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## This Month at BASC

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### BASC BLUEGRASS NIGHT AT VIVA

Monday, September 19, 2016, 8:00 PM

Viva Cantina Mexican Restaurant 900 Riverside Drive, Burbank CA



The Bluegrass Ghosts

The Bluegrass Ghosts is a Southern California band that takes the spirit and intensity of Classic Bluegrass Music as it's principal inspiration, including the mountain modalities, country blues, instrumental drive and the relaxed Southern "something" that makes Bluegrass Music so compelling.

The lineup is:

**Lance Billitzer**, mandolin player and vocalist has been playing Bluegrass around California for eons, and has performed Vivaldi in Italy and Brahms in Russia.

**Cindy Bell**, from St. Joseph, Michigan, vocalist and guitar player, sings lead and lends her many years of experience singing harmony in women's ensembles to the group sound.

**Al Akture**, who sometimes claims to be from Ohio, on bass and vocals, is a stalwart veteran of several local bluegrass and string bands. He is a proud new father.

**Brantley Kearns**, from High Point, North Carolina, on fiddle and vocals, is from a certified blue-grass lineage. He has toured internationally, played all the clubs and many of the West Coast festivals. LA Weekly featured him in a full-page article.

The band performs bluegrass standards, well known and lessor known, reaching back into the string band tradition and also feature a few original songs we trust you will find entertaining. We hope you will enjoy The Bluegrass Ghosts.



Bluegrass Night is held at <u>Viva Cantina</u>.

Conveniently located at 900 Riverside Drive in Burbank.

Free parking across the street at the bowling alley.

You can order off the menu which includes some of the best

Mexican food in town.

Beer and Margharitas are \$3.00 each.

For additional information, visit the <u>BASC Website</u>

#### **JAMS IN TOWN**

El Camino College Jam 16007 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA 90260 info: barrybanjo@aol.com First Sunday 1 PM

The Soup Jam 2420 Gundry Ave. Signal Hill CA 90755 Tuesdays 7 PM

The Westside Jam
The Grand View Market,
12210 Venice Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90066
First Thursday 7:30 PM

Orange County Archery 18792 Brookhurst St. Fountain Valley CA 1st/3rd Thursday, 6 PM

BASC Jam Vincenzo's Newhall 24505 Lyons Ave. Newhall, CA 91321 Second Sunday, Noon

The Altadena Jam Coffee Gallery 2029 N. Lake Altadena, CA 2nd Sunday, 12:30 PM

**BASC Jam**West Valley Music Center
24424 Vanowen St
West Hills 91307
4th Sunday, 1 PM

## The Bluegrass Association of Southern California presents... Bluegrass Jams On the Second &Fourth Sunday of Every Month

Second Sundays at Vincenzo's Newhall Noon to 4 PM 24504 Lyons Ave. Newhall, CA 91321 661-259-6733

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Fourth Sundays at The West Valley Music Center
1 to 5 PM
24424 Vanowen Street

West Hills, CA 91307
818-992-4142
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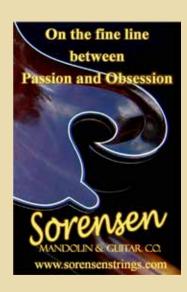


Meets rain or shine.

Everyone Welcome - Join the Jam or just listen Pickers of all skills and experience are welcome. Got a question? Call Jeff at 310-390-4391

# THE RANCHO CORDILLERA DEL NORTE AND THE NEW MISSION THEATER







#### WE ARE BASC.

## The Bluegrass Association of Southern California.

Here's what we do.

**The BASC Bluegrass Jams:** On the second and fourth Sunday of every month, pickers from far and wide gather at one of Southern California's premier bluegrass events, the BASC Bluegrass Jam. This jam is for pickers of all skills and experience. On the second Sunday the location of the Jam is Vincenzo's in Newhall, 24504 Lyons Ave. Newhall, CA 91321. On the fourth Sunday the location is the West Valley Music Center, 24424 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA 91307.

**Bluegrass Night at Viva Cantina:** On the third Monday of every month, we provide a showcase for Southern California's best bluegrass bands (and an occasional traveling band) at this great Burbank restaurant. Admission is free and Viva Cantina serves up some of the best American and Mexican food around, and at reasonable prices.

**BASC eNewsletter:** We keep track of Southern California bluegrass jams, gigs, and festivals with our unique eNewsletter. The eNewsletter goes out each month to all our members and friends via email and Facebook.

**BASC Web Site:** Our web site at <a href="www.socalbluegrass.org">www.socalbluegrass.org</a> is a valuable source of information about bluegrass going-ons in Southern California. It also has an interactive calendar where you can list your own Bluegrass events. Check it out.

**BASC Volunteers:** We help people get involved in the bluegrass scene and meet a lot of nice folks, as well. Bring your talents, energy, and dreams, and help us make it happen.

**BASC Member Bands:** We list all our member bands with links to their websites each month in our eNewsletter. Member bands also get a chance to show their stuff to an enthusiastic audience at BASC Bluegrass Night.

To Join BASC or to renew your membership see the next page.

## Member Bands

Click on the band name to check their website for upcoming gigs.

**The Bluegrass Ghosts** 

The Brombies

**Burning Heart** 

The Devils Box Band

Grasslands

**Hazel Mountain** 

Jerusalem Stone Bluegrass Band

**Keeping Fire** 

The Miskey Mountain Boys

The Murphy Family Band

Murphy's Flaw

Rocky Neck Bluegrass
Band

**Salty Suites** 

**David Volk and Friends** 

**Western State of Mind** 

The Wimberley Bluegrass Band

## Join BASC The Bluegrass Association of Southern California It's easy!

Pay for your membership by check, by filling out this form and mailing it and your check made out to BASC to:

BASC c/o Ben Weinberg 16799 Schoenborn St. North Hills, CA 91343

Choose one: [ ] New membership (or) [ ] Renewal
One year membership: [ ] Individual \$20.00 [ ] Family \$25 for two people, plus \$5 for each additional voting member [ ] Group \$30 (band/merchant/organization)
Name:
Address:
City: State:
Zip Code:
Phone:
Email:
Your comments/suggestions:
[ ] I'm willing to be an event volunteer.







### A NEW CD FROM MIKE STEIN

ON AMAZON & ITUNES: SEARCH "THERE'S A PLACE THAT I PRAY"



(COVER ART BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN FOLK ARTIST, RICK HYMAN)

FIDDLE PLAYER FOR BILL EMERSON FOR 17 YEARS IN THE US NAVY BAND "COUNTRY CURRENT" MIKE STEIN IS PROUD TO RELEASE HIS NEW GOSPEL CD. MIKE TAKES THE ANCIENT TEXTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND CREATES A GOSPEL BLUEGRASS SOUND THAT INSTANTLY BONDS THE LISTENER WITH THE POETIC GRACE OF GOD'S WORD. FEATURES BANJO GREATS PAT SAUBER AND PAT WHITE ALONG WITH JARED STEIN (FIDDLE); JUSTIN STEIN (BASS); FRED SOKOLOW (DOBRO/MANDOLIN); KELLEY AND JAMIE STEIN (HARMONY)

## SOLID WOOD NO COMPROMISE

DREADNOUGHT JUNIOR

"The Dreadnought Junior sounds surprisingly big. Warm and full low end, clean and clear highs. Not what you'd expect from a guitar that's smaller and lighter than traditional Dreadnoughts, or from one that's this affordable. I can't put mine down."

#### - Jason Isbell

2016 Two-time Grammy® Award Winner

