

Second Saturday Concert – December 10, 2016

This holiday month at the Shingle Springs Community Center the "Second Saturday" Concert Series will host a wonderful night. On Saturday, December 10th, the SSCC stage will meet a home-town band, 'Killing Bambi', and local songwriter Scott Walshaw.

Scott is a tire-less supporter of local music through his work hosting Open Mic events in EDC. His commitment to this craft and his love of music has given many other local artists a stage and chance to find their own voice in the local music community. Working with so many acts has given Walshaw wider edge on melody, harmony and rhythm. This is evident in his songwriting and the cover interpretation throughout his show. When asked about his music, Scott shyly answered, "I'm a local boy and singer-songwriter that loves to play live music in El Dorado County". Friend and local artist Ralph "Rocco" Famiglietti will join Scott Saturday night adding guitar and vocals. Rocco is a prolific songwriter who sings and plays a variety of instruments: guitar, mandolin, dobro and bouzouki. He has released three albums to date, "Coast to Coast" being the most recent. Scott and Rocco will start the concert at 7pm, with "Killing Bambi" taking over at 8pm.

"Killing Bambi" is a band that plays classic hard rock. With technical savvy, fantastic vocals, and emotional ties to their music, the name "Killing Bambi" is in reference to the classic cult-cartoon called "Godzilla vs Bambi". The well-known song "Godzilla" is one of the featured songs they nail beautifully. Killing Bambi's music takes the audience back to great moments in hard rock & roll history, featuring the music of ACDC, Blue Oyster Cult, ZZ Top, Jimi Hendrix, Candle Box, Ted Nugent, Meat Puppets, Judas Priest, and Metallica! The band also dabbles in classic punk and contemporary rock & roll. It's not unusual to see a crowd of Killing Bambi fans gleefully rocking-out on the dance floor to songs they haven't heard sung live in decades!

Singer and guitar player Louis Godey has been playing these tunes since before high school. Proclaiming he was raised by "rabid hippies" as a child where he was heavily influenced in music by sharing living space with the Alman brothers for a brief period. He later began his musical career playing guitar with a SF Bay area band called 'Abandon'. Along with several other musical adventures he has ended up in the Sierra Foothills of Somerset, Ca with the band Killing Bambi, delighting audiences at private house parties and festivals. Louis is a multi-instrumentalist who plays rhythm guitar, the drums and is a strong vocalist in various songs, even hitting 'jaw-dropping' falsetto notes that fans love. Louis is a retired firefighter who now does IT security. He is married to the popular Foothills songwriter-musician and graphic artist Tamra Godey.

Each of the band members are multi-instrumental, and demonstrate so by occasionally trading instruments. Lead singer of the band is Mike Kaiser. Mike carries most of the vocal leads with his deep resonate powerful voice that gives a nod to Eddie Vetter (Pearl Jam) and James Hetfield (Metallica). Years ago, Mike began an open mic in Somerset, Ca where Killing Bambi was born. Mike plays lead and rhythm guitar, and drums. He has played guitar most of his life, including the local rock band

'Hannibal Dread'. He currently owns the Crossroads Coffee House in Somerset, Ca with his wife Jolene Kaiser.

Drummer Irv Glesin, better known to the Placerville area as "our own gold-panning guru" is the nugget behind the kit. Glesin is the third member of the group, showing off his main skills on the drums. The talented and sought-after percussionist made Killing Bambi his lucky band-choice this year. He brings the element of authentic heart-thumping beats to their stage. Irv also plays rhythm and bass guitar in other featured songs.

Killing Bambi's rockin' mama is the multi-talented multi instrumentalist April Steele. A retired local EDC foothills graphic artist, April is the driving 'creative' force behind the band. Motivating the boys, doing the art, and organizing the shows, Steele is the high-energy act on the stage. With her random colored hair to suit her mood and boundless energy, her excitement for the songs exudes her big talent. On keyboard, rhythm guitar, bass guitar, drums and fiddle she will "rock your socks off" with her punk-style and dynamic vocals.

The band will also feature a guest musician, the "blues virtuoso" named 'Little John' Chrisley. 'Little John' is an infamous child-star recording artist. He has played within arm's length of a long list of "who's-who" in the music industry, including such famous artists as Pat Travers, BB King, Muddy Waters, Elvin Bishop, Willy Nelson, Dan Fogarty, Huey Lewis to name a few. 'Little John' made his fame early as a child-prodigy who rocked dozens of TV shows and famous concerts, proclaimed as "quite possibly the best child harmonica player in the world" by MTV when he was just 13. By his early 20's Little John had recorded on famous musician's albums, had two recording contracts, and was produced on two albums with a harmonica endorsement. Along the way he learned how to play numerous other instruments. 'Little John' fronted the popular Bay area band "Howling Iguana"'s, before joining a commune and taking a 20 year hiatus from public life. Chrisley just recently relocated to Somerset, Ca. and re-entered the music scene emerging once again as a phenomenal talent. He joins the band Killing Bambi, adding slide guitar, vocal harmonies and his acclaimed harmonica skills.

The SSCC will open it's doors at 6:30 with a pot luck table venue if folks want to bring something to share. It's a \$10 donation at the door and guests may bring their own BYOB refreshments and spirits. All proceeds support the performing musicians and all proceeds benefit the Community Center. Located at 4440 South Shingle Rd. Shingle Springs, the show begins at 7pm and ends at 10pm. For information about these and other monthly SecondSaturday Concert events, or with musical acts to showcase future events, contact us at fawjames@aol.com.