

# OTTAWA'S ONLY TRUE CLASSIC ARCADE MON FEB 19 11AM - 8PM FAMILY DAY AT THE ARC A SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING JUST FOR FAMILY FUN 25 GLASSIG ARGADE CABINETS ALL ON FREEPLAY 17 PINBALL MACHINES (PAY2PLAY) • 80'S KIDS CARTOONS ON THE BIG SCREEN CRAFT BREWS • HANDMADE PEROGIES AND PIZZA BY THE SLICE!!!!

### HANDMADE PEROGIES —

## SMALL-\$10 LARGE-\$17 6 perogies

INCLUDES A TRADITIONAL COLD BEET SALAD, SAUERKRAUT & DILL INFUSED SOUR CREAM.

LEVEL UP! ADD BACON & SAUTEED ONIONS FOR \$3

#### THE TRADITIONAL

Potato & cheese wrapped lovingly in our delicate secret dough. Simple & comforting Wizard fuel.

#### KICKSTART MY HEARTICHOKE

A Mötley Crüe of delicious ingredients including: artichoke hearts, spinach, roasted garlic, cream cheese & potato.

#### LE CHAMPIGNON

A mix of seasonal mushrooms & caramalized onions wrapped in dough. Super Mario's fave!

#### THE VEGAN

A faux "cheddar & bacon" perogi made with a traditional Polish dough, Served with a dill cashew cream sauce on the side. WARNING, CONTAINS NUTS!

#### FEATURE

#### USE THE SCHWARTZ - MTL SMOKED MEAT PEROGI DINNER PLATE - \$18

4 mega sized caraway dough perogies with a potato, sauerkraut, chive & garlic filling topped with a generous portion of MTL SMOKED MEAT, swiss cheese, finished with an an in-house made Cognac mustard drizzle. Bonus dill pickle spear on the side.

#### THE BIG SWEETIE - \$11

4 oversized & absolutely delightful apple/cinnamon/brown sugar dessert perogie. Guaranteed to act as a love potion when you share it with a friend.

#### THE CHEESECAKE- \$11

4 oversized graham cracker crumb encrusted, cream cheese filled perogies with a mixed berry compote & chocolate infused whipped cream.







WORDS FROM THE

# WIZARD

HEY OTTAWA - THANKS FOR CHECKING OUT THE HOUSE OF TARG - THE ONLY PLACE IN TOWN THAT SPECIALIZES IN HANDMADE PEROGIES, CLASSIC ARCADE ACTION AND LIVE MUSIC!!



We've got a ton of amazing events planned for February including live music/bands, freeplay nights, dance parties, fundraisers, all ages shows, valentines action, a craft show, clothing swap and family day fun - check out the PEROGRAM mid way through this zine for details and plan your next TARG visit today!! We are always excited to see old friends and meet new wizards/pals - we hope you enjoy your visit!!

- Yogi

#### A GOOD SOURCE OF IRON...

This month our Perogi Wizards are offering up "THE NUMBER OF THE BORSCHT"... our take on a hearty traditional Ukrainian Borscht soup - priced at a magical \$6.66

this comforting appetizer is designed to help get you through the HELL that is February...Oh ya - if you are vegan just request a hold on the dollop of sour cream & you are good2go!

WIZARD TIP: keep your eyes on our blackboard for monthly & daily elixir/food specials!!!!!



# THE LEMMY TRIBUTE NITE RAISED OVER SEK FOR CHARITY.



In 2016 a swell fella & local musician by the name of CHRIS LANDRY had a vision for an evening that would celebrate the life & legacy of Motorhead front-man Lemmy Kilmister who passed away Dec 2015. The idea was to have Ottawa underground musicians play their fave Lemmy hits as a tribute & everyone would have a good time... BUT Chris, being the community minded guy he is, also wanted to add a charity component to make the event more meaningful... and that he did... big time... by donating the show proceeds to various cancer related organizations.

