



Ephemeral Radio Music Newsletter

[Jim Combs](#), [Sensitive Chaos](#), [Aurora Coffee Songwriters Series](#), [TouchXtone](#), [Michael Thomas Roe](#), and [Different Skies 2006 Electronic Music Festival](#)

Dear Jim,

Big storms here over the past week or so. Some of the most intense lightning and thunder last night right over the house. A sound person's delight. I took a week of vacation at Jekyll Island on the Georgia coast and luckily the weather was good. Brought a small music setup with me and got to disappear into it for a couple of days in between visits to the beach.

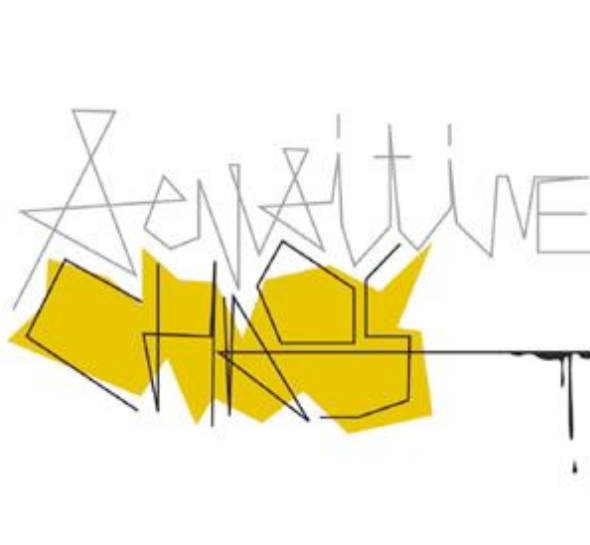
Thank goodness for the time off. September is a big month of performances and CD promotion activities. Check out the lineup at this month's **Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters series** in Atlanta, visit the **Different Skies Electronic Music Festival** in Arcosanti, Arizona, or take in the **TouchXtone** concert out front of the Agnes Scott College Bradley Observatory.

And the new **Sensitive Chaos** CD shipped out, is available online at CD Baby, and is in both LSP's Criminal Records and the Virginia-Highlands location of Aurora Coffee in the Atlanta area. It's exciting to spend seven-months creating an independent release and then getting to watch it move out into the world.

-Jim "Synthejim" Combs

Sensitive Chaos CD Now Available

[Buy online at CDBaby.com](#)



As previously mentioned, I'm happy to report that the **Sensitive Chaos** CD is complete and available on **CD Baby**, and from **Criminal Records** and **Aurora Coffee Va-Hi** in the Atlanta area. I've also starting sending copies to reviewers and radio and will post updates as they arrive.

From the press kit: Leak is the first album from Sensitive Chaos, a solo project of Atlanta-based producer and electronic musician Jim Combs. Jim is also known for his work with electronic duo TouchXtone, a 2005 Atlanta Creative Loafing Best Of Award winner (best local electronic act), as well as being one of the co-hosts for the Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters Series held each Saturday night at

the Virginia-Highlands Aurora Coffee location. Jim's collaborators on Leak were musician **Brian Good**, who contributed two soprano saxophone solos to the album, and visual designer **Eleanor Grosch**, whose logo design graces the CD cover.

Sensitive Chaos started for Combs in 2005 with the acquisition of an analog MIDI sequencer, a piece of music hardware that records notes from a synthesizer keyboard and immediately plays them back in sequential order. "I had seen this particular piece of gear, the Sequentix P3, at the 2004 Different Skies music festival...[\(more\)](#)

- [Sensitive Chaos Web Site](#)
- [Buy Sensitive Chaos CD at CD Baby](#)
- [Sensitive Chaos On MySpace](#)
- [Buy Sensitive Chaos Merchandise](#)

Aurora Coffee/Criminal Records Songwriters Series

[Guests on September 9th are Blake Guthrie and Brett Schieber](#)



Jim Combs and **Brad Jones** host 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.

Founder's Title Folk Fest Top 10 Finalist **Blake Guthrie** will grace our stage on Saturday, September 9th with **Brett Schieber**. Jim will be doing a mini-release party for his Sensitive Chaos CD.

