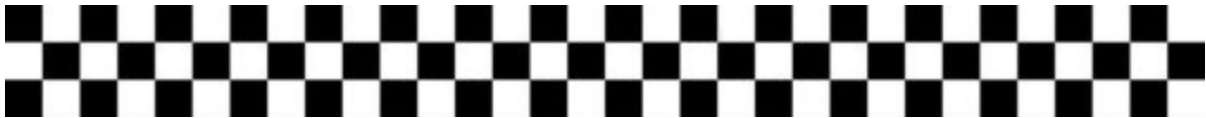


THE SLACKERS: BETTER LATE THAN NEVER ISSUE 2



Keep up with the Slackers in their brand new newsletter: Better Late Than Never – The Slackers online, Live at Ernestos, new music, Glen's Portuguese soup recipe, & more!

Hi guys,

This is the second issue of the Slacker's Official Newsletter, **Better Late Than Never**. In some ways, we are in the same situation we were a month ago. We have been spending our time livestreaming, finishing up new recordings and rereleases. We have been holding zoom panels on Slackers' related topics. As we are starting to emerge from quarantine, its going to be possible for us to do livestreams as a group and eventually gigs.

In this issue, we talk about Slackers' online gigs, Slackers zoom panels, progress on our Live at Ernesto's rerelease, progress on a dive into the Slackers DAT Archives, a recipe from Glen Pine for Portuguese Kale Soup, some observations on quarantine by Ara Babajian, a column by our booking agent, John Pantle, and we finish out with some tour dates.

I just want to say thanks so much for all the love and support we have been getting over these trying times. Its really been the thing that keeps us going.

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Slackers live streams Continue!



Over the last month we have been livestreaming 1-2 times a week. Some highlights have been Vic's epic 3 hour solo broadcast and Marcus baking chocolate chip cookies! Good times. We hope you have enjoyed them as much as we have!

Coming up we have the following livestreams

May 28 – Vic Ruggiero of the Slackers at the Steelstacks livestream
7.30 pm eastern time

www.facebook.com/levittsteelstacks

May 31 – Marcus Geard livestream on the Slackers FB 4pm eastern time

www.facebook.com/theslackers

June 7 – Slackers Sunday livestream TBA

June 14 – coming up on June 14 is gonna be a very special Slackers livestream event! More details tba!

Here is an archive of recent livestreams....

Sunday with Dave

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Happier hour with Marcus Geard
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Glen Pine New England Suppers
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Roots of the Slackers. DJ session with Agent Jay
<https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/3274988089180458/>

Ruggierothon. Legendary 3 hour stream by Vic.
<https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/967259717024232/>