The 3rd annual Lemmy Tribute took place last month & was a fundraiser for the Phoebe Rose Rocks Foundation, an organization that

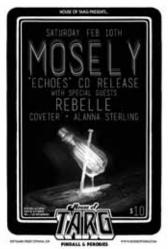
supports families who need to travel long distances for childhood cancer treatment. The Lemmy loving community came out in droves and were treated to some mind-blowing renditions of Hawkwind & Motorhead tunes done by the mega talented musicians from MONÖBROW, SLUMLÖRD, MOTÖRMOUTH, EAGLESON, SLIM AND PÖPULAR & XANADÜ.

More fun fundraising was made possible through THE LOUDEST SILENT AUCTION IN THE WORLD. Some highly regarded & creative local businesses donated a treasure trove of items for folks to bid on. The items were so drool worthy that the bidding heated up to the point of raising over \$500. Super mega thanks to all of these fine businesses - your support & generosity keeps the community thriving: WOLF LAKE STUDIOS Recording facility, CAPITAL REHEARSAL STUDIOS, CHRISTINE NORTHAN RMT (massage/foot reflexology), MCCORMICK ANALOG (boutique amps guitar pedal company), BACKDROP FOOD & DRINK, VERTIGO RECORDS, FLORA HALL BREWING & TARG.

What a great nite - thanks to all the bands who donated their time to entertain us, the amazing businesses who donated the auction items, the incredible live music loving (Jack & coke drinking) fans for coming out to support the event & of course special thanks to CHRIS for the positive energy & putting together all of the pieces... you better believe he is stoked to do it all again next year.

# WICKED SHOWS ALERT

TARG FAVES TO RELEASE CD:::
Local ALT ROCK heroes MOSELY
will unleash their new EP
"ECHOES" SAT FEB 10. You know
its gonna be a party when
REBELLE + COVETER are also
on the bill too.



LEGENDARY 90's BOSTON POWER POP! DOC HOPPER are one of those bands that helped define Melodic Punk. A must see for fans of this high energy genre. FRI FEB 16



CLOTHING SWAP #3 SAT PEB 17 llam-2pm. Reduce your carbon footprint & get some cool new outfits doing it!!! Check the event at www.houseoftarg.com to learn how it works!!!!





THE VOTP DJ's & Ottawa's
Rocksteady Powerhouse THE
SENTRIES host MTL Roots
Reggae band THE RESOJETS &
T.O.'S 5 piece SKA kings THE
CLASSY WRECKS. SKA HACK:
Arrive before 10pm & save \$2
at the door!



Toronto's AFTER PUNK, "the Grooviest Band North Of The Border & Ottawa's 7 piece Instro Jazz Funksters ERU-ERA join forces Thurs March 1st to create what will be remebered as the SUPER MEGA FUNK FREAKOUT!!!



The most authentic 80's dance party in the universe is back with 2 live sets of NEW WAVE HITZ performed by THE UNDERGROUND. Let's Dance Fri March 2nd.

# ACROSS THE STREET BY JOSH STAFFORD



## WHOLE LOTA CAGE!

e often forget that Nicolas Cage is a talented, Oscar winning actor. He's more than a YouTube clip of a guy screaming "Bees!".

His cinematic skills (he's been in 84 movies, soon 91) aren't surprising considering the profession runs in the family. Grandpa Carmine composed music for Godfather II, Uncle Francis directed Apocalypse Now, Aunt Eleanor directed Hearts of Darkness, cousins Sofia wrote Lost in Translation, and Jason was in Scott Pilgrim! Will his son Kal-El (yes, named after Superman) follow in their footsteps?

His filmography includes Leaving Las Vegas, Raising Arizona, and the unexpected turn to action super-star with guns-a-blazing extravaganzas like Con Air and Face/Off. Starting around 2006 with The Wicker Man, he's been on a marathon, spanning mainstream blockbusters (The Croods) to straight-to-bargain-bin oddities (Left Behind).

Is there a reason for the workaholic run? Did he go broke via divorce, owe millions in taxes, or is it his penchant for buying castles, dinosaur skulls, and comic books? Maybe he just loves making movies.

His latest is an intense horror / comedy about murderous parents, from the co-director of the Cage classic, Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance! Nicolas Cage with an axe trying to kill kids! What more could you ask for?!

