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Traveling Musicians: Complete Summer Tour Coverage

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Saturday, November 17, 7:30 PM

Decemberchild: Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band
\$20

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The 18th Annual Decemberchild Benefit Concert will take you on a musical trip reminiscent of the Fillmore East of the 70's with Superior Olive featuring the guitar wizardry and electric violin fireworks of Tom Savell. Inspired by childhood experiences of a birthday near Christmas, the Decemberchild Benefit Concert presents a party atmosphere featuring finger foods and cake, plus a raffle for great prizes. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition, helping families of children with life-threatening conditions throughout California.

www.superiorolive.com
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Tom Savell



CHILDREN'S HOSPICE
AND PALLIATIVE CARE COALITION

The Way Music Stores Used to be

Nowadays you can walk into a music store/guitar shop such as Guitar Center in San Jose or Offshore Music in Santa Cruz, and see dozens-to-hundreds of guitars hanging on the walls within easy reach of shoppers. Pretty much any Joe or Jane Blo off the street can pick up a brand new guitar straight off the rack and play it for a few minutes with no obligation to buy anything. However, it didn't always used to be like that.

When I was young, I remember most music stores would keep expensive instruments and equipment behind the counter or in a closed off section, out of reach to the general public. Little musical items, like harmonicas, penny whistles, drum sticks, sheet music, kazoos and the like were in the public browsing part of the store. But only serious buyers could try out the expensive stuff in the back.

Modern assembly line manufacturing and the use of inexpensive overseas labor has enabled this change in attitude towards displaying instruments for shopping. In the days when guitars were harder to make and come by, it was necessary to keep them from getting damaged by careless shoppers and repeated exposure to skin oils.

-Jacob John Save



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Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band Summer Tour 2012

Another summer in the pacific northwest! With the lineup including Will "The Thrill" McDougal on Keyboards, Michael "MJ" Saint John on Drums, Kylan Oaks running sound, and longtime friend /retired peace officer Tim Terry along for support, the Savell brothers Jacob, Tom, and Joel hit the road and went north to tour as Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band.

Tim Terry has been friends with Jacob for 36 years, and is also a respected police officer (Retired) in San Diego's harbor district. Tim came along this year to help take care of his good friend Jacob and assist with the tour in general.

First Stop: The Canteena in Paradise, CA

The first stop was a return to a familiar venue, the Canteena in Paradise, CA. With many people coming from many miles away specifically to see the band, the rowdy crowd helped set the tone for the rest of the tour!



Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band: l-r: Will Mcdougal, Tom Savell, Joel Savell, and Michael Saint John

Culinary Corner: Hottest Chilies in the World

Anybody who knows Superior Olive bassist Joel Savell knows that he loves hot, spicy food. At the pinnacle of hot spicy foods is the fiery chili pepper, first cultivated centuries ago in the Americas. However, one chili that might even be too hot for Joel is the Bhut Jolokia pepper, bred in India. At about 1,000,000 Scoville units, these chilies are roughly 200 times hotter than the hottest Tabasco Sauce, which ranges from 2500-5000 Scoville units.

Even more impressive is the fact that they're hotter than "Satan's Blood", a super concentrated chili extract used as an industrial food additive which rates at 800,000 units. In India, Bhut Jolokias are used to keep wild elephants away by smearing the chilies on fences and making smoke bombs out of them! That's some large scale pest control! It boggles the mind to think here are chilies hot enough to repel the largest land animals on Earth, and yet are actually eaten voluntarily by certain masochistic humans!



Summer Tour 2012 Continued

Friday Night in the Park, Shasta Lake, CA



Robert Kehoe's best girl

After Paradise, CA, the band continued north to the city of Shasta Lake, CA. Shasta Lake and the surrounding areas are always blazingly hot during the summer months, and this year was no exception. With temps around 100 degrees, the band stopped to cool off before the gig at good friend Robert Kehoe's house in nearby Redding.



Jacob & Tom work on Robert's classic Guitar

Friday Night in the Park is an annual summer concert series in Shasta Lake organized by local musician Mike Rader. Every Friday throughout the season, local businesses, farmers, and organizations set up at Clair Engle Park with live music, a farmers market, and assorted vendors. Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band has played at Friday Night in the Park four years running, and as a result has grown into a recognized fan favorite, even making the cover of the local paper. This year, the large crowd cheered loudly for the band and flooded the stage after the show to meet the band, get merchandise and autographs.



Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band on the big stage at Clair Engle Park in Shasta Lake



Michael Saint John, Dynamic Drummer



One small section of the huge crowd gathered for Friday Night in the Park



Summer Tour 2012 Continued

Robert's De Soto, Old Mill Eatery

The next morning while still in Shasta lake, the band followed Robert and his classic De Soto car to the best breakfast diner around, the Old Mill Eatery. Much deliciousness ensued . . .



The band poses with Robert (far right) in front of his classic De Soto



Enjoying a fabulous breakfast at the Old Mill Eatery



Owners Tony and Rhonda McKinnie

Sacramento River Headwaters at Mt Shasta



L-R: Tom drinks of the purest water possible while Jacob admires the park area

After gorging themselves at the Old Mill Eatery, the band continued north to Mount Shasta, to see the headwaters of the mighty Sacramento River. At this point, the water coming out from under the rock is as pure as natural water can get. The taste of the water is fresh and delicious, far better than anything that can be bought in a bottle. In fact, people were there filling up their own jugs, buckets, and Arrowhead water dispenser bottles with water directly from the source.



Tim, Will, Tom, Jacob, and Kylan

Cattlemen's in Rogue River, Oregon

After a two year absence, Superior Olive returned to Cattlemen's Saloon in Rogue River. That night would be the first appearance of surrogate drummer Jim Sitter. Jim is good friends with Michael Saint John and agreed to fill in for him as Michael was busy that night. Jim played very well and blended nicely with the band. In fact, they sounded so good together that Cattlemen's owner Bill Neiswanger fell instantly in "music-love" upon hearing them for the first time, and definitely wants Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band back at the saloon.



Tom with dynamite sisters Valerie and Marcella



Will, Tom, and guest drummer Jim Sitter don the Pink Floyd "Wall" masks



Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band at Cattlemen's



The mighty Kylan Oaks

Summer Tour 2012 Continued Touvelle Lodge in Central Point, Oregon

Touvelle Lodge is another favorite venue and popular biker bar. Touvelle features 2 stages: (one indoor, one outdoor), a friendly, tight-knit staff, and delicious burgers.



Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band wearing the King's, Pope's, Assassin's, and Poet's crowns as props for the Italian song Il Banchetto.

This gig, Tom Savell's Superior Olive band would have two drummers: Michael Saint John, and his relief, Jim Sitter. Michael had to leave early, so Jim finished the show for him.



Clockwise from Left: Will McDougal, Jacob Save, Michael Saint John, Ron Sherman, and Tom Savell



*Drummer
Jim Sitter*



Mayor Bucky Steffen (2nd from left) and friends gather on one of the many picnic tables in view of the outdoor stage at Touvelle.



*Security chief
Tim Terry*

Grants Pass, Oregon

After Touvelle, the band had a couple days off, so they headed over to Grants Pass to visit friend, Radio DJ, and booking agent Wendy King. Wendy took us over to lovely Lake Selmac to meet with a few of her friends, hang out and enjoy the scenery. On the way through Grants Pass, they saw dozens of bear sculptures on various street corners, each bear dressed up in a different fun theme!



A bear-themed art installation at Grants Pass



Scenic Lake Selmac near Grants Pass

Oregon Caves National Monument

Since the band still had some time off, they decided to go take a guided tour of the Oregon Caves National Monument in the Siskiyou Mountains near Grants Pass. This huge labyrinth of caves contains many strange and beautiful rock formations formed by thousands of years of dripping water. The water slowly deposits minerals to create natural rock sculptures of various distinct types, including stalactites, stalagmites and flowstone, among others. Despite being over 90 degrees outside, the cave interior was a chilly 44 degrees. So don't forget your jacket!



Tom, Jacob, Tim, and Will inside the dark and chilly Oregon caves



One of many fascinating formations seen underground in the caves



Looking down from the top of a long, steep flight of stairs in the caves



Kids and grownups alike can appreciate the unusual natural beauty



Tom, Tim, and Jacob rest their feet and warm up in the heat outside, after the long cave tour

Summer Tour 2012 Continued Applegate River Lodge in Applegate, Oregon



Notice how small Jacob is compared to the red bearskin. This room is huge!

