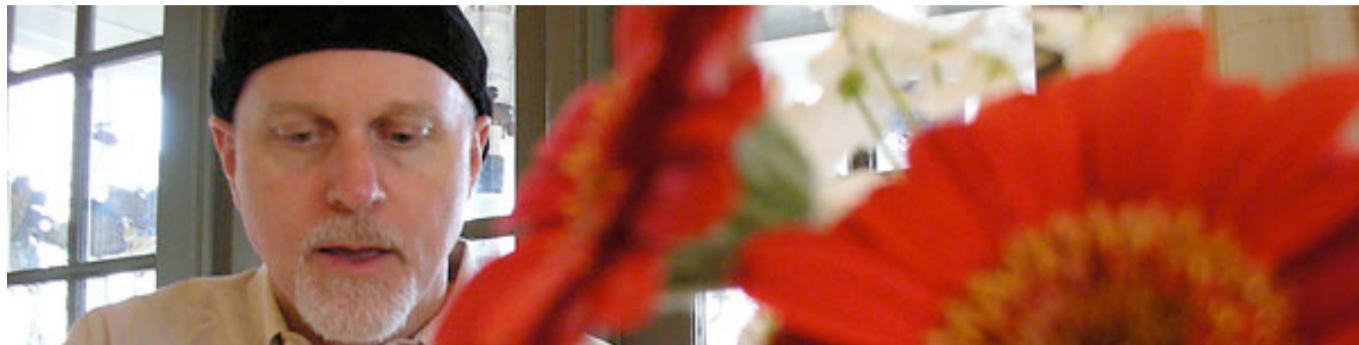
To my fans and Creative Loafing readers for the "Best of 2007" award.

To Phil, Todd, John, and all the other purchasers of Sensitive Chaos music.

And to Deirdre and Leana for putting up with all my music exploits.

Lots of news this month to read about below. For those of you into live music, the line up for the Atlanta Songwriters Series for December is awesome, and this is the month for the annual The Happenstance show at The Earl. On the recorded front, Sharaab, ethnoclash master, has released his new CD. And we've got some other recommendations for gift givers.

Happy holidays to all the Ephemeral Radio readers. And Happy New Year!



-Jim "Synthejim" Combs (photo by MB Lumley)

Atlanta Songwriters Series Takes Off

Kavarna is rocking in Decatur/Oakhurst



The Atlanta Songwriters Series at Kavarna in the historic Oakhurst area of Decatur happens on Saturday nights, from 8pm-midnight. The Atlanta Songwriters showcase series is a regular performance event for all types of music, including folk, alternative, electronic, americana, jazz, blues, and others.

Kavarna is a great location for ATL Songwriters, with more room for fans and performers, a great menu of Mediterranean food, a nice wine and beer menu, and a large selection of specialty coffees and teas. Kavarna is a no-smoking venue with a cool vibe for all ages.

Future shows include:

Saturday, December 1: Ronnda Cadle, Mary O. Harrison, and Marcellus

Saturday, December 8: Mary Delaney, Greg Conners, Anderson & The Would Be Thieves, and Jim "Sensitive Chaos" Combs

Saturday, December 15: Laura Simon Band, Laura Lockie & Charles King, and Brad Jones

Saturday, December 22: Kimberly Kate, Mahogany Dust, Keith Forrester, and Marcellus

Saturday, December 29: Erica Ambrose, Friendly Strangers, Eudora June & The Special Guests, and Brad Jones

Saturday, January 5, 2008: LB Collective, Cyndi Craven, Dylan Kight, and Brad Jones

Saturday, January 12, 2008: Jarrod Brogden, Geisha Hit Squad, Sweet-Tooth Simpleton, and Jim "Sensitive Chaos" Combs

Saturday, January 19, 2008: The Codex Boom, Imagination Head, Strezo!!!!, and Marcellus

Saturday, January 26, 2008: Lucas Mire!, Chickens & Pigs, and Brad Jones

Saturday, February 2, 2008: Jimmy Garrison, The Hinch Mob, and Brad Jones

Saturday, February 9, 2008: Nick Shelton, Brad Sweitzer, Josh Preston, and Jim "Sensitive Chaos" Combs

Saturday, February 16, 2008: The Good Graces, The Subliminator, and Marcellus

Saturday, February 23, 2008: Folk Goddess, Max Forstater, Doug Long, and Brad Jones

Saturday, March 1, 2008: Nick Edelstein, Brett Schieber, and Brad Jones

Saturday, March 8, 2008: Jim "Sensitive Chaos" Combs

Saturday, March 15, 2008: Wighat, Greg Conners, and Marcellus

The Atlanta Songwriters Series @ Kavarna

8pm-12am

<http://www.myspace.com/atlsongwriters>

Kavarna is located at:

707 East Lake Drive

Decatur GA 30030

<http://www.myspace.com/kavarna>

The Atlanta Songwriters Series will continue on Saturdays at Kavarna. Please contact Brad Jones for booking opportunities at <http://www.myspace.com/ancientyouthmusic>

Sharaab Releases Evolution

Second album is world music at its finest



Sharaab, our favorite Atlanta-based producer, composer and DJ, has completed his second album, *Evolution*. The album takes his trademark "ethnoclash" sound to the next level, bringing in songwriting, retro beats and basslines, and more live instrumentation into the mix.

Heralded as one of the pioneers of the Asian Massive movement, Sharaab has been pushing the boundaries of electronic music for well over a decade. Sharaab seamlessly integrates vintage synthesizers and electronics, dark-edged industrial beats, lush ambient chords, and Eastern instrumentation to create a signature sound. He calls this innovative style "ethnoclash" because of the collision of world music with old-school electronic sounds and production techniques.

Sharaab (real name: Saurabh Bose), is an award-winning producer/composer/DJ who is re-defining the sound of 21st century multicultural America. Firmly established as one of the pioneers of the Asian Massive scene in the United States, Sharaab has earned residencies and DJ slots in several prominent Atlanta venues as well as bookings at national and international levels, from New York to Seattle to Mumbai, India. He has enthralled thousands with his unique, multi-layered, intoxicating DJ sets and has worked and shared the stage with a host of luminary artists on the cutting-edge of the electronic music scene, including Talvin Singh, DJ Spooky, Ming & FS, and Karsh Kale.

Sharaab's signature sound incorporates elements of Indian classical and folk as well as Middle and Far Eastern music, which he integrates seamlessly with contemporary electronica, ambient, downtempo, breakbeat, and drum'n'bass styles.

Sharaab's first album "*Infusion*" incorporated the beautiful melodies of Indian classical and folk music with beat-driven electronica, emerging with a rich, polished, global sound. It was critically acclaimed in the world music scene by magazines such as Global Rhythm and almost immediately sold out of its first run of copies. This led to a number of licensing and remixing opportunities as well as legions of fans eagerly awaiting the next release. The wait is over.

Evolution can be found in Atlanta at Criminal Records in Little Five Points. The CD is also available on *CD Baby* and will soon be on iTunes. Artwork, lyrics, and special stuff can be found [here](#). A Creative Loafing article and review can be found [here](#). And his video of Zindagi from the album is [here](#).

Ephemeral Radio Best Of 2007 Music List

Our top 9 for holiday gifts



The Ephemeral Radio Top 9 for 2007 worthy of your cash:

1. The Fulton Reaves Project "*The Range*"
2. Ulrich Schnauss "*Goodbye*"
3. Robert Plant/Alison Krauss "*Raising Sand*"
4. Classic Albums Frank Zappa: *Apostrophe/Over - Nite*

Sensation *DVD*

5. The Chemical Brothers "*We Are the Night*"

6. Erasure "*Light At the End of the World*"

7. Sharaab "*Evolution*"

8. Mark Mahoney & M. Peck "*The Gallery of Subtle Smiles*"

And honorary 9th is Sensitive Chaos "*Leak*"

The Happenstance Is Happening

December 15, 2007 at The EARL



One of my highlights of 2006 was participating and performing at The Happenstance last year. I'd venture to say it is a defining event for Atlanta music. If you haven't been to one, it is a not-miss show.

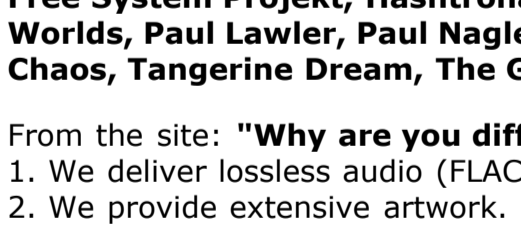
The Happenstance is a yearly musical event in Atlanta, Georgia. The organizers select 30 musicians, make them meet early in the morning at a local rock club, randomly divide them into 5 piece bands, and send them off to create a 20 minute set of music which they will perform that evening.

It's thoroughly entertaining, entirely random, and more than a little bit insane. Oh yeah, it's for a good cause. Past charities include The Atlanta Community Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity and The New Orleans Musicians Hurricane Relief Fund. Come watch some of the best independent musicians in Atlanta create something unique, fun, and for a great cause.