Donations for Slackers livestreams can be sent to

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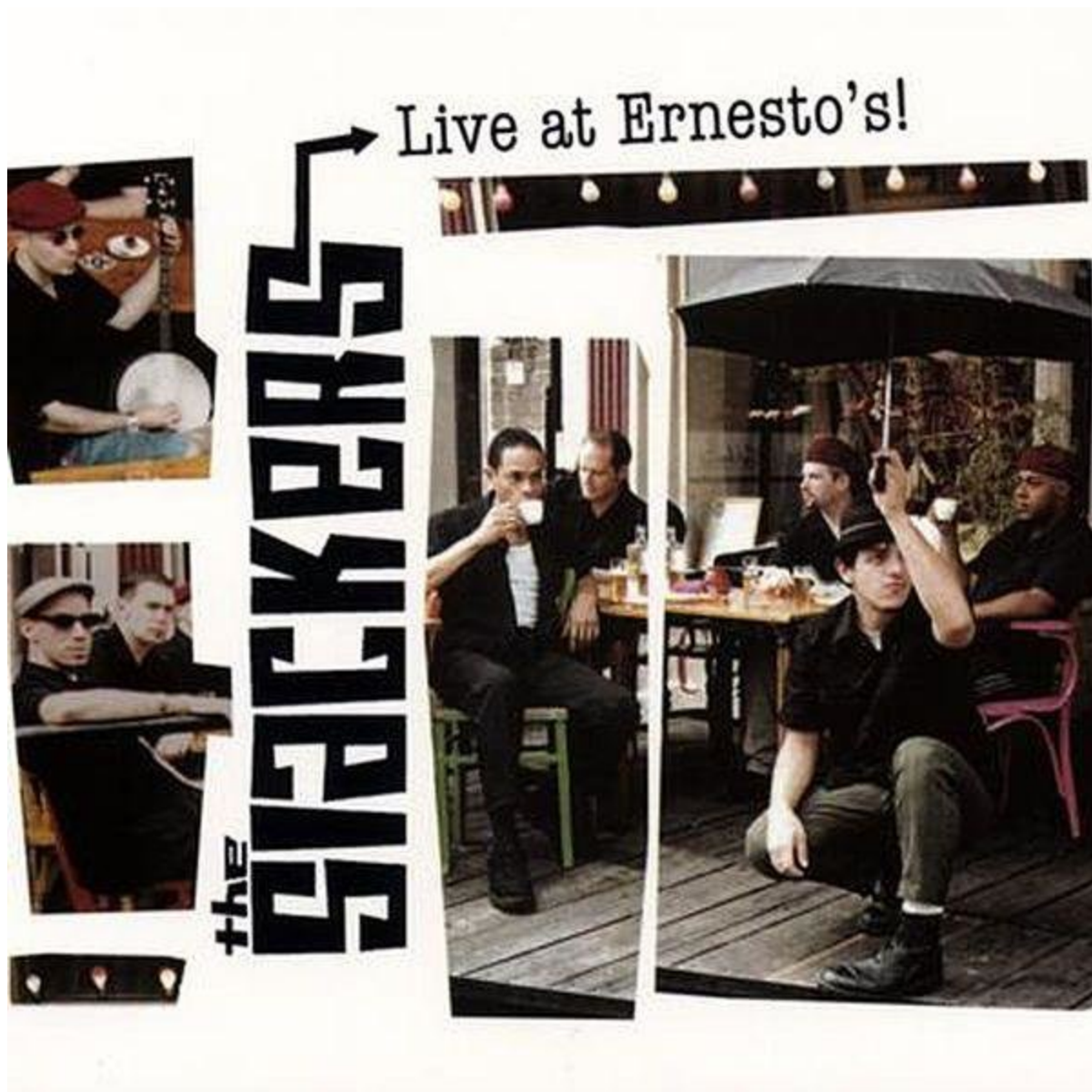
Slackers' Drummer Ara Babajian is often one of the quietest Slackers' offstage but behind his low key demeanor is a lover of books, a thoughtful writer and keen observer of the world. He wrote this little piece a couple of weeks ago.

Ara Babajian: Reclaiming America

I've been reclaiming my America the past couple weeks. I can't go out on tour and do it in a van with five other guys so instead I do it with my imagination, I do it via books. Lately, I've had a craving for the open spaces of the desert. So I've been rereading the works of Cormac McCarthy, Blood Meridian and The Border Trilogy in particular; Point Omega and Underworld by Don DeLillo; On The Road by Jack Kerouac. You can go anywhere you choose to go if you allow your imagination to take you there. You can have any America you desire by simply choosing the America that you envision. This is not simply confinement, quarantine. This is a marshaling of powers before the big reclamation. But only you can imagine what you want that to be. I want it to be a vast landscape filled with a particularly American kind of freedom, one that has no qualms about going wherever it chooses and lending a hand to the people it meets along the way. I envision a punk aesthetic that says you can be whatever you want so long as it's righteous and erases the margins. I envision you and me sitting across a table from each other again someday, reflecting on a point in time where we didn't just dream, we acted. And we can't even remember what the President looked like or how he thought or his patterns of speech. All we remember is that we did the right thing.

