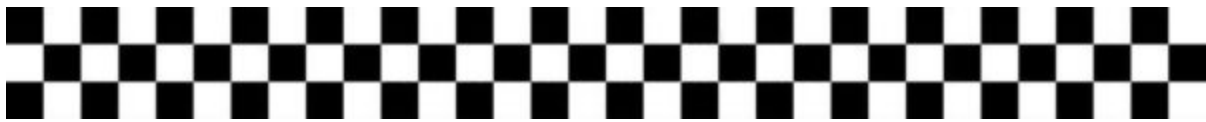


The Slackers Newsletter Issue #1: Better Late Than Never



“Keep up with the Slackers in their brand new newsletter: Better Late Than Never” – The Slackers go online, new music, Dave’s fried chicken recipe, & more!

Hi guys,

This is the inaugural issue of the Slacker’s Official Newsletter, **Better Late Than Never**. This is designed to come out every other week and enable you to find out about all the latest news directly from the band.

We were planning on getting this newsletter out in March and then like the rest of the world we have been smacked in the face by Covid 19. Its been very scary and humbling. The shutdown was something that had to happen in order to stop this thing. In New York City and around the rest of the country we have definitely seen the horror that Covid 19 can unleash. We hope that everyone out there has been as safe as possible in these trying times.

In the meantime, we are doing our best to adapt and recalibrate. We have done a bunch of livestream performances on Facebook and Instagram. We made three new online stores. And yeah, we had to completely rewrite this newsletter! So please bear with us!

In this issue, we talk about Slackers new online gigs, our recording projects, reissues, new releases, a recipe for David Hillyard’s fried chicken, and at the end there is our theoretical touring schedule.

In future issues of BLTN we hope to be able to share new music with you, ticket links to upcoming shows....you know...exciting stuff!

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Slackers go online!

Partly because performance is in our blood, partially because it's the only way we can publicly perform these days, we have been doing lots of livestream performances on the Slackers Facebook (www.facebook.com/theslackers) and Instagram (@theslackersband)



We have had Vic performing from his secure bunker, Ara doing a solo drum thing, Agent Jay did a live dub session, and Glen did an epic half cooking/half music session.



We even figured out a way for Vic and Dave to play live together in a duo performance. Trust me, the physics of this is complicated! Most people just do pre-recorded tracks for a

reason but we figured out a way that 2 people can do it!

Its definitely not the same as having the full band in a live performance but hopefully we are catching some of the sparks that make the Slackers happen. Check out these links if you haven't seen any of them.

Glen Pine' Part 1 <https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/3232046136872378/>

Glen Pine Part 2 <https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/529543881283148/>

Ara Babajian: Give the drummer some <https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/220419492500709/>

Agent Jay live Dubs <https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/3421871257827953/>

Dave and Vic live – separate but together <https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/909111539528860/>

Vic Ruggiero Live from the Bunker <https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/915244722257253/>

Dave Hillyard live solo <https://www.facebook.com/theslackers/videos/568626043744006/>

Donations for Slackers livestreams can be sent to

Paypal: Slackermusic1991@gmail.com

Venmo: Slackermusic

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New Slackers' Online Stores

For the last 29 years, the main way we have been selling our music and our merch has been at shows. We can't do that again until there are shows so we have established new Slackers online stores at Ebay, Discogs, and Bandcamp.

We have literally been emptying out boxes of merch from the Slackers' storage space and throwing them up online. Finding all sorts of treasures along the way. Things we had even

forgotten we had. The good news is we found lots of rare vinyl, short run tshirts, signed tour posters....all kinds of stuff.

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



For tshirts, posters, and other memorabilia go to the Slackers official Ebay store: <https://www.ebay.com/str/theslackersofficial>

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

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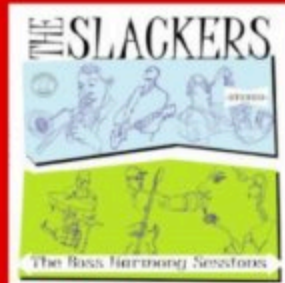
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Wasted Days Double LP