Mom and Dad - Ottawa Premiere on February 23rd! Stay tuned for showtimes, and watch the trailer at www.mayfairtheatre.ca MAYFAIR THEATRE - 1074 Bank St.



NICOLAS CAGE SELMA BLAIR

# SKA JEFFS HI-FIUES

When the winter season arrived, one of the things I would get extremely excited about as a kid was hitting those hills with my magic carpet; or whatever onslaught of toboggans myself & all the neighbourhood kids could lug over to the hill. Fortunately for us, we had 3 hills within less than a 5 min walk, & if a parental unit was down to drive, we'd head to Orleans' classic tobogganing spot, THE CRATER. Still to this day, I go tobogganing every winter & Ottawa has some of the best hills. So here's my top 5 spots you should scope out:

#### **#5. WALTER BAKER PARK**

This big hill in Walter Baker Park is thee hill for the west enders. A huge man-made hill with one of the longest runs. There's a steep start too that is

perfect for launching that toboggan. Parking can be found next to the hill at Kanata Rec Centre. The hill is very well lit too.

#### **#4. CARLINGTON PARK**

Located in Westboro, Carlington Park is a retired ski hill, and has the steepest, fastest runs in town, plus a cool old chairlift to explore. You can park at the nearby Dulude Arena on Clyde.

#### **#3. APOLLO CRATER PARK**

Located at 600 Apollo Way in Orleans. Also known as "The Crater" as its shaped in the form of one. This hill isn't the biggest, but you can get some solid speed and go pretty fast. There is tons of street parking, but the hill is not very well lit

#### #2. ARBORETUM

Located near Dow's Lake. This hill is not an "official" city of Ottawa hill, with not much parking in the area, and no lights. However, this hill offers great runs from long and smooth to sharp and steep. The view from the top is great too!

#### **#1. GREENS CREEK**

Located just where Montreal Rd turns into St. Joseph right by the Queensway and the Montreal Rd bus stop on the Transitway. This is one of the largest hills with a variety of slope levels, and hay stacks at the base of the hill to stop all of us speed demons. Parking available at the hill, and it's very well lit.

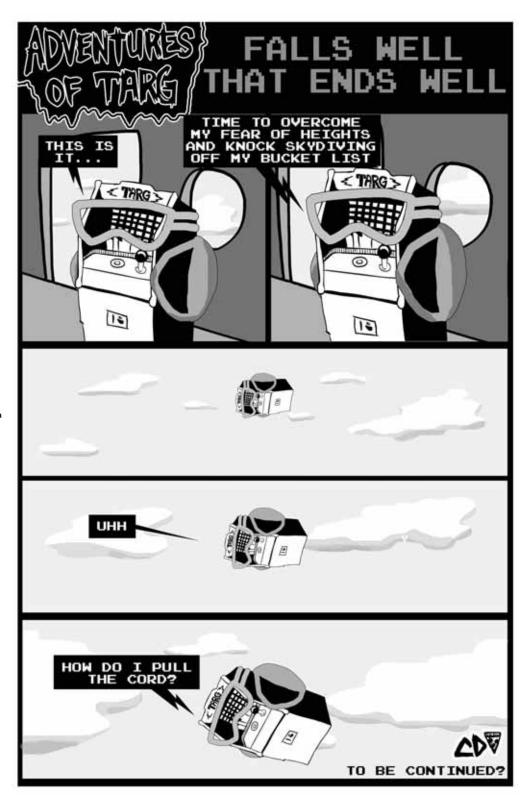


If our sources are correct February might be the month to bust out your pith helmet & embark on a mystical pinball expedition to discover the treasures of BLACK PYRAMID (Bally/Midway 1984).

Good news for fans of Video Game Action... a classified information leak hints at the arrival of a new multicade sit down cocktail machine featuring some titles that have never been at TARG before - including JOUST & GHOSTS 'N GOBLINS..... ok you let's leave it at that - you already know too much any more info could jepoardize your safety. Do some periodic arcade sleuthing this month & see what you can find.









