

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER #11 THE OFFICIAL SLACKERS NEWSLETTER



What a difference a year makes.

At this point last year, all our live club concerts were cancelled. We were pivoting to being 95% online.

So far in 2021, we have managed to do 12 in person shows and 2 livestream concerts, so far with 50 more on the schedule.

We have been playing backyards, patios, parks, rooftops, and other outdoor locations.

Thanks to all the people who have helped us get these shows off the ground. These shows have really brought me back to my DIY hustling roots. Finding locations and making shows happen.

Thanks to everyone who has gotten vaccinated. This really is what makes touring for us possible in the USA. Hopefully, more of the world will get vaccinated and international travel will become feasible again.

To be able to play in person for people has been amazing. A revelation. Joyful.

The next phase will have us shifting from outdoor to indoor shows and by November/December we will have something resembling a normal tour schedule.

Thanks for sticking with us in 2021.

Dave

The Slackers

THE SLACKERS Play your house!



Like I mentioned, a lot of our first shows of 2021 have been small. Playing people's backyards. Its been really nice getting back to roots and thanks so much for sharing your homes with us. Been enjoying being outside. Eating BBQ.

We still got a couple private parties to go over the summer. And we have a couple open dates still if you want to have the Slackers play at your house.

email slackermusic1991@gmail.com or john@soundtalentgroup.com if you are interested in joining the Slackers 'play your house' program.

Some Slackers Give Back!

The Slackers are continuing our work with the Levitt Pavilion to bring you quality free concerts. This June 26, we are back at the Levitt in Denver and its free! That's right. The Slackers Big Give Back is Back!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/372045327580207>

We are so happy that we can get this show back on the calendar. We were meaning to play there in May of 2020 and then in September....well you know how last year went....

So this year, we are able to come back. It will be our first trip outside the northeast in 18 months. I hope you all are ready for us!



The Return of
THE SLACKERS
Levitt Pavillion Denver June 26
Free show! Free show! Free show!

Thanks for all the support so far!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

It has felt so good to be out playing. The 3 sold out nights at Arrogant Swine in Brooklyn were sublime. The rooftop gig on top of the Brooklyn Children's Museum was magic. The Woodstock gig at the Colony beer garden gig was lovely. Its been great to see everyone in person. Getting caught up with friends that we haven't seen in months. We can't thank you enough for these magical experiences.





Tour Dates with Aggrolites, WATU



Check at the end of this newsletter and you will see that we got a lot of tour dates coming up. Wanted to mention one week in particular. This December, we are gonna be with the Aggrolites and We are the Union on the West Coast. What a massive bill! Tickets are for sale through the venues for all these shows. Would recommend getting tickets in advance. Some of these are gonna sell out!

MORE NEW MUSIC IS IN THE WORKS!



We are getting closer to having something one could call 'a new album.' There are 15 tracks in contention for inclusion on it.

For the last 6 weeks, we were busy tracking at Shillelagh Studios in New Jersey. We got all the instruments and voices recorded. We were able to get some extra percussion overdubs

from the legendary Larry McDonald aka 'the 7th Slacker.'



Activity is now switching from New Jersey to Stabby Road studios in Brooklyn where Jay and Vic have been holed up working on mixes.

A new single, "Windowland / I Almost Lost You" has been winding its way through production with Pirates Press. Its still a couple months away from being released.

Slackers Dub Classics!



Thanks to everyone who supported our Bandcamp preorder of Dub Classics. Agent Jay really did a great job on this. Its classic Slackers rhythms remixed in a dub style. check them out online at the Slackers bandcamp www.theslackers.com/merch

The vinyl is now in production and is on schedule for its September delivery. The cassettes are also in production and should be shipping out at the beginning of July.

Ara says.....View from the Drummers Chair



I'm sitting inside an air conditioned Starbucks once again, reading the latest issue of The Big Takeover magazine and sipping an iced Americano. It could be Summer 1997, 2007 or 2017, but it's actually June 21, 2021 and things are seemingly normal once again. It's taken almost a year and a half to be able to do something as simple as read, drink coffee and people-watch in a Starbucks in deepest New Jersey but there you have it. I feel like I'm back, checking in with myself in all the old familiar places, doing all the old familiar things on this, the longest day of the year. Here's to science, simplicity and The Big Takeover. Here's to reading in the cool indoors, getting fucked up on caffeine and to observing other humans. I've missed them all so much.