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Slackers Live at Ernestos



We are getting closer to being able to share the Double Vinyl of Ernestos with you. Its been made, we just have to get the copies back from Europe to Pirates Press in the states and we can start sharing them. Since international shipping is so erratic these days we aren't gonna have an official release date, we're just gonna wait until the copies show up and then we will let you know.

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Slackers New 45!

We are happy to announce that the Slackers have a new 45 in production. Its gonna be a double AA side 12" 45 featuring 2 songs, Nobodys Listening and Sleep Outside.

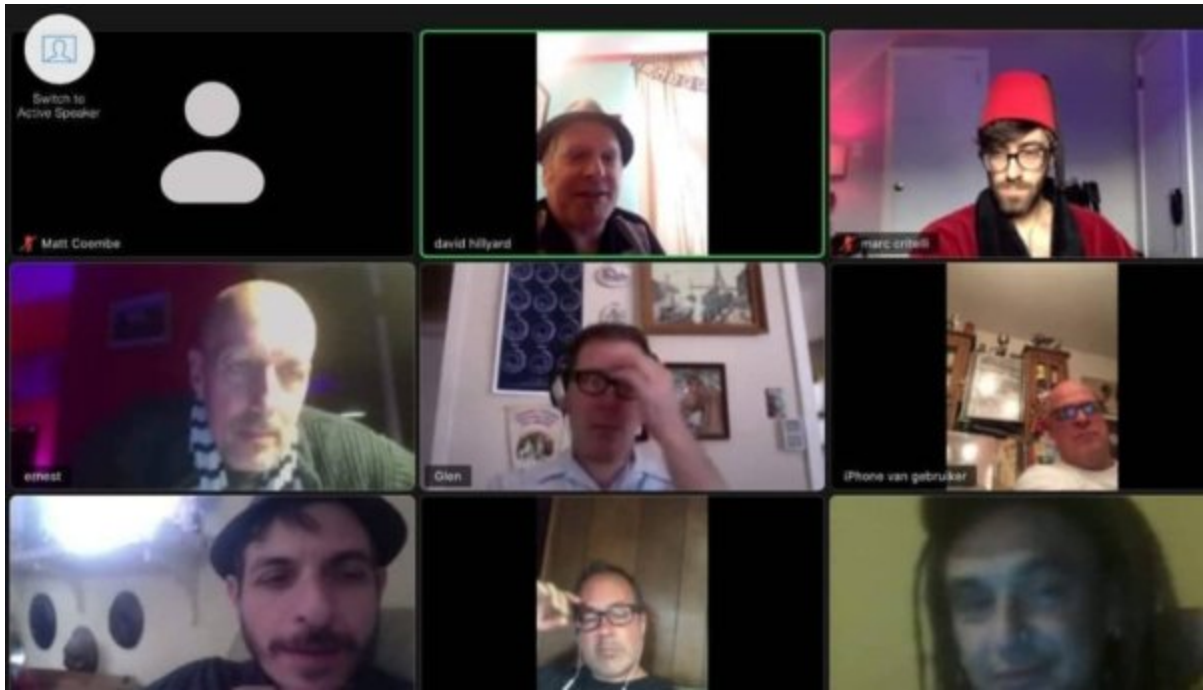
Its going to be coming out with Pirates Press!

The songs have been mixed and the artwork is approved so we are looking at 6-8 weeks before it gets released. So we hope to be getting it to you guys this summer!



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Zoom Panels!



In the last month, we have had 2 zoom panels. One on the Slackers at Coyote Studios. Then we had the above one about 'Live at Ernestos.' So much fun!

To attend a zoom panel all you have to do is email slackermusic1991@gmail.com. We do ask for donations but it is whatever you can give.

What should we do for the next one?

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Slackers' Online Stores

Ebay



So we finally got in a new tshirt design for 2020! Designed by Catt Gould it is now available for sale at our Ebay store in addition to all the new and vintage designs we got there already. Check them out <https://www.ebay.com/str/theslackersofficial>

Discogs



We just got 3 different versions of the Red Light Vinyl Re-Release into the Slackers Discogs Store!