# PEROGRAM

# A GUIDE TO ALL THE CONCERTS TAKING PLACE AT HOUSE OF TARG THIS FEBRUARY.

WED FEB 7 - House of TARG and PBR present:
THE BOO RADLEY PROJECT w/sg SCANT INTONE
+ THE PALE LIGHT + THE OBSIDIANS An uber
eclectic mid-week bill of funk, indie rock, surf and
experimental from Ottawa, Guelph, Elora and even
Vancouver - Early start/Early finish - doors@8pm!!
\*\*\*1\$ OFF PEROGIES EVERY WEDNESDAY
STARTING@5PM!!\*\*\*

THUR FEB 8 - House of TARG and Whitewater Brewing present: WIZARD WORKS VALENTINES CRAFT SHOW Just in time to get something special for yer sweetheart! Check out some of Ottawa's craftiest vendors selling unique and inspired items all in the comfort of our humble Arcade. Doors@5pm - this event is all ages!!!

FRI FEB 9 - House of TARG, MEGAPHONO and Beaus All Natural present: MEGAPHONO 2018: with performances by MICHAEL RAULT + EXPANDA FUZZ + SUNSHINE AND THE BLUE MOON + QUEEN OF SWORDS Every year the good folks at MEGAPHONO plan an amazing showcase of music in Ottawa and bring a wonderful night of entertainment to our stage- - stoked to check out their TARG picks for this year!! \*\*\*HIGHLY RECOMMENDED\*\*\*

SAT FEB 10 - House of TARG and Ashton Brewing present: MOSELY Ep Release Party w/sg COVETER + ALANNA STERLING + REBELLE It's time to celebrate!!! TARG favourites MOSELY are releasing their new cd "ECHOES" and we couldn't be more stoked to host their release party!! This wicked Indie/Alt-Rock band from OTTAWA enjoys influences ranging from FOO FIGHTERS to OF MONSTERS AND MEN and has developed a layered and dynamic sound of sweet, soft whispers to roaring harmonic choruses, their live shows are full of ranging emotions - check em out!! \*\*\*LOCAL HEROES\*\*\*\*

WED FEB 14 - House of TARG and PBR present: SUPERMURGITROID Jazz Nite. F8-BIT are a cover band dedicated to classic console game themes. The quartet consists of some of Ottawa's highest-scoring jazz players, who owe their quick fingers and epic grip strength to blistering rounds of Super Mario Kart as much as they do to music school. Expect to hear modern takes on the themes from PUNCHOUT, SUPER MARIO WORLD, EXCITE BIKE, MEGA MAN, THE LEGEND OF ZELDA, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and many more of your favourite classic console games. Doors@8pm

THUR FEB 15 - House of TARG and Whitewater Brewing present: ALL AGES SHOW with special guests NO HITS + 0 NEPTUNE + AVIV Every month we try to put on a couple shows that support our local community of younger musicians/artists and the growing legions of music fans that can't wait to check them out live at TARG!! Stoked for this wicked lineup of bands!! Doors@8pm \*\*\*ALL AGES SHOW\*\*\*

FRI FEB 16 - House of TARG and Beaus All Natural present: DOC HOPPER w/sg STEVE ADAMYK BAND + AUDIO VISCERAL + LAUREATE + MATT CHARETTE An awesome night of pop/punk with a stacked bill of bands that'll get you stoked/ bananas like nobody's business!! Looking forward to checking out some old favourites while meeting new pals - join us!! \*\*\*GUARANTEED FUN\*\*\*

SAT FEB 17 - House of TARG presents: CLOTHING SWAP #3 (11am-2pm) BRING: clothes, shoes & accessories you no longer wear WITH # of items, please sort your items prior to arrival (ie. T-shirts, shoes, sweaters, jeans..) & receive your "credits" to swap for your new finds. SWAP: for something you want & reduce your carbon footprint! ITEMS MUST BE: • clean & in good condition • ripped jeans are ok ;) • all ages & sizes are welcome

SAT FEB 17 - House of TARG, Shade Nyx's Theatre Macabre & Ashton Brewing present: BURLESQUE NITE: Mardis Gras Shade Nyx's Theatre Macabre is back to taunt and tease you! This edition is an especially colourful event as we celebrate Mardi Gras! \*\*\*ADULT CONTENT\*\*\*

MON FEB 19 - House of TARG presents: FAMILY DAY PEROGI/PIZZA ARCADE PARTY - the name says it all - TARG will be open from 11am-8pm in celebration of FAMILY DAY!! Join us for lunch or dinner - the whole family is invited!! Try a plate of our delicious handmade perogies or grab a slice of hot pizza for the kids - admission is free and all of our classic arcade cabinets will be set to FREEPLAY mode all day long!!!