'Things I Cant Forget" Podcasts



For the past couple months, we have been recording 'Things I Cant Forget' a podcast about the Slackers with interviewers Matt Wixson and Jj Loy. This began as commentary on our 'rarities' series but has blossomed into a rambling overview of the Slackers from Red Light up to the Great Rocksteady Swindle. All the Slackers have participated in these interviews. Get caught up on them at

[Hornpod: A Ska Podcast • A podcast on Anchor](#)

Slackers Merch;

www.theslackers.com/merch

[The Slackers Merchandise \(hyperurl.co\)](http://TheSlackersMerchandise(hyperurl.co))

We are always adding new tshirts and vinyl to our official Discogs and Ebay stores.



We currently have the following Slackers vinyl in stock

The Slackers - Blue

The Slackers - Nobodys Listening/Sleep Outside

The Slackers - Babaroots

The Slackers / Soulcrap Split 45 - Come Back Baby

The Slackers - Red Light (black vinyl)

The Slackers - Peculiar (pinwheel vinyl plus bonus 45)

The Slackers - The Slackers (self titled)

We also got a bunch of 30th anniversary tshirts on the ebay store as well. Classic designs reimagined for the Slackers 30th anniversary!

[TheSlackersOfficial](#) | [eBay Stores](#)



Bandcamp:



Thanks so much for the support of 'Dub Classics.' We have some 40 odd releases up on bandcamp now. From all eras of the band going back to early shows up through recent livestreams.

<https://theslackers.bandcamp.com/music>

The Slackers live at the Knitting Factory, 2002

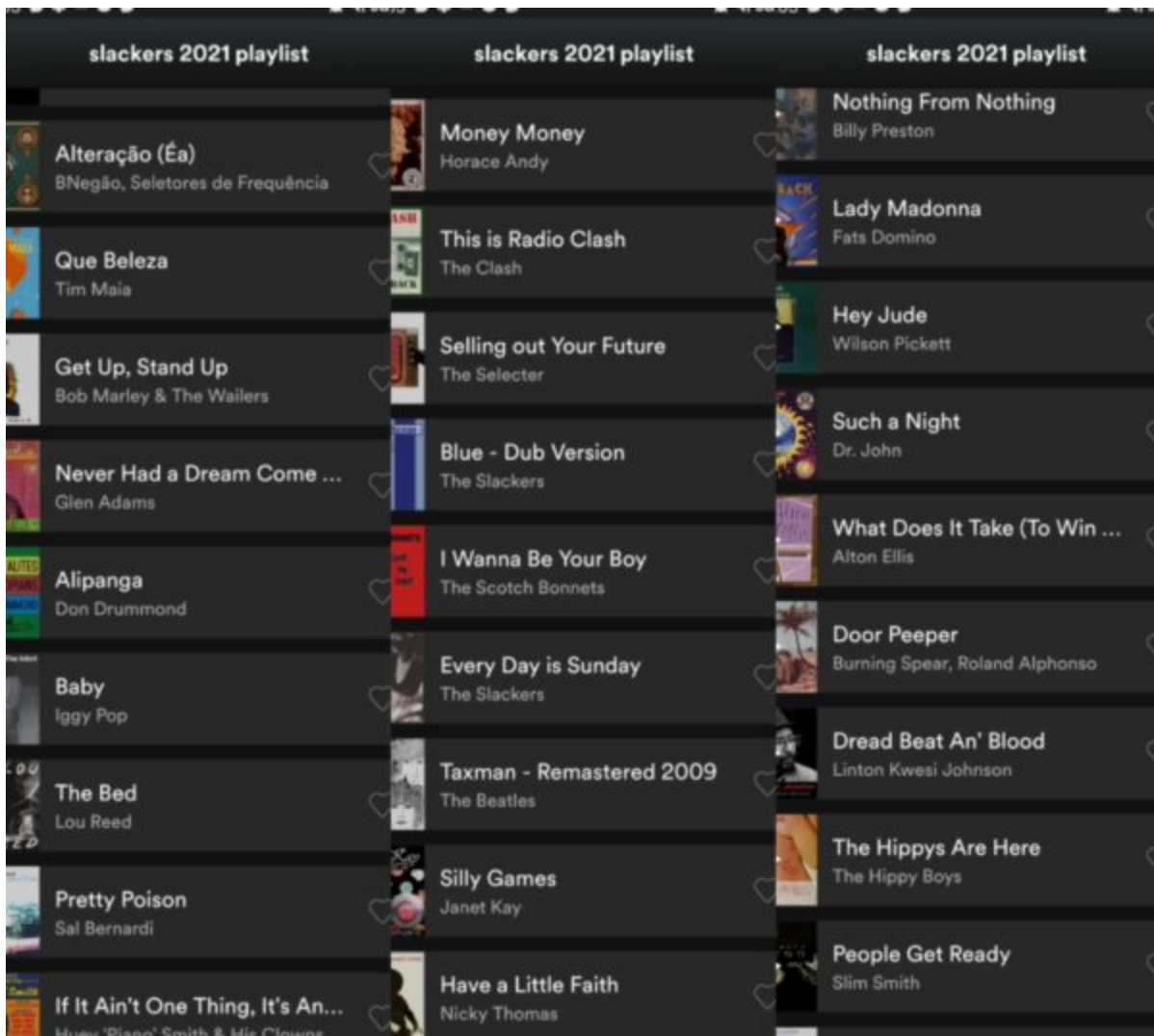
The Slackers live at the Sinclair with Jesse Wagner

