



## Ephemeral Radio Music Newsletter

[Jim Combs](#), [TouchXtone](#), [Michael Thomas Roe](#), [Sensitive Chaos](#), and more...

Dear Jim,

Hope our U.S. fans had a happy Fourth of July and hope our friends at the top of the world enjoyed their Midsummer's celebrations. I'll make it back to Helsinki one of these days for the summer solstice. It's forecast to be 99 degrees F here in the Atlanta area. Hot'Lanta for sure. It's gotten quite busy for our stable of artists. New bookings and new CDs on the way. It's all good! Hope you're feeling good, too.

During the last month, we took the opportunity to clean up our mailing list. We don't want to be clogging up your inbox if our news is not of interest to you, so if this is reaching you and you'd rather it not, feel free to click the unsubscribe link at the bottom of the page. Thanks for all the fish!

For all the rest of you loyalists, it is our pleasure to serve. So drop us a line and let us know what you like best about the newsletter and what would you like to read more about. Want more concert reviews? Learn more about the gear we use? Find out how we work in the studio? We're pretty easy and can talk about anything. Just let us know.

We also encourage you to use the Forward email link at the bottom of the page to send this to friends who you think would enjoy the news.

-Jim "Synthejim" Combs

## Fundraiser & Celebrity Roast for Shannon Mulvaney

July, 8 2006 at The EARL, doors open at 7pm



Criminal Records is throwing a REALLY BIG PARTY for their very own Shannon Mulvaney. The shindig is a fundraiser and a "celebrity roast" and a concert all rolled into one night, and it all takes place at the EARL this Saturday, July 8th. Tickets are \$7.00 and they are on sale NOW at the store; they're also available online at [the EARL](#) (click on the monkey).

All proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction/raffle will go towards helping Shannon with his mounting medical expenses.

Shannon has done so much for Atlanta's local music scene, so please come out to the EARL this Saturday to show your support!

Several favorite bands are donating their time and efforts, and here is an updated line-up of the night's musical entertainment: The Close, The Liverhearts, Lennys, Johnny Knox, Roy Owens Jr, Anna Kramer, The Sweet Loves, The Selmanaires, and a one-time-only reunion of SEELY. Yes, that's right, SEELY. Tickets are only \$7, people!

Criminal will also be auctioning and/or raffling off prize packages from various record labels, in addition to gift certificates from our fave restaurants, some stuff from the Rollergirls, a "season pass" from OK Productions (which includes the upcoming Sufjan Stevens extravaganza at the Fox Theatre!), and much, much more.

Several local artists, like R. Land, have also donated paintings, prints and photography to the cause. AND Criminal Records co-workers have agreed to auction themselves off for dates, so bring your checkbooks, ladies and gents!

The Earl is at 488 Flat Shoals Rd, East Atlanta, GA 30316

- [The Earl Web Site](#)
- [Criminal Records Web Site](#)
- [The Earl On MySpace](#)
- [Criminal Records On MySpace](#)

## Jim Combs Plays And Hosts Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters

### Series

Guests in July are [Spy Magnet](#) and [John McNicholas](#)



Jim hosts the Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters series at Atlanta's Aurora Coffee in Virginia-Highlands.

The Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters series showcases the best in local Atlanta-region songwriters and features all types of music and performers.

On Saturday, July 8th, Spy Magnet and John McNicholas join Jim to rock the Aurora house, a warm-up to the Criminal Records Shannon Mulvaney Celebrity Roast & Fundraiser at The Earl. (Jim, John and Michelle/Spy Magnet are donating their proceeds to the cause.)

Spy Magnet is an electronic alter-ego of Michelle Friedman (Sunny Day Theory, The Hardly Darlings) who surprises us with inventive, electroworldly goodness. John McNicholas has honed his writing talents by writing, performing and releasing albums with alternative favorites Spiller, Lie, Misfortune 500 and most recently performing with indie-darlings Honeyrider, Dank and Sparkys Nightmare. He considers himself an unlikely songwriter in that his songs are character sketches of his life and the lives of people and friends around him. He doesn't

so much write, as he observes and records his thoughts with music. His songs can be as awkwardly personal as those by Juliana Hatfield, as tongue-in-cheek as those by Fountains of Wayne and Ben Folds and as vivid and descriptive as those by Pete Yorn and Dean Wareham (Luna).

And, looking way out at Saturday, August 12th, Jim's guests will be The Blue Hour and The Preakness, each showcasing their unique styles and insights and Tracy Clark (yeh!). The Goulet stylings of Founder's Title Folk Fest Top 10 Finalist Blake Guthrie will grace our stage on Saturday, September 9. And on October 14, Jen Woodhouse performs in her rescheduled appearance.

In the opening spot on these evenings, Jim will be performing spontaneously composed ambient drums'n'bass with a healthy dose of explanation of what the heck he's doing. He calls it ambient drums'n'insight.

Hope to see you there!