WED FEB 21 - House of TARG, CHUO 89.1fm and Spectrasonic present: RICH AUCOIN Halifax's dance wunderkind, RICH AUCOIN, will play a handful of small shows in February before the launch of his new record. Expect a sweaty video dance party with all the usual tricks and an added bonus - a pile new songs - his best dance songs to date. Doors@8pm \*\*\*EARLY START/EARLY FINISH\*\*\*

THUR FEB 22 - House of TARG and Whitewater Brewing present: GRAVEN & THE NEW BAND w/sg THE SONIC DEFENSE + RORY TAILLON + CHRISTINE JAKEL Graven is the ongoing alt-country/folk project of Matt McKechnie. THE NEW BAND, comprised of a wild, rotating and circuslike band of hyper-talented individuals back this talented singer songwriter. Doors@8pm \*\*\*EARLY START/EARLY FINISH\*\*\*

FRI FEB 23 - House of TARG and Beau's All Natural present: THE RIPTIDES w/sg NECK + JOHNNY TERRIEN & THE BAD LIEUTENANTS + GOAT! Excited to finally welcome THE RIPTIDES to TARG for their "Yellow Snow Show"!! Killer punk bill featuring Ottawa heavyweights old and new - stoked for this sweet night of friends/bands \*\*\*STOKED\*\*\*

SAT FEB 24 - House of TARG, Ottawa Ska Syndicate and Ashton Brewing present: VOTP Ska Night w/sg THE SENTRIES + RESOJETS + THE CLASSY WRECKS Voice of the People! The monthly Ska and Reggae Night featuring DJs Longshot, Snappy & guests with live bands playing the best Ska, Reggae and Rocksteady music to make you move. \*\*\*SKA DANCE PARTY\*\*\*

MON FEB 26 - House of TARG and Pushcart Records presents: INDIE SHOWCASE/ALL AGES SHOW with SINGLE BY SUNDAY + WAS IT THE WALRUS + SPECIAL GUESTS Every month we try to put on a couple shows that support our local community of younger musicians/artists and the growing legions of music fans that can't wait to check them out live at TARG!! Stoked for this wicked lineup of bands!! Doors@8pm \*\*\*ALL AGES\*\*\*

WED FEB 28 - House of TARG and PBR present: THE HISTORY OF GUNPOWDER w/sg ALL DAY BREAKFAST + RIISHI VON REX The History of Gunpowder is a five piece swamp-pirate blues, freak out troupe from MONTREAL. Drawing inspiration from blues, soul, jazz, funk and punk, the music exists as an ordered chaos; elevated by the band's affiliation with Montreal's finest burlesque dancers and performance artists, who often perform original numbers alongside the band. For fans of TOM WAITS, SCREAMIN' JAY HAWKINS & eclectic freakiness. \*\*\*HIGHLY RECOMMENDED\*\*\*

THUR MAR 1 - House of TARG and Whitewater Brewing present: AFTER FUNK w/sg ERU-ERA Things are about to get funky at TARG!! Check out these wicked bands and lose yourself in their music/rhytym - guaranteed to make you move!! The dance floor beckons... Doors@8pm \*\*\*EARLY START/EARLY FINISH\*\*\*

EVERY SUNDAY NITE 9PM-2AM 19+ - House of TARG and Collective Arts Brewing present: TOUGHEN UP! w/DJ KJMaxx - Every Sunday night DJ KJMAXX & Guests, spinning 100% vinyl arcade jamz. Sleaze rock, Punk, Metal & retro electronic tunes to provide the soundtrack to your highscore pursuits. All pins & vids are set to FREEPLAY mode from 9pm-2am for your unlimited arcade pleasure.