The Happenstance is organized by Brian Fletcher (Luigi) and Jeff Holt (Silent Kids, Georgia Fireflies) with help from various other local musicians. Learn more at thehappenstance.com. Come to [The Earl](http://TheEarl) on Saturday night, December 15 and join the fun!

MusicZeit.com Launches

Lossless audio download service for the world's best music



Developed by musician and reviewer Graham Getty, musician and label owner Ian Boddy, and electronic music online retailer synthmusicdirect.com, *Music Zeit* is a well-designed store for high quality, downloaded music. The store has started with a focus on electronic music, but is looking to extend their selection beyond those bounds.

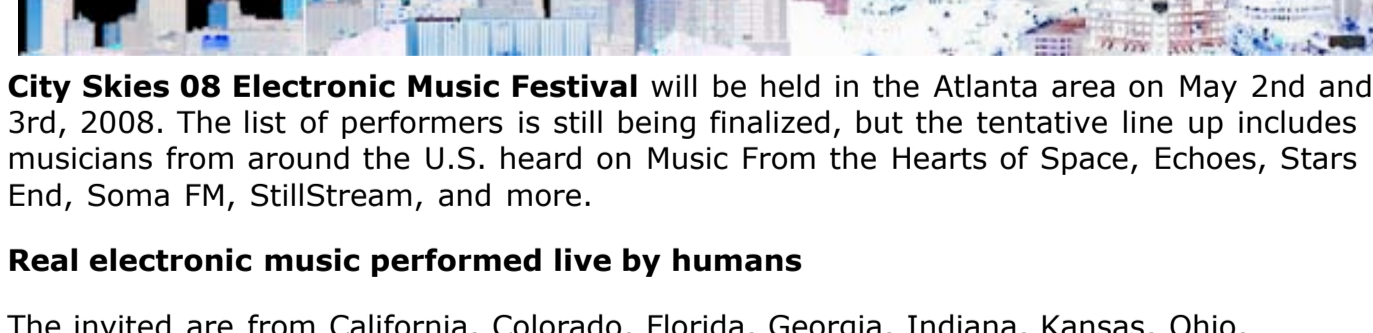
Artists already available on the site include **Air Sculpture, Alpha Wave Movement, ARC, Free System Projekt, Hashtronaut, Ian Boddy, Markus Reuter, Robert Rich, Parallel Worlds, Paul Lawler, Paul Nagle, Radio Massacre International, Redshift, Sensitive Chaos, Tangerine Dream, The Glimmer Room, and Tony Gerber.**

From the site: "**Why are you different from any other site?**"

1. We provide lossless audio (FLAC) or high quality MP3.
2. We deliver extensive artwork.
3. We don't clutter the site with advertising, blogs, chatlists or forums.
4. We are 100% legal and pay the artist and relevant taxes.
5. We are passionate about the quality of the product we provide.
6. And we are passionate about customer satisfaction.
7. We only deliver full albums or EPs, we are not a "quick track fix" site.
8. We provide label and artist "portals", as well as an extensive keyword search facility.
9. We review many of the albums in depth.
10. We provide at least one, and often several, high quality track samples for each album.

City Skies 08 Electronic Music Festival Announced

May 2nd and 3rd date for Atlanta-area concert



City Skies 08 Electronic Music Festival will be held in the Atlanta area on May 2nd and 3rd, 2008. The list of performers is still being finalized, but the tentative line up includes musicians from around the U.S. heard on Music From the Hearts of Space, Echoes, Stars End, Soma FM, StillStream, and more.

Real electronic music performed live by many

The invited are from California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin (line up not confirmed and subject to change) :

Different Skies All-Stars (Darrell Burgan, Jim Combs, Bill Fox, Brian Good, Dave Herpich, Jeff Kunzelman, Joe McMahon, Mike Metlay, Giles Reaves, John Rossi III, Greg Waltzer, Paul VnuK Jr)

aTheNa BLue | Earthgirl | Emerald Adrift

Fringe Element | Harold Timms

Mark Mahoney & M. Peck

recompas | Palancar

Sensitive Chaos

City Skies All-Stars

Musical styles will range from ambient to downtempo chillout to Berlin school to electropop to space rock to tribal to experimental. All music will be performed, this is NOT a DJ event (though won't rule out at BT or Paul Van Dyk-type being part of the mix).

We have chosen Kavarna in the Oakhurst area of Decatur for the concert venue. Kavarna gives us a perfect vibe for our inaugural event, with a nice selection of food and beverage for festival attendees.

If you have interest in attending the festival as either an audience member, production volunteer, media representative, or performer, please [contact us](#) for more information.

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