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Instruments of Change® Events

Alaska: April 24

Soldotna Rotary 12: noon

Denton Texas: May 25th

The music of Bob Dylan

Featuring Tex Zimmerman

and his all Star Band

Dan's Silver Leaf: 4-7 PK

UPCOMING DENTON CONCERT CREATES EXCITEMENT

A concert featuring the best of Bob Dylan will be held May 25th in Denton, Texas at Dan's Silver Leaf, a popular gathering place in Denton. From 4-7 Tex Zimmerman and His All Star Band will perform music from Dylan's repertoire.

Proceeds from the concert, which is being organized by Mike Steinel, an IOC Board member, will go toward the Instruments of Change® Music Programs in New Orleans, LA or toward the IOC Music Academy in Kimberley South Africa.

The Academy, which is in the first phase of construction is designed to provide free music training and education for children who live in impoverished areas of Kimberley and surrounding communities.

Mike, who will perform as well as chair the event says he is hopeful the Dylan reprise will reach a new audience for the IOC programs.

INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE® RETURNING TO SOUTH AFRICA IN JUNE

The team from Alaska's Kenai Peninsula is making preparation to return to Kimberley, South Africa .

Departing the states on June 10th the team will spend a week working with mentors and children to further the dream of the Instruments of Change® Music Academy. The camp, which will be hosted again this year by Tyrone and Feltina Africa is taking place at one of Kimberley's most impoverished public schools. A community concert is planned at the conclusion of the camp.

A music outreach will also be included in this year's agenda . The team will spend a week visiting schools and churches to build interest in the Academy and to promote music literacy in the area.

Yvonne Emery, Vern Miller, Susan Shisler, and Mike Lyons are all part of the group who will be returning to Kimberley. Donations of musical instruments are still being solicited and the group is planning a benefit concert in the late spring.



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND MLK CHARTER SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS NOW PART OF INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE® MUSIC OUTREACH

Following the devastation of Katrina, New Orleans still struggles for life to return to normal. During our January visit every person we met had an amazing account of life during and after Katrina.

Working with NOPS (New Orleans Public Schools) superintendent Darryl Kilbert and MLK (Martin Luther King Charter School) CEO, Doris Hicks, IOC has undertaken a project to help preserve and restore the music legacy of New Orleans. This will include providing still missing band instruments , choir rubes and music supplies as well as working with teachers and students .

Instruments of Change® is looking for additional sponsors for this event which is slated to begin in the fall of 2009 and continue for at least three years.

TEX ZIMMERMAN TO PERFORM BOB DYLAN AT IOC EVENT



Tex Zimmerman and his All Star Band
To perform Bob Dylan at Dan's
Silver Leaf in Denton May 25

Little is really known about Tex Zimmerman. In his own words:

"I was born in Smith Center, Kansas (the geodesic center of the US) but grew up in the hill country of Texas. After high school I traveled and worked a variety of jobs: washed dishes in juke joints in and around Austin, scrubbed vats in a pickle factory in Joliet, dealt blackjack in Oklahoma casinos, and worked as an usher at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. In 1976 I started working as a "roughneck" on oil rigs in west Texas. In '86 I started my own company and by '01 I was a millionaire. I retired at fifty and put my life's savings in mortgaged backed securities. Buy 2007 I was broke, despondent and sleeping on a friends couch. 'I was scrounging for my next meal, like a complete unknown, no direction or home...' To fill my days I listened to the music of Bob Dylan. One day this lyric caught my ear:

*Well, my ship's been split to splinters and it's sinking fast.
I'm drowning in the poison, got no future, got no past.
But my heart is not weary, it's light and it's free.
I got nothing but affection for those who've sailed with me.
Everybody moving, if they ain't already there.
Everybody got to move somewhere
Stick with me baby, stick with me anyhow,
Things should start to get interesting right about now...*

'Saved my money, bought a used Fender Stratocaster, spend my waking hours practicing and looking for like-minded musicians who share my passion. It is now my mission to bring this music to others. I'm livin' the dream." Visit: www.texzimmerman.com/

Experts suspect that Tex's personal story is largely invented and differ widely in their view of the basic facts. Some say he was raised in Minnesota, worked for many years as a lobbyist in Washington. They speculate that he learned to play the blues and the guitar in various Washington hot spots. While critics note that his voice and guitar skill are average all agree that he has an ear for talent and has assembled one of the hottest bands in the North Texas area. The Tex Zimmerman Review ably masters the various styles in the Dylan songbook. This band rocks. Here (in alphabetic order) are the players.

- James Beard - Spiritual Advisor and Bob Dylan Expert
- Rodney Booth - Vocals, Trumpet
- Gale Cruz - Vocals
- Mario Cruz - Saxophone
- Jeff Eckels - Bass
- Gary Eckert - Vocals and Percussion
- Rosana Eckert - Vocals
- Fred Hamilton - Guitar
- Stockton Helbing - Drums
- Lisa Horan - Vocals, Guitar
- Tess Isaac - Fiddle
- Deke Isaac - Bass, Vocals
- Tatiana Mayfield - Vocals
- Paul Metzger - Guitar
- John Murphy - Button Acordian

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