For vinyl, cds, and cassettes. Test Pressings. Reissues. New Vinyl. Rarities. Go to the Slackers official Discogs store: <https://www.discogs.com/seller/thelackersofficial/profile>

Bandcamp



We have had a busy month with the Slackers' bandcamp. We put the acoustic Sugar Shack Sessions Ep, We released rarities from Red Light and the Question Sessions, and an early live show, Live at the Wetlands, 1993.

Next up, we are gonna be releasing a series of rarities from the Wasted Days era. This one is going up to up in the next couple days! Keep your eyes out for it!



To get downloads and directly support the band go to the Slackers official bandcamp at <https://theslackers.bandcamp.com/>

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If you have had some extra time to cook this last month and are getting sick of all your recipes check out Glen Pine's Grandmother's recipe. It's a good one!

Nana Pine's Portuguese Kale Soup

(Sopa De Couves)

"If you want to make a good Portuguese Kale Soup, don't forget the shank bone. That is where the flavor is."- Nana Pine

*Cue up The Slackers' Shankbone or Remember When.

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil

3 or 4 potatoes peeled and cubed

2 carrots peeled and chopped

1 large yellow onion chopped

4 garlic cloves chopped

1 can red kidney beans(drain liquid and wash off)

1 Portuguese linguica or chouriço chopped into silver dollar shape pieces

1 head of kale (chop away from stems into bite size pieces)

1 beef shank bone (sometimes I like to season/rub with sea salt, black pepper, and sweet paprika. Then fry the shank on both sides to create a crust and let rest. This will help render out some of the fat and create extra flavor)

1/2 cup chopped cilantro (optional but recommended)

Spices- black pepper and sea salt (to taste), 1 teaspoon crushed hot red pepper, 2 bay leaves, 1 teaspoon sweet paprika, and a dash or two of ground allspice.

Water to cover or homemade vegetable or chicken stock.

Directions:

1) Add olive oil to the pot on medium heat and add linguica to fry. Once the sausage is browned on both sides, move to a plate with paper towels to drain.

2) Add onion to the pot and cook it in the leftover oil/linguica fat until translucent. Then add the potatoes, carrots, garlic, bay leaves, and spices to the onion mixture and stir together over medium heat. Once incorporated, add the linguica back to the pot and slowly add water or stock to cover. Bring to a gently boil.

3) Put the shank bone into the pot and add water if needed. Do not fill water all the way to the top. Leave a couple of inches from the top of the pot so you have room for other ingredients to be added later. Stir pot and allow to cook for awhile until you see everything start to boil. After coming to a boil, turn to

low and watch for fat and oil collecting around corners. Scoop the fat away as you go.

4) Remove the shank bone and put on plate to cool down. Once it has cooled, chop the meat away from the bone into bite size pieces and put back into the pot. Scoop out the bay leaves and discard.

5) Turn the heat up a little and slowly add the cilantro, red kidney beans, and kale (a little at a time). The kale will break down in the cooking process and shrink in volume. Stir slowly to incorporate and watch the magic start to happen.

6) Once all the vegetables are cooked through and the kale is cooked down and soft, taste the broth and add additional salt or pepper/spices to taste if needed.

7) Shut off the pot of soup and let it sit to cool and flavors to marry.

Serve the soup in bowls with plenty of crusty bread to dunk. Perhaps serve with an arugula salad and some tasty olives on the side.

Bom Appetite



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Slackers 2020 playlist!

if you need some tunes to listen to during quarantine we got some tunes for you!
we are gonna keep on adding to this before the end of the year!

The playlist has some slacker tunes mixed in by songs by other artists we admire!

ska, reggae, rocksteady, soul, rock n roll, boogaloo, afrobeat, country, blues, jazz....its all in there somewhere! check it out!