Slackers Rarities Vol 6: Berlin Studio Days

Slackers Rarities Vol 5: Boss Medication

They are Losing (single)

Slackers, Live at Slacktoberfest
Blue (single)
Rarities Vol 4 Making of Peculiar
The Austin Radio Broadcast
Slackers NYC Boat Cruise Live
Vic and Dave Live in the Bronx Woods
Rarities Vol 3 2001-2003
Nobody Listening/Sleep Outside (single)
Slackers Quarrantunes
Rarities Vol 2 More Wasted Days
Sugar Shack Sessions
Rarities 1996 - 2000
Obscurities
Lost and Found
Wasted Days Double LP (download)
Boss Harmony Session
Live at the Flamingo Cantina
Better Late Than Never
Slackers Singles
The Radio
My Bed is a Boat
Live on the West Side
Slackfest 2009
Afternoon in Dub
Live at the Wetlands, 1993



If you need some music to listen to, we have been adding to the Slackers 2021 playlist. Its got music from a variety of artists that the Slackers admire and enjoy. Along with the occasional Slackers tune thrown in for good measure. Enjoy this at.....

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/64bYDPUnFZ9sw5TRg8fH5B?si=cTP67a-8T_qnswOMJadJw&utm_source=copy-link

A NOTE FROM THE SLACKERS AGENT....MR JOHN PANTLE



OK I can personally attest to the power of the Slackers as they are existing in the Year of Our Ohtani 2021. Outside of the endless emails and calls and texts and such, I recently flew cross-country to BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA in order to see the Slackers and to share many a beverage and White Pizza. My portion of the newsletter today will be a report as to what one should expect upon A) attending a Slackers date in 2021 and B) attending an event in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Before we start, I have a caveat here that I wish to share: THIS IS GOING TO FEEL LIKE TALKING SHIT. I say this because I'm self-conscious about the opportunities that I have from living in a city where there are a lot of opportunities (Southern California) and that I am reporting about an area that has different opportunities than the place I live. Cali gets a lot of glamor from a lot of mass media, but its not all peaches and cream. My goal is to not be elitist or engage in anything like poverty porn. Rather, this piece is going to focus on all the GREAT things in Bethlehem PA as well as the Lehigh Valley.

Here's a rundown:

PHILADELPHIA - Flew in there before the journey. The Phillies stadium is amazing. Some good bars. Don't get carried away - we didn't come all this way to stay in Philly.