There are great lineups every Saturday. Check the web site for the whole schedule. A few on tap:

- Sept. 2: Emily Boyd, Kyle Lacy and Brad Jones
- Sept. 16: John Kerry (Ocha la Rocha), Lesbian Afternoon and Brad Jones
- Sept. 23: Silent Kids, a butterfly-eaten horse head, and Brad Jones
- Oct. 7: The Subliminator, The Buck Buckley Band and Brad Jones
- Oct. 14: John McNicholas, Jen Woodhouse and Jim Combs

- Oct. 21: Jerry Burns, Elliot Rubin and Brad Jones
- Oct. 28: Al Shelton, Sadgrass and Brad Jones
- Nov. 4: Opposing Force, Andy Ditzler and Brad Jones
- Nov. 11: A Happy Medium, Fairchild and Jim Combs
- Nov. 18: Amelia White, Ghost Tour, and Brad Jones
- Dec. 2: Silence Syndicate, Adam Downer (of Chasing Saturn), and Brad Jones
- Dec. 9: Warm in the wake and Jim Combs

In the opening spot on all Songwriter evenings, either Brad will be showing off his delta blues-inspired solo guitar or 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>

- [Blake Guthrie On MySpace](#)
- [Brett Schieber On MySpace](#)
- [Jen Woodhouse On MySpace](#)
- [John McNicholas On MySpace](#)
- [Jim "Synthejim" Combs On MySpace](#)
- [Brad Jones On MySpace](#)
- [Complete Schedule Of Aurora Performances](#)
- [Criminal Records On MySpace](#)

The Word From Michael Thomas Roe

[What have you been up to this past month?](#)



(Michael Thomas Roe, center, in white t-shirt, with Bruce Joyner and the Reconstruction)

Gosh, absolutely nothing on the electronic music front (besides the odd personal stuff - just for me and friends thing). A couple of irons in the fire, but too soon to talk about.

Have been rehearsing (on drums) with [Bruce Joyner and the Reconstruction](#), doing local gigs at places like Lenny's, the obvious circuit. A pretty big gig upcoming is at the "**Drive Invasion**" over the Labor Day weekend. That should be fun. Have been recording with Bruce and the guys to get some type of demo out before hooking up with producer **Don Fleming** (Sonic Youth, Pete Yorn, Alice Cooper).

Back on keyboards with TouchXtone at Agnes Scott College on September 22nd.

Besides that, just keeping busy and out of trouble...

- [Bruce Joyner And The Reconstruction On MySpace](#)
- [Michael Thomas Roe Web Site](#)
- [Michael Thomas Roe On MySpace](#)

TouchXtone At Agnes Scott College Bradley Observatory

[A concert under the stars starts at 8pm](#)



Photo by Craig Shipley

TouchXtone will be helping **Agnes Scott College** and the **School of Physics and Astronomy** kick off the 2006-2007 school year with an outdoor concert on Friday, September 22nd at 8pm in front of the school's **Bradley Observatory** on the south side of the Agnes Scott campus in Decatur, GA. It will be an evening of space music under the stars.

Admission is free, so bring a blanket, kick back, and enjoy a journey through space. The powers at be may also open up the Observatory so you can see space, too.

To learn more about the Bradley Observatory and Delafield Planetarium, check out the Observatory's web site link below.

- [Agnes Scott College Bradley Observatory](#)
- [TouchXtone Schedule](#)

Different Skies 2006 Electronic Music Festival!

[Concert occurs September 16, 2006 at Arcosanti, AZ](#)



WHAT IS DIFFERENT SKIES?

Different Skies is an annual electronic music festival that is part musical collaboration, part working vacation, and part charity event. [Musicians from all over the world](#) (this year from Finland, the UK, and the US) travel to **Arcosanti** on a Monday, practice together and develop material during the week, and then perform on Saturday night for an audience of about 150 in Arcosanti's beautiful amphitheater. All proceeds from the dinner and the concert go to Arcosanti, **Paolo Solari's Urban Archology Laboratory**.

Arcosanti is located about an hour's drive north of Phoenix, Arizona on the rim of a small canyon in the desert.

Jim Combs from TouchXtone and Sensitive Chaos will be attending his third Different Skies next month and will be performing with both veteran and new artists at this year's festival. Check out the Different Skies web site and Arcosanti web site for more information about the event, directions to Arcosanti, and information on how to obtain tickets to the Saturday night dinner and concert.

The event will be streaming audio throughout the week. Check the [Different Skies home page](#) for details.

- [Different Skies Web Site](#)
- [Arcosanti](#)

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