



## Ephemeral Radio Music Newsletter

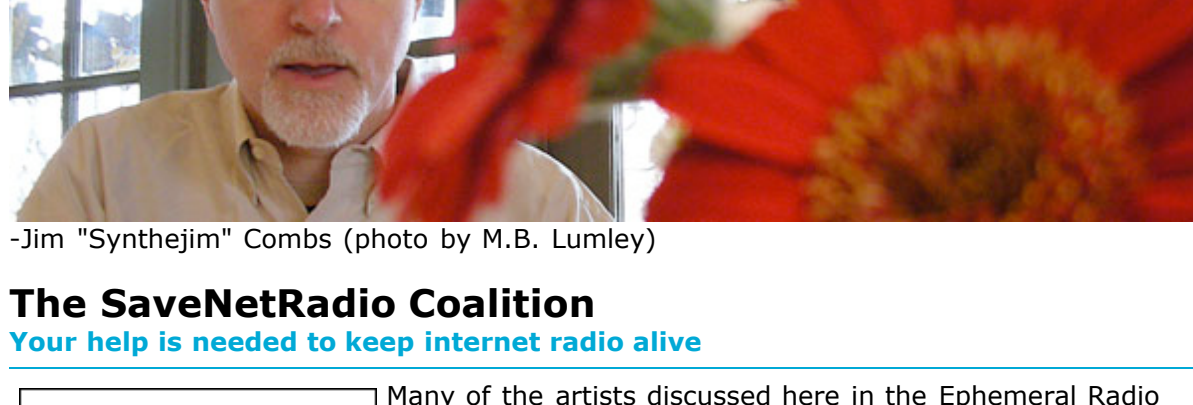
Music News About Aurora Coffee Songwriters Series, Sensitive Chaos

Dear Jim,

May is a special month here in Synthejim-land. My birthday is on May 7th (Happy Birthday to me, Happy Birthday to me;^), my sister's is May 2nd, and my nephew's is May 3rd. So the first week in May has that ending/beginning quality to it. Renew, reassess, reamplify.

Of major importance this month is the efforts to Save Internet Radio. Your help is needed to keep a bad governmental ruling from messing up one of the few remaining outlets to hear independent music, which would have an immediate effect upon independent musicians ability to be heard and get their music out. This is important.

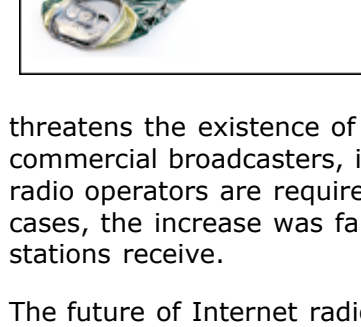
After you've contacted your local Congressman, check out the exciting line-ups for the Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters series this month. Also, Sensitive Chaos continues to rack up some impressive airtime on national radio courtesy the Echoes syndicated radio show distributed by Public Radio International, as well as airplay on several college stations and internet radio stations. Oh, and vote for Sensitive Chaos "Android Cat Dreams Of Mice" on OurStage.com.



-Jim "Synthejim" Combs (photo by M.B. Lumley)

## The SaveNetRadio Coalition

Your help is needed to keep internet radio alive



Many of the artists discussed here in the Ephemeral Radio newsletter are well served by the efforts of independent internet radio DJs. Because the terrestrial airwaves are controlled by fewer and fewer broadcasters, it has become next to impossible to hear a diversity of music on regular radio stations. Internet radio has been a way independent musicians have been able to surmount the lack of radio outlets for their particular style or genre of music.

In March, a ruling by the Copyright Royalty Board, a trio of judges operating out of the Library of Congress, now threatens the existence of internet radio operators. The ruling, aimed at large scale commercial broadcasters, imposed an onerous increase in the licensing fees internet radio operators are required to pay for music played on their internet stations. In some cases, the increase was far more than the annual profit these mostly non-commercial stations receive.

The future of Internet radio is in immediate danger. The increased royalty rates for webcasters are due to go into effect on July 15 (retroactive to Jan 1, 2006!). If the increased rates remain unchanged, the majority of webcasters will go bankrupt and silent on this date. Internet radio needs your help! H.R. 2060, The Internet Radio Equality Act was introduced by Representatives Jay Inslee (D-WA) and Donald Manzullo (R-IL ) to save the Internet radio industry. Please call your congressperson to ask them to co-sponsor H.R. 2060 by clicking below.