BETHLEHEM - A very nice, quaint city that sits in a valley with the majority of people living on a hill. They have a MASSIVE steel mill that sits in the middle of the town - too big to tear down. What did they do with it? They turned it into an outdoor amphitheater as well as a really cool walking tour as to the importance and cultural relevance of Bethlehem Steel. Learned about the importance of the I-Beam as well as what their contribution was to the Golden Gate Bridge. That was really cool. Also, PBS has a studio right across from the venue and they filmed the show to broadcast locally - that was nice as well. Let me know if you saw it locally.

THE SLACKERS PERFORMANCE - It was a nice 100-minute set, with the crowd dancing as soon as the third song. Great vibes, great sound and lights. A couple covers to lighten the load, a good amount of Vic trash talking, and a nice selection of Yuengling close to the stage. The bookers for that stage are doing the Lord's work.



THE SLACK GIVE BACK - Ever since we started the Slack Give Back, both Dave and I realize that we put more energy into the free shows and how we make them work for us (and for you) than any other project we create. The free shows are important in terms of expanding the congregation and learning new things about our religion (in terms of how newbies react to this song or that song). It's a real challenge to play in front of people who have NO IDEA who you are as an artist - you need to fit your performance within their framework in order for the payoff (adding someone into the culture through buying a shirt or a download or joining the list), and let's face it - our culture has many examples of polarization. It's difficult to find a scenario in which you can just jump in and play to random people and its even MORE difficult to do that if you aren't "A Tribute to Queen" or "A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac". Now, you could make an argument that the Slackers are actually "A Tribute to Paul Anka", and you would be right if Vic was left to his own devices.

And that's the story. The flights were eh, the airports were eh. We also went to Lancaster and that was pretty cool - nice people and great architecture. I fully implore all of you to get out and go see a Slackers show these days - they're getting better every show. (I didn't write that line, they put that in there). Our private show bookings are almost full for the year but we are expanding the program into 2022. Hit us at john@soundtalentgroup.com



the SLACKERS
30th ANNIVERSARY 1991-2021 **TOUR!**

JUNE 26 - DENVER - LEVITT PAVILION
 JUNE 27 - PUEBLO - GREENLIGHT TAVERN
 JUNE 29 - ALBUQUERQUE - LAUNCH PAD
 AUG 25 - YUMA - ALEMENT
 AUG 26 - PHOENIX - CRESCENT BALLROOM
 SEPTEMBER 16 - BALTIMORE - OTTO BAR
 SEPTEMBER 18/19 - FORT MONROE - SUPERNOVA
 SEPT 26 - LAS VEGAS - PRB CITRUS POOL
 NOV 4 - BUFFALO - MOHAWK PLACE
 NOV 5 - TORONTO - LEES PALACE
 NOV 9 - PITTSBURGH - CRAFTHOUSE
 NOV 10 - CLEVELAND - GROG SHOP
 NOV 11 - ANN ARBOR - BLIND PIG
 NOV 12/13 - CHICAGO - REGGIES
 NOV 14 - ST LOUIS, MO - BLUEBERRY HILL
 NOV 16 - MEMPHIS - GROWLERS
 NOV 19/20/21 - AUSTIN - FLAMINGO CANTINA
 DEC 1 PORTLAND - DANTES
 DEC 2 - VICTORIA - CAPITOL BALLROOM
 DEC 3 - VANCOUVER - RICKSHAW THEATER
 DEC 4 - SEATTLE - EL CORAZON
 DEC 5 - TACOMA - FAWCETT HALL
 DEC 8 - SACRAMENTO - GOLD FIELD
 DEC 9 - BERKELEY - CORNERSTONE
 DEC 10 - VENTURA - VENTURA THEATER
 DEC 11 - SANTA ANA - OBSERVATORY
 DEC 12 - SAN DIEGO - BELLY UP
 DEC 15 - PHILADELPHIA - WORLD CAFE
 DEC 16 - FALLS CHURCH - STATE THEATER
 DEC 17 - HAMDEN - OUTER SPACE
 DEC 18 - NYC - IRVING PLAZA
 DEC 19 - BOSTON - SINCLAIR

2021: The Slackers Walk Back Picks Up Steam.