# THE HALL OF WIZARDS

ON JAN 24th THE TOP 36 PLAYERS FROM HOUSE OF TARG'S MONTHLY PINBALL TOURNAMENTS CAME TOGETHER TO BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE CROWN IN THE 2017 HALL

OF WIZARDS! The field was well represented from the local pinball scene including numerous players from Pinball Women Ottawa, the Ottawa Pinball League, and the Outlaw Pinball League. The format was a Double Elimination Bracket with Best-of-1 Matches - leaving little margin for error – and tensions were running high heading into this 'suicide seeded' tournament.

THESE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NIGHT:

Lucas couldn't muster a deep run in the bracket despite his perfect attendance in 2017 (12/12 tournaments!), being ousted by #4 Seed Olivier in Round 3.

Phil enacted his revenge in Round 6 of the Loser's Bracket, knocking Joce out, while also putting his initials up on Game of Thrones for a new Grand Champion score.

Woody (#1 Seed) attempted to throw off Jason in the Semi-Finals with a game choice of ROBOT, only to lose narrowly in a game that saw both players with scores of over 1.3 million.



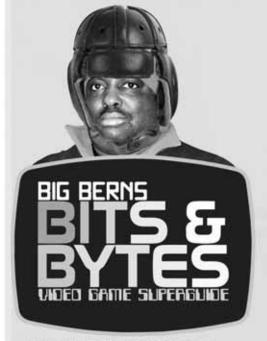
In a stunning 1st round upset newcomer Joce bested Phil, who's currently ranked #22 (of 33,000 players) in the World Pinball Player Rankings.

Big Joe, who was coming in hot from her debut in September, couldn't quite get a handle on her skill shots and fell in 2 straight vowing revenge on everybody.

Jason clinched the tournament with an anticlimactic win over Woody on Eight Ball Deluxe.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2017 - SEE YOU AT THE NEXT TOURNAMENT ON WED MARCH 7TH! ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS WELCOME. MAKE 2018 YOUR PINBALL BREAK-OUT YEAR

- Monte



GAME: NFL BLITZ '99 YEAR: MIDWAY 1998 BANH: \*\*\*\*

The 52nd Super Bowl took place this month so what better machine to to introduce you gamers to than NFL Blitz 99, a football video game with great graphics appeal and sound. Blitz is actually an extension of High-Impact Football from Williams, which midway picked up and ran with and the results have paid big dividends.

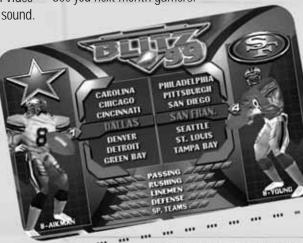
There are no referees, true to the theme of HIF, so no penalties will be called or flags will be thrown. The announcers voice (I believe it's Joe Buck's) calls the action for 32 teams vying for Super Bowl supremacy.

As Previously mentioned

the graphic speak for themselves they are phenomenally well drawn. The fields are green and immaculate, and the atmosphere parameters change from bright blue skies to gloomy rainy days to soupy foggy days as well.

As for blitz itself enter your initials and personal information to keep track of your record as 31 teams week or strong rise to the challenge. After the kick off each play will be 1st and 30 instead of 1st and 10 meaning you'll just use a combination of running and passing plays to get a first down while the defence throws various blitzes and zones to keep your team off-balance. Use the combination of the turbo button and your red and blue to intercept the ball on defence or cause a fumble. When a touchdown scored (by you or the computer) the option of a single point or going for two will arise. You must play all 4 quarters for the game to count. Also as a bonus try to answer the trivia question at the end of each game... you'd be surprised what you learn about the NFL's past.

See you next month gamers.



ABOUT PROFESSOR BERNIE
- VIDEO GAME PHD.

He's a TARG fixture & can be found at the TVs watching his beloved Senators or rippin' it up on Classic Vid Games. He's a bit of a "chip-nut" so bring him a bag of All-Dressed and he might give you some valuable vid tips in exchange.

