

DENTON DOES DALLAS, AT POOR DAVID'S PUB, SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013

Four unique bands from Denton play in Dallas at Poor David's Pub for a full evening of affordable live musical entertainment. \$15

The idea for 'Denton Does Dallas' originated in post rehearsal conversations between Fritz Schwalm and Scott Thompson of the Denton band UVER. Schwalm, having previously organized several local band line-ups in Denton venues, recognized that folks really enjoyed these showcases which were highlighted by the variety of musical styles unique to Denton bands. Thompson and Schwalm felt that appreciators of live music would enjoy similar Denton band line-ups in Dallas.

Having played previously at Poor David's Pub, a legendary Dallas venue known for its support of live music, Thompson knew owner David Card and proposed the idea to him. Card liked the concept and recognized its potential; possibilities were discussed, bands were contacted, and a date was set. Additionally, Lou Delaney of Lucky Lou's Bar in Denton was contacted and his bus will accommodate Dentonites to and from (\$25 ride and show) Poor David's Pub on that Saturday. Here's info on the line-up:

When Denton band Band Schmand disbanded in 2002, Fritz Schwalm began UVER. Their original music is described as poem therapy lyrics set to a backdrop of melodic rock/pop. Although the band plays several rockers, their style is perhaps most evident in the mid to slow tempo material which emphasizes feel and understatement. The album 'uber america', recorded in 2007, will be available for purchase at the show. Accordion, keys, vocals, Robert Edwards; vocals, Lynn Luck; guitar, vocals, Fritz Schwalm; drums, Scott Thompson; bass, vocals, Chuck Voellinger.

Los Patos Poderosos is a Denton band that played their debut show at Dan's Silverleaf on Thanksgiving Eve on November 21, 2012. Band founder Joe Cripps approached drummer Chris Hokamp and bassist Jesse Coulter about the idea of forming a Chicha band. Intrigued, they researched the style, found good representative songs, and pitched the band idea to guitarists Robert Hokamp and Ronan Demise. Vocalists Mafe Naranjo and Monica Gastelumendi and drummer/percussionist Justin Heaverin were added to flesh out the group. Chicha is Peruvian cumbia where the horn parts are performed by guitar in the American rock style. Dance lessons are routinely given to engage crowd participation at their performances. High energy, great show!

Third on the bill is the Denton band A Taste of Herb which has been together since May 2012. Percussionist Joe Cripps and trumpeter John Weir, both from Little Rock, AK only first met at Dan's Silverleaf after John's arrival one-and-a-half years ago in Denton. The idea of forming a Herb Albert & The Tijuana Brass tribute band came up and was too good not to act on. The band focuses on playing it straight, revisiting all of Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass's recorded output. ATOH is dedicated to reviving the sounds and feel of the popular style of music once heard on the top radio shows, as well as

television and the big screen. The music is quirky, retro, hip, sometimes cheesy, but always groovy! Trumpet & flugelhorn, John Wier; trumpet & flugelhorn, Danny O'Brien; guitar, Robert Hokamp; piano, Paul Slavens; bass, Ross Schodek; percussion, Joe Cripps; drums, Tex Bosley.

Lastly - the event headliner: Little Jack Melody and His Young Turks. LJM formed his band of Young Turks in Denton, Texas in 1990 to take his iconoclastic brand of neo-cabaret to the world. Quite a few members have cycled in and out over the years-- close to 30 members by now. On this occasion, the lineup is Brad Williams, keyboards; Dave Monsch, reeds; Arjuna Contreras, drums; Ross Schodek, bass. They've been described as "Kurt Weill for the Tarantino age" (*New York Magazine*), "utterly charming, neo-Weimar cabaret" (*Village Voice*), and "deeply weird, utterly fab" (*Rolling Stone*).

A "very nearly acoustic little big band," the instrumentation of harmonium, piano, organ, tenor banjo, upright bass, reeds, drums and vocal makes for a totally unique and truly alternative listening experience. Most of the band's repertoire is comprised of Melody's originals, but they occasionally rethink any/everyone from Nena to Nino Rota, Quiet Riot to Beethoven.

Join them at Poor David's Pub to experience these four unique Denton bands for the first Denton Does Dallas - Denton Band musical showcase event scheduled for Saturday June 1. \$15, doors at 7:00PM. Denton charter bus ride and show: \$25 contact (940) 390-4771 for info.

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