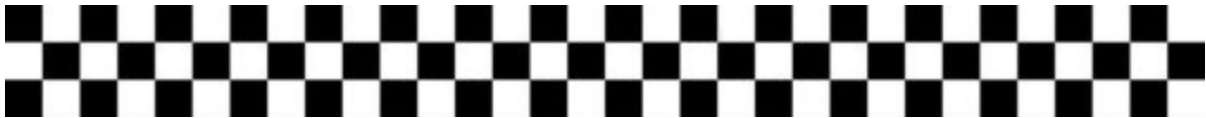


THE SLACKERS: BETTER LATE THAN NEVER ISSUE 3



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Hi guys,

This is the third issue of the Slacker's Official Newsletter, **Better Late Than Never**. Its been a roller coaster ride since our last issue back at the end of May. The hope that we were going to have COVID 19 under control by the fall seems to be fading. In a role reversal, the Northeast went from the most dangerous to the safest part of the country to be in. Hint: WEAR A MASK!

With all this in the background, the Slackers kept busy. We have been doing live stream concerts, Zoom Panels, releasing music, and put out several new merch items.

In this issue, we talk about our August 1st livestream concert, the Re-Release of Live At Ernestos, the Slackers' new single Nobodys Listening/Sleep Outside, our continuing Facebook livestreams, new stuff at our online stores, some thoughts by Baba on Beer, and a column by our Agent, John Pantle, on booking in Corona times.

Once again I just want to say thanks for all the love and support we have been getting in these trying times. Its because of your support that we are able to keep on going.

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August 1st Livestream Concert

LIVE STREAM! AUGUST 1, 2020



THE SLACKERS

with



THE PIETASTERS



and

DJ BOSS HARMONY

DOORS AT 3:45PM

WWW.LIVEFROM.EVENTS/THESLACKERS

We are happy to announce that this August 1st we are going to have a major online concert! We will be broadcasting from our secret location in the tri-state area while we are joined remotely by the Pietasters, Bar Stool Preachers, Catbite, and DJ Boss Harmony. If you missed the last one....well DON'T MISS THIS ONE! We aren't going to be able to perform live for more than a handful of people anytime soon....so check this out!

Tickets are at www.livefrom.events/theslackers

Its only \$10. You can watch on August 1st OR its also available for rebroadcast for the next 48 hours after the initial broadcast. So check it out live or you can rebroadcast that shit! Hell, you can do both if you want. And you can watch it from anywhere on the planet!

In honor of our new releases on Pirates Press Records, we are going to be playing our 2000 Live at Ernestos set and the 2 songs off our new single.

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Slackers Live at Ernestos Is Out Now!



Its out! The Slackers' classic concert album from 2000 is now out on double vinyl!!! That's right, the first time on vinyl. Check it out at www.piratespressrecords.com/thelackers

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Slackers New 45! Nobodys Listening / Sleep Outside

The Slackers have a new 45 out on Pirates Press Records as well. Its a double AA side 12" 45 featuring 2 songs, Nobodys Listening and Sleep Outside. www.piratespressrecords.com/thelackers

You can also check out a video for Sleep Outside and the song on Spotify, Bandcamp, and other mediums!

<https://smarturl.it/SlackersSleepOutside>

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Slackers Facebook Sunday Livestreams!



Just want to let you know we will be keeping up the Facebook livestreams every Sunday into the indefinite future. Check them out at www.facebook.com/theslackers at 4pm east coast time.

Here is the upcoming schedule

July 19 – Dave Hillyard aka The Plague Doctor performs tunes from Close My Eyes and other Slackers rarities

July 26 – Dave and Vic - Live in the Park



Donations for Slackers livestreams can be sent to

Paypal: Slackermusic1991@gmail.com

Venmo: Slackermusic

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Slackers' Online Stores

Ebay



In the midst of all the chaos, we have been making new tshirt designs. The next new batch will be available on Monday, July 27th! In the meantime check out a bunch of tshirts, posters, and some vinyl we have for sale at [https://www.ebay.com/ str/theslackersofficial](https://www.ebay.com/str/theslackersofficial)

Discogs



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We just got in a new bunch of test pressings!

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>

Bandcamp



Our bandcamp catalog continues to grow! Our most recent release is Vol 3 of our rarities series from our DAT archives. Vol 3 is primarily alternative mixes and lost tracks from Close My Eyes sessions!

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

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And some thoughts from 'Baba' aka Ara Babajian

I've been drinking a lot of beer lately. This is a new thing for me, as I've befriended someone in town who owns a brewery. Sometimes he invites me over and we make beer together. Most times I just like sitting outside the bar, enjoying a glass of IPA and watching the cars go by. I've been jogging every day in order to keep from turning into a fat fuck, but ironically I usually wind up just jogging down to the brewery to reward myself for exercising. So nothing much is really accomplished. But my peace of mind, social skills and discerning palate have all evolved in inverse proportion to my work ethic. I don't really miss being a neurotic perfectionist touring musician. I quite enjoy being a beer-swilling middle aged Armenian who plays drums sometimes. But maybe there's a happy medium somewhere on the horizon. Life is short, perfectionism is overrated and this beer isn't just gonna drink itself.

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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



Hello party people - I thought you might enjoy a quick list as to what to think about when you are booking your client for a private party during one of the greatest pandemics of our time (I say 'one of' because Lord knows what the hell is going to happen tomorrow, or next week).

HAVE A DEATH WISH - Let's say you represent one of the best bands in the world, and you also have a death wish for your career - meaning that if they get the covid because of this show, you're not working with them anymore and the guilt of the world hangs upon your head. And let's say that you want to move forward because A) we all need to get paid and B) there is a middle ground for intelligent people who control their outward scenarios (spacing, outdoors, masking, you get it).

FIGURE OUT THE NUMBERS - How is the group going to drive there? When do we get in? Are we bringing our own backline? Is the deposit already in? (Yeah Charlie!)

WONDER IF YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING - Do this at least four times a day. When in doubt, drink through it. (Remember - you're not the first agent to utilize this strategy.)

WATCH THE FOOTAGE - Pat yourself on the back two weeks after the event once you know that everyone is safe and no one got the rona. Smoke a cigar on the patio (Nicahabana Cigars in Tampa have a fantastic mail-order strategy - great cigars at around \$7 apiece - don't believe me, do the research. You won't be wrong.) Know that you did the right thing in getting your clients gigs during the Great Pause. (Also file this under 'denial').

DONT TALK ABOUT THE EVENT AFTERWARDS - No one wants to be the poster children for an uptick in covid numbers. No one wants to look irresponsible. So don't talk about the event that you may or may not have done.

There! Now you're an agent! Send me threats at john@soundtalentgroup.com

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

The Slackers 2020 and 2021 Tour Dates

As this covid 19 nightmare keeps on going, its been frustrating to see hope for gigs come up here and there but then have it shot down after borders close and covid resurges.

Currently we are in the process of rescheduling all our October European tour dates to October of 2021.

We still have a few dates on 'paper' for 2020 but I wont make any pronouncements as to whether any of them have a good chance of happening. Next issue we will list some more 2021 tour dates. We need to have some hope somewhere right!

Aug 1 – Livestream Concert – www.livefrom.events/theslackers

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 – Foulfoues
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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