## MEET THE HEAVY METAL HEROES OF ST. VALENTINES DAY

finding an eloquent way to express your love can be a daunting challenge... But fear not, your dearest Head Banging Heroes are here to help thanks to a 3 vol set of metal themed valentine cards (just like in grade 4) brilliantly created by Time Warrior Metal Merch out of Portland. Your sweetheart is guaranteed to melt when they receive a Dave Mustaine "Kissing is my Business" valentine. Here are a few gems from this unreal collection.







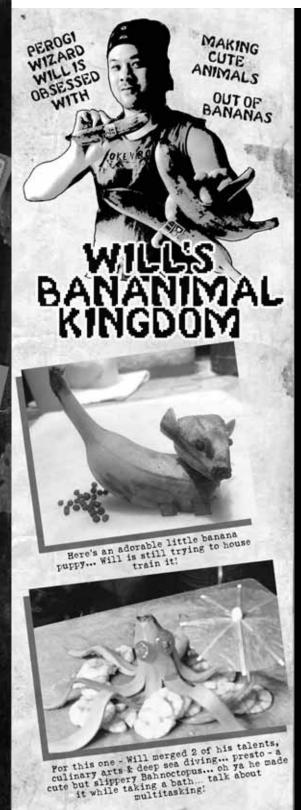






ou can order these amazing cards at

www.moltenmetalmerch.com





## KJMAXX'S WICKED WAX

KJMAXX'S TOP 10 VALENTINE'S DAY FRIEND-ZONE JAMS THAT SAY "I JUST DON'T LIKE YOU THAT WAY!!"

> 1. VAN HALEN -AIN'T TALKIN BOUT LOVE

2. MOTÖRHEAD/GIRLSCHOOL -PLEASE DON'T TOUCH

3. MÖTLEY CRÜE -TOO YOUNG TO FALL IN LOVE

4. JOAN JETT - YOU DON'T OWN ME

5. GARY NUMAN -ME! I DISCONNECT FROM YOU

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

7. GANG OF FOUR -RETURN THE GIFT

8. THE PRETENDERS -

9. THE STRANGLERS -GET A GRIP (ON YOURSELF)

O CC ALLIN BITE IT YOU COUN

10. GG ALLIN - BITE IT YOU SCUM

### **EVERY SUNDAY**

UNLIMITED ARCADE ACTION FOR \$5 9PM / 19+

PLUS SWEET 100% VINYL JAMZ COURTESY OF DJ KJMAXX & GUESTS



Dear Slo' Tom: My girlfriend wants me to start doing yoga. She says I need to exercise more and connect with my "inner self". I don't want to connect with my inner self! I don't even like my outer self! I love my girlfriend, but I dunno about this yoga business.

Please help me Tom! Signed – NoGoYoga

**DEAR NOGOYOGA:** Let's face it. relationships are all about finding a balance between what you're willing to do to make your partner think you care about the stupid stuff they like (and hence reap the benefits) and what you'll refuse to do (and pay the price). Some people are willing to fake an interest in almost anything if they like someone enough: The Ottawa Senators, The Amazing Race, beach volleyball, or unimaginative, lukewarm sex. Lots of people will do pretty much ANYTHING to fool their partner into thinking they care. Some will not. In the long run, you have to ask yourself: is it easier to pretend to care about yoga, or to tell her to go jump in the lake? If it's the former, go for it and make sure she appreciates it (by forcing her to pretend to like the stupid shit you're into). If it's the latter... you may be looking for a new gal. Then again, your problem is so idiotic, you probably should stick with the girl you've got. Man... this is getting confusing. Anyway, it's your choice, No Go Yoga. Best of luck!

Dear Tom: I've got a problem. My girlfriend and I have been together for three years. We're committed to our relationship and plan to spend our lives together. Sounds great right? Well, here's the problem. She's always said she doesn't want to get married - she says our commitment to each other is enough for her. But lately, I've been thinking that maybe we should get married! I mean, if we're planning to spend the rest of our lives together, why not... right? I'm not sure what to do! Please help me, Slo' Signed -I ThinkIMaybeWannaGet Hitched

#### DEAR I THINKIMAYWANNAGETHITCHED:

Listen pal, I'll tell you a story. When I was in high school I was going out with this super hot, ultra punk rock girl. She told me over and over that she didn't want to go to the prom. She repeatedly told me she didn't give a shit about that stuff. And I believed her. But ya know what? When the time came, I asked her to go to the prom with me. And you know what?

