

# Paradise band Spring newsletter 2019

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## Welcome back Tina

We're extremely happy to announce the return of Tina Kokkalis to the band.

Tina is no stranger to Paradise Band having been an integral part of the team a few years ago. She decided to take a time-out for a while to focus on her growing family.

Tina brings a wealth of talent and repertoire to the band and a smooth style that is enjoyed by all.

We're working up some new material too so it's going to be a great time going forward and no doubt we're going to create some memorable moments at our shows.

So from all of us welcome back Tina, we're so happy that you're here!



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**A special note of thanks to some of our friends who helped us out a lot this year.**

**Makis Nezeritis** - a huge thanks for doing all those shows with us, we're blessed to have friends like you.

**Peter Delimitrou** - thank you for performing with us in Lucky's absence, not only did we make some great music together, we enjoyed your company greatly.

**Maria Stavropoulos** - we've been friends a long time & it was great to perform together again at The Juniors, gee it brought back some great memories.

**Peter Christou** - for providing us some great guitar playing albeit for a short time & we had some laughs along the way. We're forever grateful.

# Let's Go Greek, Endaxi Show @ The Juniors

We recently did a production show @ The Juniors aptly named Let's Go Greek, Endaxi. The show has of course the core Paradise Band crew of Tina, Steven, Lucky, Greg, George & Samatza who were joined by the magnificently talented Endaxi Dancers, Maria Stavropoulos & Makis Nezeritis, thanks for joining us, we were thrilled to be performing with you.

The show was well received with positive feedback from the venue and attendees, we're hoping to do more of these types of shows in the near future.

We'd like to thank the management and staff of The Juniors, the sound and lighting crew and of course all of you who attended. A special thank you goes to our agents Six Pack Productions for putting the whole show together and to Renee for taking the beautiful pictures.



Our amazing vocalists. Maria Stavropoulos, Makis Nezeritis, Tina Kokkalis and Steven Flevaras



The beautiful Endaxi Dancers



The cast of the show backstage

# What the tech?

We all know that Samatza loves high end gear & the sound systems we use are testament to that. For a long time we've been using digital technology to provide the best possible sound for the audience and through our individual in-ear monitoring systems so that we all get a great sound while we play.

The latest addition to the tech pool is this Alembic F-1X tube bass preamp. Alembic is a boutique high end bass company that has been making instruments and electronics since 1969. Why the upgrade to an Alembic?

"The F-1X provides a warmer, more articulate sound for the bass. It supplies a lot of low end without robbing the clarity and for the band that means the bass sounds better and sits in the mix a whole lot nicer" Samatza said.

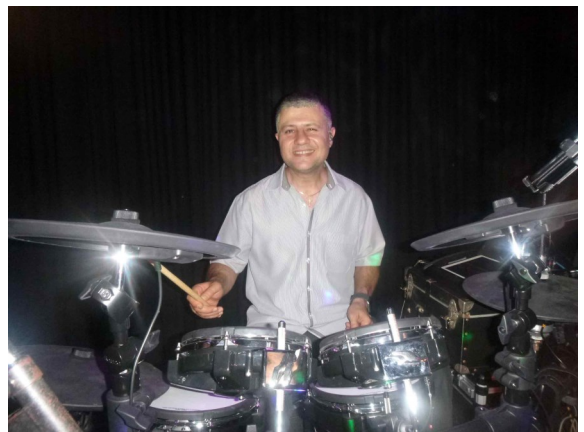
We're not going to argue with that, the bass does indeed sound pretty good to us.



## Drums not hum-drum...

In recent years stage amplification and monitors have become somewhat redundant in the face of new technology. For a long time we've been using in-ear monitors and no amplification on stage so in an effort to reduce the "stage volume" George decided to go digital with the drums too. This new kit is a high end Roland V-Drum that provides all the realistic sound and nuance of a real drumset without the stage volume. "I've been working on the sounds for a while now & I've got it to the point where I'm really happy with the result" George said.

For our audience it means that we have much better control of the overall volume levels so we're playing comfortably and providing the best possible sound out front with the ability to set the level to suit the room.







Doing the Greek thing.....





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Our focus has always been on the people that matter most; our audience. Our motto has always been “At a Paradise Band show you are the stars & we love to watch you shine”

Our purpose is to spread joy & happiness among everyone, you don't have to be Greek to enjoy the show you just need to get up & have a go. Everyone is welcome & we are always happy to see you there.

Most of our regular Greek nights are totally free, there is ample parking available and the venues provide a selection of food & beverages so get out of the house and go Greek!



It's all about those smiles!

### Quick Quip

The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians are the messengers.

Roy Ayers