- [Link to Savenetradio.org guide to contacting your Congressman](#)
- [C/Net Article](#)
- [Newsweek article on issue](#)
- [The Register UK article](#)

## Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters Series

Both locations: Virginia-Highlands and Little Five Points



Jim Combs and Brad Jones host the Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters series at Atlanta's Aurora Coffee in Virginia-Highlands and Little Five Points.

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

There are great lineups most Saturday evenings starting at 7pm (Va-Hi) and Sunday afternoons at 4pm (LSP). In the opening spot on all Songwriter shows, either Brad will be showing off his delta blues-inspired solo guitar or Jim will be performing spontaneously composed ambient drums'n'bass.

Check the web site [for the whole schedule](#). A few on tap:

- May 12: [Sue Wilkinson](#), Kyle Lacy and Jim Combs
- May 19: [Isia Cooper](#), [David Funderburk](#), Brad Jones
- May 26: [Jesus Aaron](#), [The Last Relapse](#), Brad Jones
- June 2: [John Paskoff](#), [Cortez Garza](#)

- June 9: [Branded with Fear](#), [Lars Din](#) and Jim Combs
- June 16: [Greg Connors](#)

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

## Sensitive Chaos Leak Continues World Domination

Radio, radio...

### WKVR-FM "Secret Music" Top 20 Playlist for April, 2007

1. Zoe Keating - Live At Schubas - Schubas
2. Erik Wøllo - Elevations - Spotted Peccary Music
3. Jim Cole & Spectral Voices - Innertones - Spectral Spiral Music
4. Alpha Wave Movement - The Regions Between - Harmonic Resonance
5. As Lonely As Dave Bowman - POD - Projekt
6. Paul Adams - Flute Meditations for Dreaming Clouds - Lakefront
7. Aaron Marshall - Noir Ambience - Marshall
8. Loscil - Plume - Kranky
9. Khvarena - The Spirit Rises - Projekt
10. David Alstead - Pieces of Piano - Narrow People Music



11. Robert Linton - Whisperings At Nightfall - October Moon Records
12. Parallel Worlds - Obsessive Surrealism - DiN
13. Ixohoxi - Sonicscapes and Sigilstones - Ixohoxi
14. Markus Reuter & Ramp - Ceasing To Exist - Doombient
15. Palancar - Ambient Train Wreck Series Vol.3 - Blue Water
16. Mathias Grasso & Jim Cole - Deep Breath Silence - Practising Nature
17. Christopher Bissonette - Periphery - Kranky
18. Sensitive Chaos - Leak - Subsequent Records
19. Circle Of Pines - Darkwater Pond - Dark Winter
20. Jim Goodin & Daryl Shawn - Chinapainting - Wood And Wire Music

For 10 weeks now, [Echoes](#), the daily two-hour music soundscape (acoustic to electronic, jazz to space music, the avant-garde to rock format), distributed by **Public Radio International** and broadcast on over [145 radio stations](#) from Maine to California, continues to play the title track "Leak" from Sensitive Chaos Leak on their [Tuesday, January 16, 2007 & Sunday, January 21, 2007](#) playlist, [Tuesday, January 23, 2007 & Sunday, January 28, 2007](#) playlist, [Tuesday, February 13, 2007 & Sunday, February 18, 2007](#) playlist, [Wednesday, February 28, 2007 & Sunday, March 4, 2007](#) playlist, [Wednesday, March 21, 2007 & Sunday, March 25, 2007](#) playlist, and [Thursday, March 29, 2007](#), and Friday, April 27, 2007

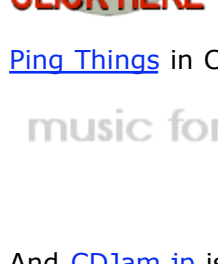
and "Android Cat Dreams Of Mice" on the [Monday, January 29, 2007 & Sunday, February 4, 2007](#) playlist, and [Tuesday, February 6, 2007 & Sunday, February 11th](#) playlist, [Friday, April 13, 2007](#), and [Wednesday, April 25, 2007 and Sunday, April 29, 2007](#).

