

☪ Happy New Year!! ☪

2008 is gone and we're off to an exciting start here in 2009! We have a great tour to start our year. A brief run up to Wyoming to perform return shows for 2 libraries and a new 2 hour performance for ARTCORE, the Casper, WY art and performance organization! You can find out more about them and our performance at <http://www.artcorewy.com>

Then we are off to the Southeast at the end of the month where we will start in North Carolina with 3 more library performances and a shared or "co-bill" at The Evening Muse in Charlotte, NC. We haven't played in the Charlotte area for quite a while so we hope to see a bunch of you old Muses fans out there! <http://www.theeveningmuse.com> The day after that we are off to Mt. Gilead to perform for their Community Concert Series. A new show and area for us so we are very excited to meet new folks there and share our music. <http://www.mgcca.com>

We are returning again to the Decatur Public Library for a wonderful performance in their auditorium downstairs and then we are returning to Savannah for the first time in a long while. We have 2 library performances there, which we are very happy about. There is also possible rumor that we may be back in Savannah for a performance on the First Friday in May at the Savannah Folk Society and for the Savannah Scottish Games. Stay Tuned for more about that as the year progresses.

After Georgia we head further south to Florida where we have several library shows and will be returning to the St. Augustine COA for another Valentine's Day performance. This is our third year running, doing a dinner for them and we're very happy to be part of their roster again this year.

After Florida we have to dash across the country with a very brief stop in Texas to perform for the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill just south of Austin. Then we are on our way to Arizona to perform for the Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games! We are thrilled about this one! After so many years of folks in Tucson asking us "Are you going to be in Phoenix?" we can finally answer, "Yes! We are!" So we'll see you in the sunny desert and currently we expect Erin Lewis to be performing with us again so lots of fun will be had!

Tour Schedule JANUARY 2009

Friday January 16th 2:00 pm
Natrona County Public Library
307 E. Second St.
Casper, WY 82601
307-237-4935

Wednesday January 28th 10:00 am
George and Laura Brown Library
122 Van Norden St.
Washington, NC 27889
252-946-4300

Saturday January 31st 8:00 pm
Mount Gilead Community Concerts
Leah Levin Auditorium,
102 South School Street,
Mount Gilead, NC 27306
Tickets \$10.00,
\$5.00 for Students
(910) 948-1012
www.mgcca.com

Friday January 16th 7:30 pm
ARTCORE
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
318 E. 6th Street,
Casper, WY 82601
Adults \$12, Seniors \$11,
12 & Under \$4
Students & School Teachers \$6
307-265-1564
www.artcorewy.com

Thursday January 29th 7:00 pm
Mt. Pleasant Branch Library
Show at Buddy's Place Restaurant
1470 S. Main St.
(corner of Franklin St. and Main St.)
Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124

We look forward to seeing you out there, wherever "there" is and we hope you'll bring your friends and family along to meet us and share the experience of live music with them! ☪

Saturday January 17th 12:00 pm
Converse County Library
300 Walnut
Douglas, WY 82633
307-358-3644

Friday January 30th 8:00 pm
FIRST SET
The Evening Muse
3227 N. Davidson St
Charlotte, NC
704-376-3737
Tickets \$8.00 advance, \$10.00 at door.
Please say that you are there to see The Muses!
With Patrick Landeza and Hawaiian Kine



The Muse Letter

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Another year come and gone...

Don't let the pictures fool you, I've not decided to wear a beard around on a regular basis, it was just a c-c-c-cold winter and I thought I could use all the help I could get! (I don't wear pants very often y'know!)

It was quite a year (2008) but I think I can speak for at least a few folks when I say that I'm happy to see the back of it. Here's hoping that this new year will bring joy, or more appropriately, that we will all bring joy to this new year. The outlook is a bit hazy in places, but can be construed as "good" on most counts so I'm very much looking forward to that.

We spent December getting our feet back underneath us and enjoying the warmth of friends and family throughout the holidays. We spent a bit of time in Minnesota with Tanya's family (in that top picture by the way it was about -17F below zero, I was lucky to have such a warm hat!) and we also spent a goodly amount of time at home in Colorado. All in all it was a delightful break from all the touring and we nearly have caught our breath again to go back out and hit it again hard in 2009.

Especially when times get tough financially, it's a good time to remember what's most important in life. Thank you all for allowing us to help bring some music and laughter into your homes, I hope that it's infectious and you've been able to smile and laugh with your loved ones all the more! You keep listening, and we will keep playing, and we'll all get through better off and laughing (perhaps a little hysterically) with "remember that time..." ever more thankful for what we do have, and what's most dear to our hearts.

We feel so lucky to have all of you as friends scattered all over the country (and some others as well) and can't wait to get back out there to see you again! Keep the home fire's burning bright and we'll all raise a glass together again before this year is out.

See you soon somewhere down the road!



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