After seeing the Oregon Caves, Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band headed over to nearby Applegate Oregon to stay at the Applegate River Lodge. The beautiful lodge is owned, built from scratch, and operated by the Davis Family; Richard, Joanna, their son Duke, and Duke's wife Melissa.

Besides staying in the luxurious themed rooms, Tom, Will, Joel, and Michael participated in a great jam session with many great musicians including Richard, Duke, and "The Applegations" house band.



Tom and Will practice in the Applegate Lobby while Jacob directs and Tim puts his feet up



Celebrating a birthday(red dress), these girls danced through the whole show



Richard Davis sings and plays guitar with accompaniment



Joel (far left) sat in on bass all night



Will, Jacob and Michael enjoying the show at Applegate



Summer Tour 2012 Continued

Mj's Studio in Medford, Oregon

After a wonderful stay at Applegate, Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band drove over to Medford to check out Michael Saint John's music studio. Michael has set himself up with a nice recording space, with digital recording equipment and all the instruments a band could need. He even keeps his Harley Davidson motorcycle in there!



*Michael
in his studio*



*Michael's
Motorcycle*



*Jacob, Tim and Will enjoy the ambience while
Michael and Tom jam on acoustic guitars*

Lucky's Tavern in Gold Hill, Oregon



Tim Terry and Kylan Oaks

For several years, one of Tom Savell/Superior Olive's biggest fans has been Bucky Steffen, the Mayor of Gold Hill, Oregon.

Bucky, with his long beard and his Harley, doesn't look like your typical Mayor, but his great diplomatic skills and sincere desire to help others make him a beloved leader in Gold Hill.

After repeated requests from Bucky to perform in his city, Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band finally made it over to Gold Hill to play at Lucky's Tavern, much to the enjoyment of all.



Tom Savell & Mayor Bucky Steffen



*Valerie Welch-Scudder, Tom Savell, Marcella Welch,
Jacob John Save, and Joel Savell*



*Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band performing
at Lucky's Tavern in Gold Hill, OR*

Summer Tour 2012 Continued

Galice Resort on the Rogue River in Merlin, Oregon

The last stop on the Northwest segment of Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band summer tour would be in Merlin, Oregon, for a three day stay at Galice Resort on the banks of the Rogue River.

Galice Resort offers lodging, camping, fishing, river rafting, food, drinks, and of course live music. The large deck overlooking the river is the perfect place for guests to relax after a long day on the water, and eat a good meal while listening to some quality entertainment.

Tom and the band played three days in a row for appreciative audiences at Galice. The resort also put the band up in a large cabin and fed them whatever they wanted over the three days.

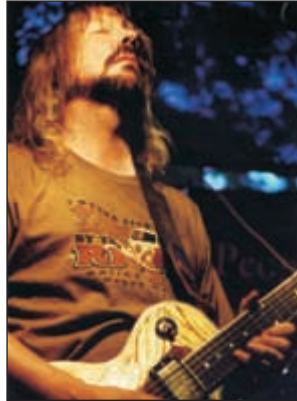
The searing heat which marked the beginning of the tour in Northern Cal decided to follow the band to Galice, but that did not deter the scores of people on the deck from enjoying themselves.



A nice side shot featuring Will McDougal on keyboards



Great Photo of Tom by Ecila Weigum



Another great photo by Ecila



Mayor Bucky Steffen followed the band to Galice



The band convenes on the nicely crowded deck at Galice Resort



This little kid at Galice was totally rocking out!

Summer Tour 2012 Continued Galice Resort on the Rogue River in Merlin, Oregon

Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band had a great time playing at Galice Resort. Special thanks go out to Mary Lou, Debbie, AJ, Lynna, Shannon and the rest of the crew at Galice for taking good care of the band. It was a fine way to cap off another great tour.

Oregon and Northern California in general have been very good to the band. The people through the region have consistently shown themselves to be friendly, generous, and genuinely appreciative of the music. What more could a touring Rock 'n Roll band ask for?



Tom Savell's Superior Olive Band on the deck at Galice Resort



Will McDougal with his Cheap Sunglasses on



Good friend Valerie Scudder-Welch



River rafters enjoying their day on the Rogue River in front of Galice Resort



Friend, photographer, and fan Ecila Weigum



Will McDougal and Jim Sitter



Michael Saint John and Tom Savell



Mayor Bucky Steffen of Gold Hill poses with Tom and Jacob on his Harley



Tom and Joel Savell jamming on the last day at Galice Resort





Parting Shot



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