In addition to the Echoes shows on 145 stations across the U.S., radio stations that have played *Leak* in some rotation include:

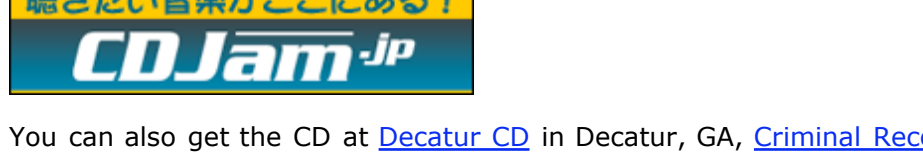
- 106.7 FM WETX** (Freeform, Various, College), Johnson City, TN, The ETSU DeTour Randomization show played "Android Cat Dreams Of Mice" on April 7, 2007, April 23, 2007, and April 25, 2007.
- Space Station Soma FM** (spaced out ambient and midtempo electronica format)- "Android Cat Dreams Of Mice," from Leak played April 16, 2007 and April 20, 2007.
- WKVR-FM**, Poughkeepsie, NY, Secret Music Playlist, April 15, 2007, features "Painting Earthtones In Orbit" from Sensitive Chaos Leak CD.
- CoolStreams Ambient Caverns** (ambient) features "Leak", "Android Cat Dreams Of Mice", "Nightshift At The Baby Mecha Nursery", "Bullet Train", "Starry Night", and "Painting Earthtones In Orbit" from October 22 - November 18, 2006, January 7 - February 3, 2007, February 18 - March 3, 2007, March 19 - 31, 2007, and April 1 - 14, 2007.
- StillStream.com** (ambient format)- Leak tracks "Painting Earthtones In Orbit" and "Nightshift At The Baby Mecha Nursery" plus live tracks "Trees Of Tropica Island", "Leaving Las Hangri", The Life and Times of Mr. Water Vapor", "Fireflies In A Jar", and "Marienplatz Glockenspiel" played on Blue Water Drift Dive show, April 7 & 8, 2007.
- WKVR-FM**, Poughkeepsie, NY, Secret Music Playlist, April 1, 2007, features "Leak" from Sensitive Chaos Leak CD.
- Radio Despi 107.1 FM** in Barcelona, Spain, La Otra Orilla show, March 19, 2007, plays "Android Cat Dreams Of Mice".
- Music From Beyond the Lakes on WDBX 91.1 FM**, Carbondale, Illinois (ambient, electronic, jazz) included "Starry Night" on its February 4, 2007 Cold Nights, Warm Hearts show, just before a Roger Eno tune.
- YLE Radio 1 - Space Junk** Finnish Broadcasting Company radio station (electronic/ambient/space format)- played "Nightshift At The Baby Mecha Nursery" on their January 14th show in between songs by Radio Massacre International and Centrozoon.
- AMBIENT PING RADIO** (ambient/chill/downtempo format)- Live unreleased recordings "The Life And Times Of Mr. Water Vapor," "Leaving Las Hangri," and "Marienplatz Glockenspiel" were played on the Almost Live show on December 11, 2006.
- WTUL 91.5 FM's Poptart Show**, New Orleans, LA (college alternative format)- "Nightshift At The Baby Mecha Nursery" played on on December 1, 2006, just before Robyn Hitchcock and Animal Collective.
- Music From Beyond the Lakes on WDBX 91.1 FM**, Carbondale, Illinois (ambient, electronic, jazz) included "Leak" on its November 12, 2006 Abandoned Cities show.
- Space Station Soma FM** (spaced out ambient and midtempo electronica format)- "Android Cat Dreams Of Mice," from Leak as added Week of November 6, 2006.
- AMBIENT PING RADIO** (ambient/chill/downtempo format)- "Android Cat Dreams Of Mice," "Painting Earthtones In Orbit," and "Nightshift At The Baby Mecha Nursery" from Leak were added and featured on Week of October 22, 2006 playlist.
- Aural Innovations Radio** (electronic/ambient/space format)- "Painting Earthtones In Orbit" added October 1, 2006 to The Electronic Cottage show playlist.
- StillStream.com** (ambient format)- Leak tracks "Painting Earthtones In Orbit" and "Nightshift At The Baby Mecha Nursery" played on Blue Water Drift Dive show, September 23, 2006 and September 30, 2006.
- NPR member station **WDIY 88.1 FM**, Allentown and Bethlehem, PA, 93.9 FM in Easton, PA and Phillipsburg, NJ, 93.7 FM in Fogelsville and Trexlertown, 92.9 FM on Service Electric Cable (electronic/ambient/space format)- Leak track "Bullet Train" played on Galactic Travels show, September 21, 2006.
- KTUH FM 90.3 FM** Honolulu (college alternative format)- Leak added week of September 11, 2006 to RPM rotation (playing along side of Board Of Canada, Four Tet, DJ Logic, Basement Jaxx, Zero 7, and Cut Chemist)
- YLE Radio 1 - Space Junk** Finnish Broadcasting Company radio station (electronic/ambient/space format)- played "Nightshift At The Baby Mecha Nursery" on their September 10th show in between songs by Radio Massacre International and Paul Ellis.