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2fPI0HKHLGIAHRTc6o2zcs?si=-e7LW2XnRsyWwvtsFR7Z_A

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A note from our Agent John Pantle

SLACKERS AGENT HERE



You want the Slackers to play in your system? In your town? In your burg? Hit us up! Give us some ideas and tell us what's going on in your city. The more we know, the better we are, and the better chance that the Slackers play in your town. Hit us at john@soundtalentgroup.com and we'll check it out.

You might be wondering what we're doing right now in order to keep the band moving and grooving. The short answer is: nothing. We're moving dates all over the place and hoping that we can save some of 2020, but the majority of our dates are in 2021. We had our biggest year in our history dashed to the rocks

due to this CoVid. We're trying to figure out how we make lemons out of lemonade, which is ironic because THE SLACKERS ARE THE MOST BITTER PEOPLE ON THE PLANET. Right? That's why you like them. That's why I like them. They're honest sons of bitches. And that's why you're reading this. So SHUT UP. But here's the good news - we're gonna come back stronger than ever. We've already got half of 2021 booked and things are looking up. Festivals are moving to safe havens and we have new markets to tell everyone about. Slackers gonna be killing it like always. That's how it goes.

The band asked me to give you some thoughts on what I do every day now that the rug is being pulled from under our feet. Being an agent these days is an experiment in complete futility - you're moving dates around from this month to that month, from this year to that year, and with no real idea as to when it's going to open. I'm educating everyone down the line - managers, artists, promoters, venue owners - as to what I'm seeing on the horizon and what could work. We're working on podcasts and sponsorship opportunities and livestream opportunities, but precious few shows. That will change soon I hope, and in the meantime, I'm reading more data than I ever did when I was in school.

The sun will come out, everyone. I know it. Sit tight.

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The Slackers 2020 and 2021 Tour Dates



I think at this point while we are still in quarantine we don't know exactly when we are going to be able to play gigs again. Look at this list as a wish list of shows we want to be able to do. It's important to have something to look forward to right? Please keep up to date with local promoters as to which ones actually happen. We should have a better idea in coming weeks. But in the meantime... the wish list

August 19 – Pueblo, Co – Smittys

August 20 – Denver, CO – Levitt Pavillion

Oct 2 – Den Haag, NL – Paard

Oct 3 – Haarlem, NL – Patroonaat

Oct 4 – Paris, Fr – Gibus

Oct 5 – Norwich, UK – Norwich Arts

Oct 6 – Manchester, UK - Rebar

Oct 7 – Newcastle, UK – Think Tank

Oct 8 – Leeds, UK - Brudenell

Oct 9 – London, UK – Dingwalls

Oct 10 – Bristol, UK – The Exchange

Oct 11 – Staines, Uk – London Stone

Oct 13 – Freiburg, De – Cafe Atlantik

Oct 14 – Zurich, CH – Dynamo
Oct 15 – Sludern, IT – Loki
Oct 16 – Vienna, AT – Arena
Oct 17 – Munich, DE – Feierwerk
Oct 18 – Nuremberg, DE – DESI
Oct 19 – Hamburg, DE – Molotow
Oct 20 – Berlin, DE – So36
Oct 21 – Hannover, DE – Lux
Oct 22 – Antwerp, BE – Kavka
Oct 23 – Koln, DE – Gebaude 9
Oct 24 – Arlon, BE – L’entrepot
Oct 25 – Sittard, NL – Ernestos
Nov 5 – Winnipeg, Manitoba – WECC
Nov 6 – Calgary, AB – Dickens Pub
Nov 7 – Edmonton, AB - Starlite
Nov 19 – Troy, NY – Hangar on the Hudson
Nov 20 – Montreal, QC – Foufounes
Nov 21 – Quebec City, QC – L’Anti Bar
Nov 22- Ottawa, ON – Mavericks
Dec 3 – Philadelphia – World Café
Dec 4 – Jersey City, NJ – White Eagle Hall
June 11/12, 2021 – Supernova Ska Festival

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Thanks again for all the support! We hope to see you in person later in 2020 or in 2021!

We hope you like the newsletter and will want to keep following the slackers!

Be good. Be safe.

Dave

The Slackers.

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