

music blog - Sometimes I wish I had the time to blog

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It would be fun; let's face it, my life is pretty awesome. I would love to do an open mic/gig blog and let the world know some details about all the amazingly fun times I have, and great music I hear... but I'm much too busy doing it to write about it! But today I have to write because I'm just so grateful for and to my friends for being so wonderful. I hesitate to start naming names, cuz how could I stop?! There's just so many people to love and appreciate. Oh well, I have to name a few, but please understand that if you don't make the list, it's not cuz I don't love you.

Frank Garvey of the Omnicircus¹ was apparently on the radio this weekend, very cool.

Leslie Rafferty² had me out to play bass on Monday at Blondie's which was really fun. I love her music and her attitude, and I always have a great time with her.

Tuesday was the first of three gigs this week for the G.G. Tanaka Electric band³. G.G. is simply amazing, inspiring and a

¹ OmniCircus – <http://www.myspace.com/omnicircus>

² Leslie Rafferty – <http://www.myspace.com/raffertyleslie>

³ GG Tanaka Electric Band – <http://www.ggtanaka.com> –and- <http://www.myspace.com/ggtanaka>

blast to be around. No end to the surprises.

Wednesday, my friend John Fonseca, leader of the Unravellers and a great singer/songwriter, invited me to Yoshi's! I couldn't go, but still, really cool. I look forward to seeing John soon. Instead that night my dad took me out to dinner and to see Iron Man. Thanks Dad!

On Thursday I got to open for Paul Manousos⁴, an incredible artist, and the East Bay Wrecking Crew, at Speisekammer. It was a pleasure and an honor to perform for them, and when they get back from their tour they're going to be on some of my album (thrilling).

Friday, last night, was tons of fun, of course: The G.G. Tanaka Electric Band/Todd Shipley Band⁵ shows at Beckett's always are. Todd is a great guy; it's an absolute joy to know him and to get to spend time with him outside of the open mics where there are just so many wonderful people to talk to.

So tonight is the birthday show at the Hotel Utah, for JJ Schultz and Manny B., two essential members of the community. For those who don't know, JJ runs the Hotel Utah open mic, but he does way more for the Utah community than that, recording the whole show every week, and now putting it all online for the world to hear, among other things. He also happens to be a great singer/songwriter. So is Manny, the drummer in JJ's band! Manny's own band, Fleeting Trance, and the JJ Schultz band, will be playing tonight before the G.G. Tanaka Electric Band, and before that will be Andy Mason, yet another talented singer/songwriter (with Todd on bass, I believe). I had the honor of playing bass for Andy's recordings, which I'm very excited about. Andy's a really great guy, too; it's been awesome getting to know him and talk about music for many hours.

⁴ Paul Manousos – <http://www.myspace.com/paulmanousos>

⁵ Todd Shipley – <http://www.toddshipley.com> –and- <http://www.myspace.com/toddshipley>

Which brings me to Bridget⁶. What an incredible person. So dedicated and passionate about the community, she supports the artists with both her heart and her hard work. I am truly blessed to be friends with Bridget, and all these people, but I think you'll understand if Bridget has a special "big sister" place in my heart.

Let me also acknowledge Nicole and Cara who came to the Speisekammer show just to see me! Kevnn 4, D-Rel, and Shane Crosby, all of whom it's a privilege to be making music with, and that's about where I'm gonna have to draw the line, before I just start naming every musician and music lover I know.

Except of course I must end with Jesse Dyen⁷, who though I just met him recently, I feel is a great friend, and a great guy. He's also become one of my very favorite musicians and songwriters. His album is a masterpiece, and the fact that he covers The Dog is one of the very most flattering and fun things that's ever happened to me.

Okay, time to get back to doing it! See you tonight at the Utah!

⁶ Bridget Canfield, volunteer photographer of the Hotel Utah Open Mic - <http://www.myspace.com/200pockets> - and- <http://www.200pockets.com>

⁷ Jesse Dyen – <http://www.myspace.com/jessedyen>