Record store outlets now carrying the *Leak* CD...

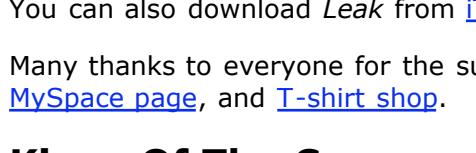
[CD Baby](#) online:



[Ping Things](#) in Canada:



And [CDJam.jp](#) is our distributor in Japan:



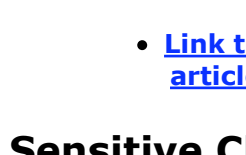
You can also get the CD at [Decatur CD](#) in Decatur, GA, [Criminal Records](#) and Aurora Coffee Va-Hi in the Atlanta area.

You can also download *Leak* from [iTunes](#), Rhapsody, and 25 other online stores.

Many thanks to everyone for the support! Be sure to visit the Sensitive Chaos [web site](#), [MySpace page](#), and [T-shirt shop](#).

## Kings Of The Cosmos

Electronica's Seventies pioneers whose influence stretches to infinity and beyond



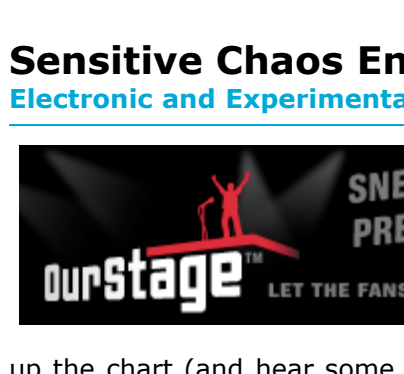
This is a great article by Simon Reynolds that appeared in the UK's Guardian Ltd's The Observer on Sunday, April 22. It gives a pretty good rundown of all the musicians that have influenced the development of electronic music from the '60s to present.

An excerpt: "Everything you know about electronic pop is wrong. Years before Gary Numan and his electric friends, before the chart-popping porno-disco of 'I Feel Love' by sexbot diva Donna Summer and pulsating producer Giorgio Moroder, before even Kraftwerk's serene electra-glide down the Autobahn, the trailblazers of synthesizers in pop were a bunch of long-haired hippies and slumming classical composers. Pioneered by Tangerine Dream, Klaus Schulze and Walter Carlos, then popularised by Tomita, Jean Michel Jarre, and Vangelis, this genre - space music, some call it, or analog-synth epics - has been almost completely written out of the history of electronica."

- [Link to Guardian Observer article](#)

## Sensitive Chaos On Ambient Ping Radio "Almost Live"

June 4th on [www.ambientpingradio.com](#)

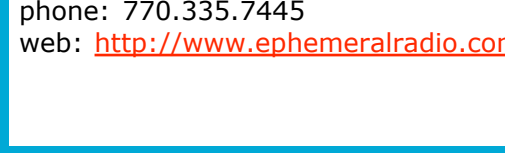


Ambient Ping Radio out of Toronto, Canada will host another "Almost Live" show with [Sensitive Chaos](#) on June 4th at 9pm EDT and you can listen to it by simply pointing your browser to [www.ambientpingradio.com](#). Ambient Live broadcasts live recordings of ambient/electronic music's best performers, so the music was performed live at the time it was recorded, but then played back on the internet. Hence the "almost live" moniker.

This is the second time Sensitive Chaos has appeared on the show, and this show will feature nearly 40 minutes of unreleased live recordings from their November 10, 2006 show at Atlanta, Georgia's Aurora Coffee.

## Sensitive Chaos Entered In OurStage.com Contests

Electronic and Experimental categories



OurStage is a free, web-based venue where musicians get rated by real listeners. Sensitive Chaos has entered "Android Cats Dream Of Mice" in both the Electronic and Experimental categories, where it is currently hovering in the Top 13.

Please head over and help push Sensitive Chaos up the chart (and hear some other cool music at the same time)! Many thanks!

- [Vote for Sensitive Chaos on OurStage](#)

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