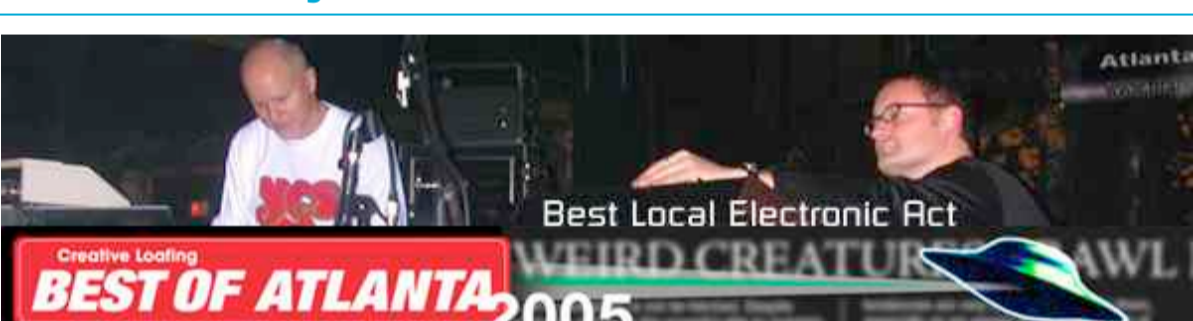
Aurora Coffee in Virginia-Highlands is located at the intersection of Virginia & N. Highland, 992 N. Highland Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30306, 404-607-1300

By the way, if you are interested in performing at one of the Aurora Songwriters evenings, contact Brad Jones at his MySpace page- <http://www.myspace.com/ancientyouthmusic>

- [Spy Magnet On MySpace](#)
- [John McNicholas On MySpace](#)
- [The Blue Hour](#)
- [The Preakness On MySpace](#)
- [Jim "Synthejim" Combs On MySpace](#)
- [Brad Jones On MySpace](#)
- [Complete Schedule Of Aurora Performances](#)
- [Blake Guthrie On MySpace](#)
- [Jen Woodhouse On MySpace](#)

## TouchXtone At EyeDrum On Saturday, July 8

Part of 5th Annual RogueFest



TouchXtone, voted by Creative Loafing readers as Atlanta's Best Electronic Band, is playing a short set on the last evening of RogueFest, this year being held at EyeDrum in Atlanta, GA on Friday through Saturday, July 7th and 8th.

Other performers include Spaceseed, Capillary Action, Big Hairy Monster, Kindness of Strangers, Unbounded Sky, The Lost Boys, Farpoint, Z-Axis, Cobweb Strang, Outpost 9, and Christopher Hunt.

The festival goes from 7:00pm-midnight on Friday night and 5:50pm-midnight on Saturday night. TouchXtone goes on at 11pm on Saturday night. Check it out music fans! A whole range of music styles, from progressive to art-rock to electronic.

RogueFest At EyeDrum, 290 Martin Luther King Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30312, 404.378.5002

- [TouchXtone Schedule](#)
- [EyeDrum](#)
- [RogueFest](#)

## TouchXtone At EyeDrum On Friday, July 21

Opening for ambient artist and Patrick O'Hearn collaborator Sue Wilkinson



TouchXtone will be opening for Sue Wilkinson in a night of ambient music at EyeDrum on July 21st. TouchXtone goes on at 9pm and Sue at 10pm.

The unforgettable ambient sounds of Sue Wilkinson are trance-like and highly melodic, powered by breathtaking vocals that can only be categorized as one of a kind. Blessed with an "amazing vocal range", she has not only the power to blow down a brick house, but an astounding sense of versatility with the emotional capacity of PATTI GRIFFIN, FIONA APPLE and TORI AMOS combined. Her new title track "Sympatico", is at once piercing yet mellow, languid yet pulse pounding, and undoubtedly one of the most gorgeous cerebral pieces I've ever heard." says ezine MuzikMan.

Sue is the voice and co-composer behind a musical collaboration with film scorer, bassist, and recording artist, PATRICK O'HEARN. A Grammy award winner, his electronic-based

instrumental music is considered to be the foundation behind the ambient musical movement, not to mention the modern synthesized orchestral sound heard in today's film scores.

GO GIRLS MUSIC REVIEW describes Sue's piano based music: "She hits rapid-fire intros, takes improvised solos, plays like mad, and it's a pleasure, an inspiration, and a 'how does she do that?' to listen to."

- [EyeDrum](#)
- [Sue Wilkinson Web Site](#)
- [TouchXtone Web Site](#)

## Sensitive Chaos CD Set For August Release

T-shirts available now



Jim Combs is wrapping up post production on the new Sensitive Chaos CD and everything is being readied for shipment off to the pressing plant for duplication. A nice cover has been designed using the logo of Eleanor Grosch and a photo of Jim standing on the top of the Arcosanti Vaults by Tony Gerber, a fellow Different Skies performer and Space For Music label owner.

The CD has been titled **Leak**. There are 6 songs on the CD, which runs just over 55 minutes.

Saxophone and EWI player Brian Good created incredible solos for two of the songs, "Starry Night" and the title track "Leak". The rest is all Jim.

We're hoping for an early August release of the CD. It will be available through CD Baby and direct from the artist. In the meantime, you can get a Sensitive Chaos T-shirt from the [Sensitive Chaos store](#).

- [Sensitive Chaos Song Clips On MySpace](#)
- [Sensitive Chaos Song Clips On SynthSpins](#)
- [Brian Good's Web Site](#)
- [Tony Gerber's Space For Music Web Site](#)
- [Sensitive Chaos T-Shirts For Sale](#)

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