



PARADISE BAND

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NEWSLETTER

**Paradise Band Newsletter
Winter 2016**



WINTER WONDERLAND

It doesn't seem that long ago we were talking about the challenges of getting to gigs in winter weather. We've been busy warming things up inside though and we've had some great gigs so far. Our regular Greek nights at Canterbury Leagues Club & St George Leagues Club have been great & we've had fantastic audiences. We would like to thank everyone for braving the cold weather & coming to our gigs, we're always happy to see you there.



SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Greg Panagopoulos for coming in to fill the keyboard chair. As some of you may know Greg is a former member of the Paradise Band for many years & we were really pleased that he was able to join us for a couple of gigs in July.

Greg is an accomplished musician and has backed many artists, thanks Greg we were honored to make music with you again & catch up in between sets, it sure was a lot of fun.



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Check www.paradiseband.com.au for regular updates on gigs.

Every second Friday of the month is the Greek Dance Night @ Canterbury Leagues Club, every second Sunday is Greek Dance Night @ St George Leagues Club until the end of the year.

We have some great gigs coming up later this year so check back regularly.

We are working towards putting on more Greek dance nights in more venues to make it easier for people to come along and have some fun, we'll keep you posted on where we are appearing through the web site & Facebook.

GEORGE CONSTANDINOU



George Constandinou is as most of you know our drum wizard & boy do we love making music with this man.

What you may not know is that George has a long history of playing music from a very young age & that his brother Chris is a very famous bouzouki player in Greece.

Watch the Meraki TV interview with Ana Sevo & George Season 3, episode 11 via our Facebook page or the Meraki TV web site episode catch up.

We would like to thank Meraki TV for supporting everything Greek in Australia, the show has a distinct local flavor & a lot of interesting segments every week so be sure to watch.

Songwriting, recording & generally having a great time!



WHAT'S IN A SONG?

In our last newsletter Samatza was talking about the reason for building the new recording studio. "It's going to be my gift to my peers and I hope they will take advantage of it and provide the alchemy that makes the magic happen" he said. Well, wishes do come true & there has been a lot of songwriting and demo recording at the studio of late. Irene Vacondios & Steven Flevaras both provided songs for upcoming recordings & though we are still at the writing stage it won't be long before we produce a complete demo & video. We're sure everyone is going to enjoy these songs.



Let's Go Greek Endaxi at The Juniors was a spectacular even this year in no small part due to the talent of our friends. We would like to thank Irene Vacondios, Matina Kokkalis, Steven Flevaras, Bill Tringas, Vasilis Metaxas, the Endaxi Dancers, Themis Ioakimidis & Chris Theocharidis for their awesome performances. Thanks to The Juniors management, sound, light & stage crew & our agent Six Pack Productions.

Instrument feature

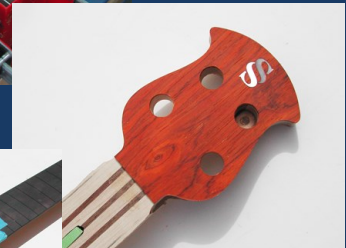
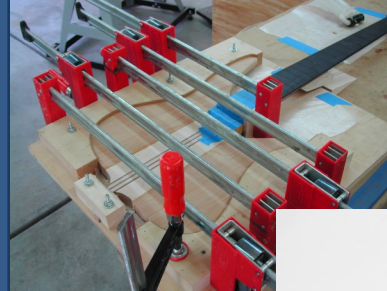
Who made that bass? Samatza plays some interesting basses for sure, here we feature the making of two custom basses by Scott Surine.



SURINE BASS

Scott Surine is a custom bass builder in Denver USA. Scott has built many basses and here are two that Samatza commissioned to have built to his specs with cocobolo top and back.

"Scott was brilliant in helping me select the woods for these basses & did a great job every step of way" says Samatza. In the pictures you can see various stages of construction which resulted in two superb instruments: a Quest 5 string fretted bass & a Regency semi hollow fretless 4 string. These instruments featured in recent recordings with Paradise Band and are often used in the studio & on stage.



What's up?

Some pics of recent gigs- we're always happy to see so many smiling faces & we're pleased that we have met so many people. At a Paradise show you are the star!

