

Professional Musicians of the Inland Northwest, Local 105 – E-News March 21, 2008

Musician Wanted: Keyboard player for Classic Rock/Baby Boomer band. For more information please contact the Local: local105@afm.org

Contact information for the following musicians can be obtained by calling the Professional Musicians, Local 105: 509/328-5253 or 800/527-9277 or email: local105@afm.org

At Liberty....

My name is James Arrington, I am a bassist/ drummer. Thank you for welcoming me to the Spokane area. Not only do I play, I also offer bass lessons.

The band I am currently playing with offers fusion jazz, all band originals. Music styles I have played or like to play include, jazz- all aspects, gospel- all aspects, r&b and heavy metal. I would like to start my own fusion band.

My abilities include team leadership, loyalty, quality control, programming and the like.

I am interested in working opening acts for groups coming into town. I also enjoy sitting in if needed as I can pick up the sound easily. I am looking to play at receptions, parties, supper clubs, even church. My main priority is to PLAY music.

To be listed as **At Liberty** please send your information to localpresident@earthlink.net

SAC - CVB Meet & Greet

I attended the Spokane Arts Commission's Meet & Greet with representatives of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau that was featured in the Professional Musicians March 14, 2008 E-newsletter.

The agenda included an overview of the Spokane Regional Convention Center and Visitor Bureau given by Jeanna Hofmeister, VP & Director of Destination Marketing; Convention Services information by Amy Cabe, Convention Services Manager; Group Tours by Margaret Holmberg, Group Sales Manager; and a PR/Media presentation by Pam Scott, Communications Manager.

The purpose of this meet and greet was to have the CVB outline their needs so that arts organizations may be better able to coordinate with them for attracting visitors and conventions to Spokane. The CVB has a website www.visitspokane.com which they use as a promotional tool. When you go to the site you will see a tab on the left side "Events Calendar". Click on the tab and you will find a listing of events. On the upper right hand side there is a tab called "submit your event" where you can list your performances and upcoming events in Spokane. The CVB calendar and the Spokane Arts Calendar at www.spokanearts.org have software conflicts and cannot integrate, so you should submit information to both.

FYI: Amy Cabe, Convention Services Manager, as part of the presentation cited the Musicians Union as an example saying that she appreciated the services we provide. When she needs to refer musicians to a Convention, she either visits our website or calls the Local and receives prompt service directing her to the right musicians for the job. We are the one-stop shop.

Please give us your information so we can list you on GoPro and help us show the remarkable variety of professional music/musicians available in the Inland Northwest!

Best wishes,
Tina

We were invited by East Valley High School to act as a judge for the 2008 Senior Culminating Project Presentations that were held at the school last Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. We decided to participate as another way of showing support for our greater community and to raise the profile of the Local with attendees invited to represent the business community. We received the following letter in response:

Tina Morrison
Professional Musicians of the Inland Northwest
1912 N. Division, LL105
Spokane, WA 99207

Dear Tina Morrison,

On behalf of the entire staff and senior class at East Valley High School, I thank you for your participation in the 2008 Senior Culminating Project Presentations. Community involvement is essential to the success of student growth and particularly critical in helping our students develop their thirteenth year and beyond career plans.

This is our first year for senior presentations and we anticipated some glitches. Hopefully the day went smoothly for you and we appreciate your willingness to join us this first year. Your suggestions and feedback are encouraged as we begin planning to improve our presentations for next year.

We hope you found it refreshing to hear students reflect on their educational experiences and prepare to take the next steps into adulthood. The students have been eager to complete their presentations and we know they will stand a little taller and portray a sense of pride in this accomplishment. We are proud of our students for meeting this ever important Washington State Graduation requirement.

Thank you again for volunteering your time to judge our Culminating Project Presentations. Because of your dedication, contribution and support, we feel it was a great success. We hope you will consider participating next year and we look forward to continued partnership.

Best regards,

Jeff Miller
Principal, East Valley High School

We thought you might find this article from Rolling Stone Magazine interesting. **Warning:** Some of the language included may be considered offensive, but the information included impacts our industry and how people, especially young people, hear music.

http://www.rollingstone.com/news/story/17777619/the_death_of_high_fidelity

Another link on this topic you might find interesting <http://lefsetz.com/wordpress/> read "HD".

Note: Same warning as above and disclaimer: If you choose to subscribe to the Lefsetz Letter, I want you to know I've been reading this blog for about a year and disagree with Mr. Lefsetz on

many of his writings regarding the music business, but he does bring an interesting perspective. - Tina

Please direct any complaints, comments to: localpresident@earthlink.net

I will be out of town next week from Wednesday, March 26th - Saturday, March 29th for meetings with a subcommittee of the AFM Diversity Committee. Office Assistant Abe Kenney will be covering the office hours and can get in touch with me if necessary. I will also be checking email regularly. - Tina

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Steven King

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Costco Membership information

April is our Costco renewal month. Costco membership through Local 105 is \$40 for you and one other family member or significant other. To renew your Costco membership or to sign up for a new membership please send a check for \$40 payable to Local 105 along with a note confirming the names you would like on the account.

Referral Information

Listen folks, we're getting more "hits" on our website www.nwmusicians.org, requesting information about groups. If your group does not yet have a "GoPro" page, please get your information in to the office as soon as possible.

Please submit:

- 1) a digital picture
- 2) information about the services you or your group can provide
- 3) a description of the type of music you can provide
- 4) a website address if you have one
- 5) you might specify the types of engagements you would like to work

We can list you multiple times if you are a soloist or work with different union groups.

The more variety we can offer the more interest our site will develop!

If you need help developing promotional materials, please contact the Local and we will help you!

FYI

The AFM has launched some new services through their Freelance Services Division.

You can list yourself as a private teacher at <http://www.goprolessons.com/>. As soon as we have some teachers listed we will link it to our website www.nwmusicians.org the same way we do with GoPro Music for our band/group listings. We have folders for North Idaho/Eastern Washington under the state of Idaho as well as Eastern Washington/North Idaho under the state of Washington.

The AFM has a new auction site: <http://www.goproauction.com/>

The AFM is offering hosting services for AFM members: <http://www.gprohosting.com/>

Please let me know if you have problems registering on any of these sites
localpresident@earthlink.net

To participate in the Local 105 E-newsletter, send your information to local105@afm.org before 5:00 on Thursdays and we will compile it and send it out on Fridays. If it's breaking news and you can't get it here until 4:00 p.m. on Friday we will try to get it in that day!

The information should be music related and can contain news about where and when you are performing, master classes and seminars being offered, instruments for sale, job openings, at liberty....You get the drift. We will also include information from the Local that may include union or arts community news.

We welcome your feedback regarding the content of these newsletters. Please send comments to: localpresident@earthlink.net
Be clear as to whether you would like your comments to be shared in the next newsletter.