



Ephemeral Radio Music Newsletter

Music News About Atlanta Songwriters Series, Space Rock Con, Different Skies Festival, and City Skies Festival

Dear Jim,

Just in time for Fall, here is a new venue in Atlanta for songwriters and performing musicians! Brad Jones and I have moved our Creative Loafing Best of 2007-award-winning Saturday night Atlanta Songwriters Series to Kavarna in the Oakhurst area of Decatur. See the details below for more information, but both Brad and I are excited about this new location. Kavarna boasts an impressive and affordable Mediterranean menu and a great selection of wines, beers, coffees, and teas. Come by and see Atlanta's best performers in an relaxed, non-smoking/kid friendly intimate atmosphere!

I just returned from Arcosanti, Arizona, after participating and performing in the 5th annual Different Skies 2007 Electronic Music Festival. See the write-up below and links for photos, video, and clips from the show. It was an outstanding event with incredible electronic and space rock performers from around the world. This was my fourth appearance at the event and I'd have to say it was the best so far.

Did you know all 18 back issues of Ephemeral Radio are available from our www.ephemeralradio.com web site? If you miss an issue or just want to look back in time, go [here to grab one](#).

And finally, to coincide with my auspicious birthday next May 2008, some of the best electronic musicians from around the country, all veterans of prestigious festivals like Different Skies (Arizona) and electro-music (Philadelphia), are converging in Atlanta for the first annual City Skies Electronic Music Festival. Planning has begun, so look for details and announcements in the months ahead!



-Jim "Synthejim" Combs (photo by Giles Reaves)

Atlanta Songwriters Series Finds New Home

Fall performances at Kavarna in Decatur announced



You can't keep a good idea down, especially when it comes to the high caliber performers and songwriters in Atlanta. The Creative Loafing Best of 2007 award-winning **Atlanta Songwriters Series** has found a new home at **Kavarna** in the historic Oakhurst area of Decatur 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.

The Series started up again on Saturday, October 13, 2007, as part of the Oakhurst Festival, with outstanding performances by Jeff Evans (Chickens and Pigs), Greg Connors, Ken Kiser, and host Brad Jones.

Future shows include:

Saturday, November 3: [Georgia Fireflies](#), [Sad Grass](#), [Wounded Dinosaur](#), and [Brad Jones](#)
Saturday, November 10: [John McNicholas](#), [Lindsay Appel](#), [The Melinda Kingsley Band](#), and [Jim "Sensitive Chaos" Combs](#)
Saturday, November 17: [Silence Syndicate](#), [Brett Schieber](#), [Cortez Garcia](#) [Brad Jones](#)
Saturday, November 24: [Hollin Gammage](#) and [Brad Jones](#)

Saturday, December 1: [Ronnda Cadle](#), Jonathan Merinovich, [Mary O. Harrison](#), and [Brad Jones](#)

Saturday, December 8: [Mary Delaney](#), [Greg Connors](#), and [Jim "Sensitive Chaos" Combs](#)
Saturday, December 15: [Laura Simon Band](#) and [Brad Jones](#)

Saturday, January 5, 2008: [LB Collective](#) and [Brad Jones](#)
Saturday, January 19, 2008: The Codex Boom, [Imagination Head](#), and [Brad Jones](#)
Saturday, January 26, 2008: [Lucas Mire](#)

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>

Space Rock Con 2007

November 3, 2007 in Cullman, Alabama



[SPACE ROCK CON](#) is an annual rock concert/convention for people who are into SPACE ROCK, and also for those into psychedelic, techno, krautrock, experimental, avant-grade, and bands/music projects/musicians in the underground rock scene. This year's show will be held 3 hours from Atlanta at the Bakers Entertainment Center in Downtown Cullman, Alabama on Saturday, November 3rd.

SPACE ROCK CON started in 2000 and has featured the likes of Nik Turner and Harvey Bainbridge OF Hawkwind, Bob Harvey (founding member of Jefferson Airplane), and Spaceseed. The roster for this year's show includes Weerd, [Unus Mundus](#), [The Subliminator](#), U.E.M. ([William S. Harrington](#)), [We Can And We Must](#), [Hotel Hotel](#), [Vampiric Addiction](#), [Vessels Of The Divine](#), Taken, [Hart Deer](#), [Woodland Kreaturez](#).

The festival runs from 11am-11:30pm and admission is \$10.00.

For info on the place and location of Baker's Entertainment Center in Cullman, AL, go to www.myspace.com/becculman or e-mail [Carlo](#) or call 256-736-8778.

Different Skies 2007 Space Music Festival Wrapup

Performers and audience call this year the best yet



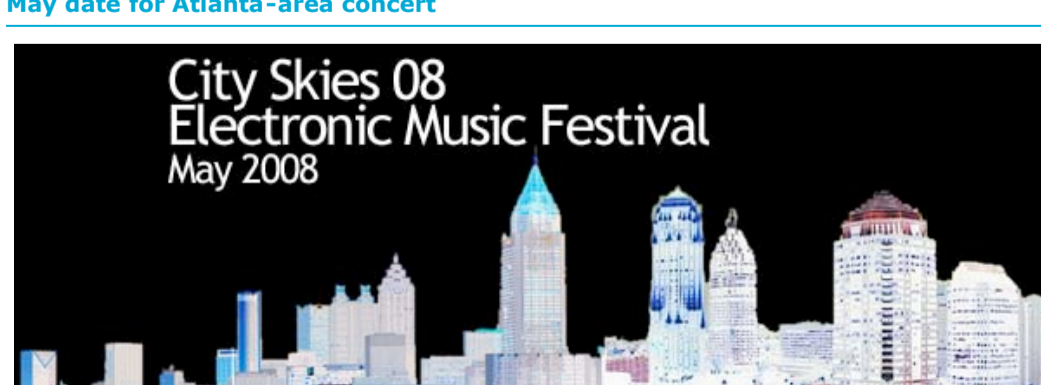
The fifth annual [Different Skies](#) Space Music Festival wrapped up following a sold out show at Arcosanti's Coli Soleri Amphitheater an hour north of Phoenix, Arizona on October 20. The audience was treated to a gourmet meal prepared by the Arcosanti chefs prior to the show and was presented with 26 eclectic new electronic music pieces ranging from ambient to space rock to tribal to acid jazz to Berlin School peepic to chillout downtempo to Zappa-esque flurries to glitch tech, all mostly composed during the week of the show. Both audience and performers commented on the new levels of excellence achieved at this year's show.

Several factors were cited in the improvement. The presence of master live sound engineer Ivan Schwartz and his \$100K DiGiCo Live digital mixing console and Tannoy speaker towers provided an impressive sound stage for the music. The low end was especially clear and prominent while the overall sound was at the perfect level. Video artist Tim Thompson, most recently at this year's Burning Man, provided an abstract and impressionistic video show that was "played" in realtime along with the musicians. And this year's crop of musician participants, both veterans of previous Different Skies as well as newcomers to the event, all selectively chosen by Different Skies founder Mike Metlay, provided an amazing array of musical styles.

The event was well photographed by the participants. A CD of the music is being considered. Go [here to see and read more](#) about this year's event. Next year's Different Skies will be September 14-20, 2008.

City Skies 08 Electronic Music Festival Announced

May date for Atlanta-area concert



City Skies 08 Electronic Music Festival will be held in the Atlanta area in May, 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.

Musical styles will range from ambient to downtempo chillout to Berlin school 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).

Several venue locations are being considered for this event. 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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