As you can see, 2021 is filling up. We got a lot of gigs coming up with a handful more still to be announced. Its starting to look like a "real" touring calendar.

If you want to book the slackers email

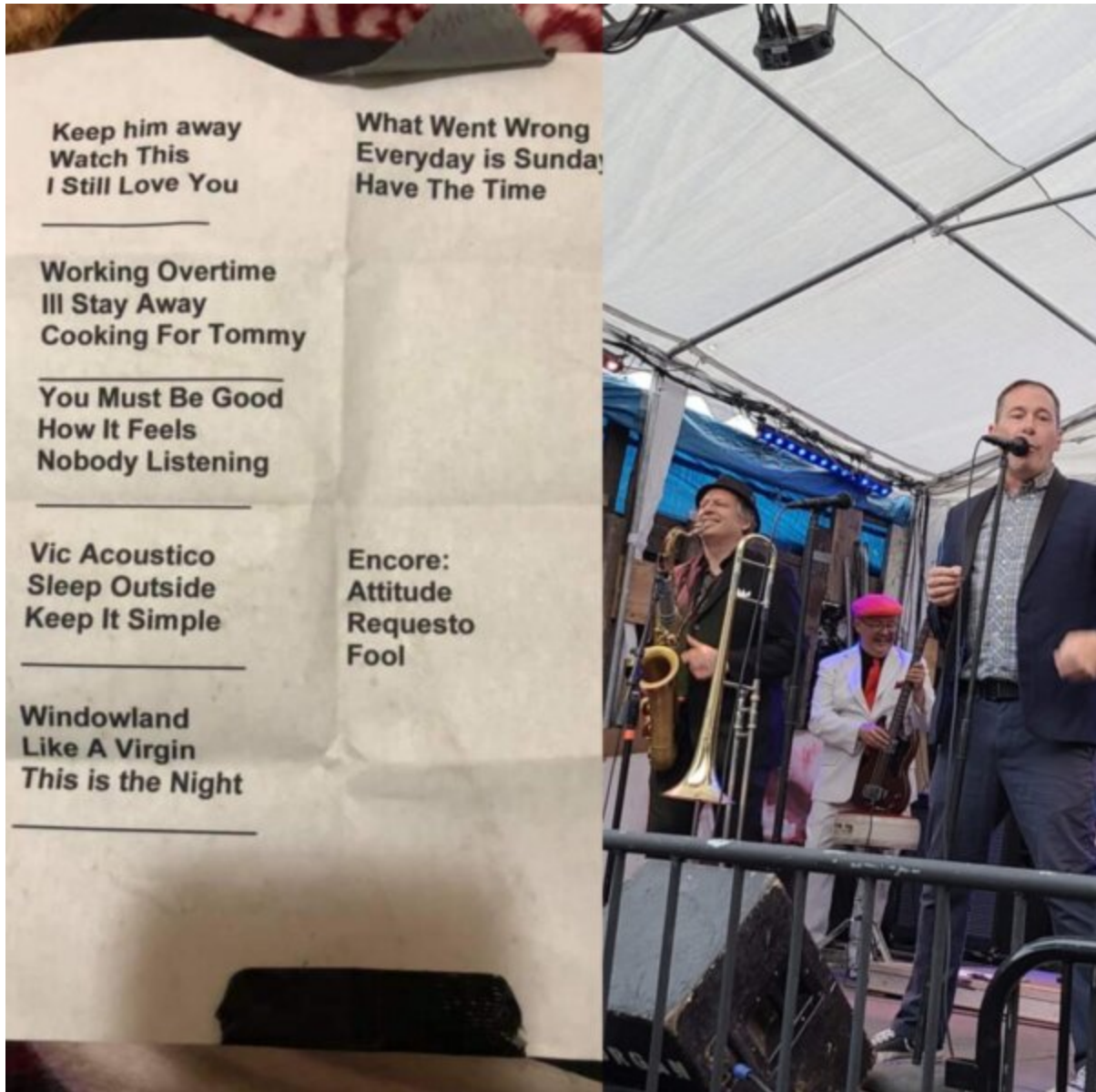
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We send good thoughts to everyone!

Thank you for the love and support!

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