Live At The Grog Shop



The Boss Harmony Sessions



The Boss/ Cooking For Tommy LIVE at
the Flamingo Cantina



Better Late Than Never



Slackers Singles



The Radio CD Versions



My Bed Is A Boat

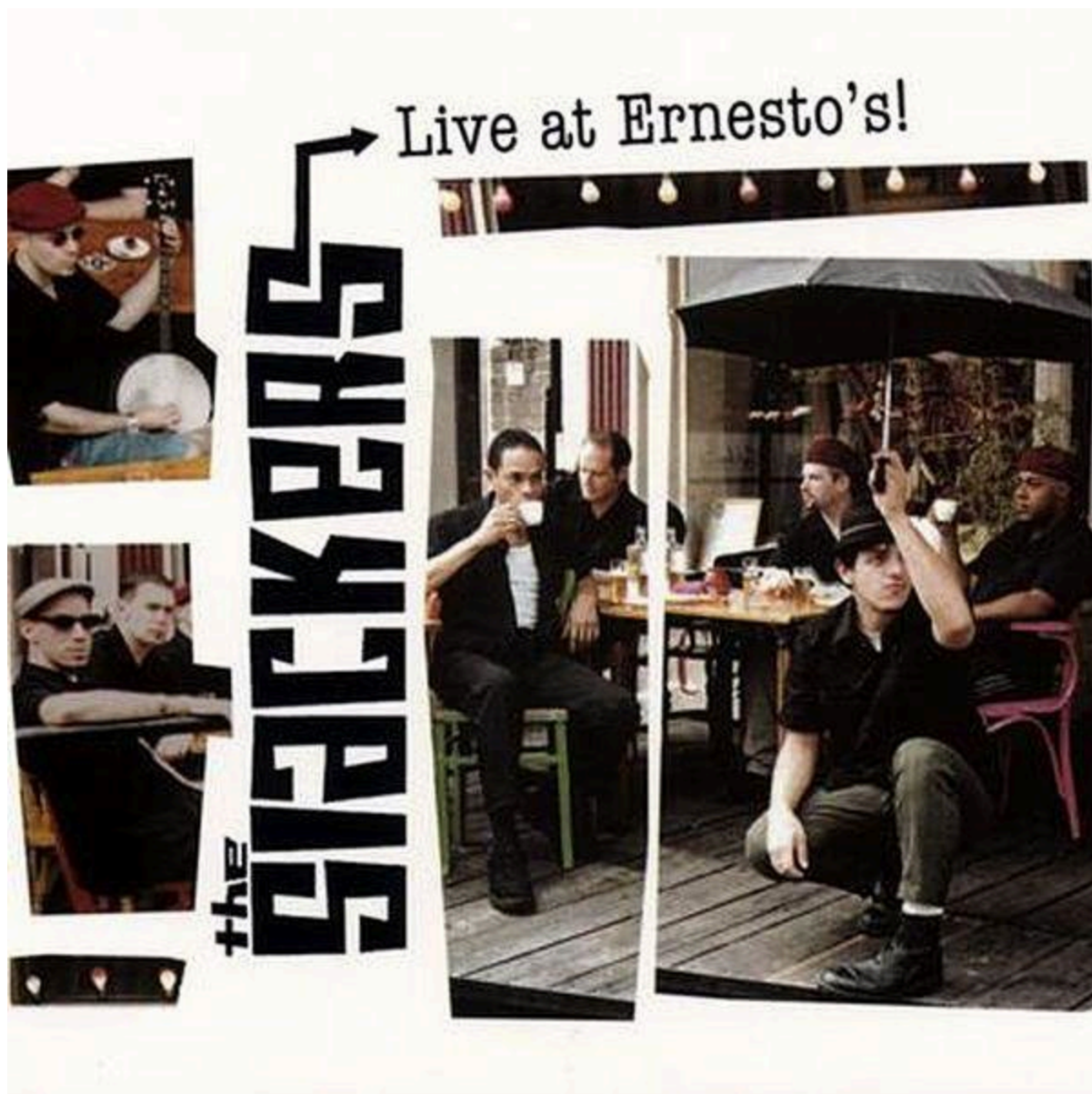


An Afternoon In Dub

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Live at Ernestos Reissue

Ironically, in the year the Slackers' haven't played a gig so far, this year is the 20th anniversary of the release of our biggest live recording of them all: "*Live at Ernestos*" The original Ernestos was recorded in Sittard, Netherlands at Ernesto's Cantina. The site of several legendary parties for the Slackers over the years.



Originally released in 2000, "*Ernestos*" was launched at a low point for vinyl. Back in that day, Epitaph records did not think the sales of a live record would justify pressing it up as a double vinyl, so it was never released on that medium.

How times have changed! We are currently working with Pirates Press on a double LP for all glorious 74 minutes of the original “Ernesto’s”!!! We are hoping to have this out by the fall of 2020.

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New music!

At the end of the 2019, we recorded 11 hours of music. Mostly it was live versions of us playing classic Slackers songs, but we did record several hours of new music. We are currently working with Pirates Press again on 2 45 single to be released between June and October. This is all in the works! Can’t wait until we can share it with you.



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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Dave Hillyard's Fried Chicken Recipe

Speaking of sharing, we all seem to be spending a lot of time cooking at home. Dave Hillyard wants to share his famous Fried Chicken recipe with you. We hope this to be the first of a bunch of Slacker's recipes we share. Glen Pine's Portuguese Kale Soup is next.





Click below to get the recipe

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Abb1n-dl_eyJOdNEed2eq_k4s6_en5CN0/view?usp=sharing

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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. Its 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

June 3 – Lancaster, PA – Chameleon

June 4 – Pittsburgh, PA – Craffthouse

June 5 – State College, PA – Rebar

July 1 – Eugene – Luckeys

July 2 – Portland – Dante's

July 23 - Boston, Ma - Rock On Concert Cruise

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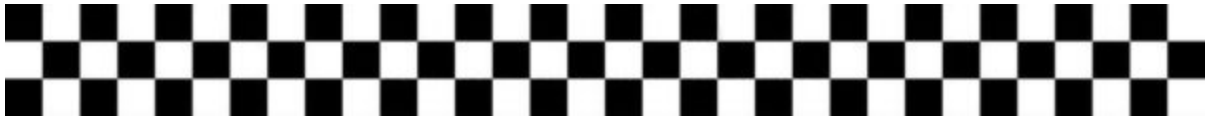
Thanks again for all the support! We hope to see you in person later in 2020 or in 2021!

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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