She said 'no'. So we didn't go. But guess what? She told me she still liked being asked. It's nice to be asked! So if you really want to get married, you should ask her. Even if she says 'no' she'll appreciate the offer. And who knows? She might just say 'yes'! Go for it, I ThinkIMaybeWannaGet Hitched.

Hey T-man: My dad says there's nothing like a White Russian. I say, you can't beat a Black Russian! I told my pop that if anyone knows a thing or two about tossing random alcohol down the hatch it's my old buddy Slo' Tom. You've got to settle our dispute! Who do you think is right, Tom? Signed - Father&Son

DEAR - FATHER&SON: Boy, this is a tough one! As most people know, the only difference between a Black Russian and a White Russian is the cream (or milk). So if you're a vegan or if you're turned off or weirded out by the thought of that cow / udder / nipple milking business, you'd better stick to Black Russians. But if you're like me, and as far as you're concerned that cow / udder / nipple milking thing is just dandy... well, bottoms up! Hope this help, Father&Son

# NEW BREWS WIZARD MARK HAS SOURCED SOME FRESH ELIXIRS FOR YOU TO TRY



## HONEY LAGER

ABV: 4.5 STYLE: Pale Lager

Perth Brewery
has a great
selection of local
crafted brews, so
last month we
brought a few in
to see which one
you folks liked.

Turns out HONEY LAGER was the Bees Knees with the TARG crowd - so you can expect this crisp & clean with a hint of local honey lager to be in the TARG Beer Fridge full time. Thanks for your help testing out the new brews - we know it was hard work but somebody's gotta do it.



#### MILLENNIUM BUZZ HEMP BEER Cool Brewing Co.

ABV: 5 | STYLE: Light Amber Lager

100% ORGANIC. Brewed with the finest B.C. hemp, dark roasted Alberta malt and choice German hops. Does NOT contain Labrador.

# INSIDE THE MUSIC STUDIOS THAT RECORD THE BANDS YOU GO TO SEE PERFORM LIVE.



OPON DAS HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR DECADES TO PUT OTTAWA ON THE MAP FOR METAL WITH HIS FIERCELY INDEPENDENT, JUNO NOMINATED BAND FUCK THE FACTS. HE CONTINUES TO GIVE BACK TO THE OTTAWA MUSIC SCENE BY SHARING HIS SEEMINGLY INEXHAUSTIBLE KNOWLEDGE & AND GOOD TASTE TO RECORD/ENGINEER/MIX & PRODUCE AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL RELEASES.... ALL OUT OF THE UNLIKELY DOMAIN OF HIS MOTHER'S BASEMENT. MAKE NO MISTAKE, APARTMENT 2 IS A PRO STUDIO WITH ALL GEAR & CLIENTS TO PROVE IT, BUT WHAT REALLY MAKES THIS FACILITY SPECIAL ARE TOPON'S TRUSTWORTHY EARS, TECHNICAL PROWESS & CREATIVITY - IMPORTANT ELEMENTS THAT AREN'T INCLUDED IN THE MYRIAD OF TODAY'S OUT OF THE BOX DIY HOME RECORDING OPTIONS. SOFTWARE & GADGETS DON'T MAKE GOOD RECORDS, EXPERTS LIKE TOPON DO.

#### WHO ARE THE ENGINEERS?

I worked solo at the studio for the first seven and a half years, but It was getting difficult for me to handle the work load, so just this past summer I partnered up with Scott Burniston (who's also my fellow live soundtech at Mavericks & Cafe Dekcuf). We've managed to create a really great working dynamic to not only get more work done, but also do it with more focus. Often now, Scott will be the one engineering the tracking of sessions and I'll handle the mix & mastering. We work together on the production elements and it's been

really helpful to have another set of ears that I can trust.

#### WHO HAS RECORDED THERE?

Alaskan, Asile, Aulnes, Abraxas, Badlands, Beyond Impact, Biipiigwan, Carraway, Constraints, Crusades, Cygnus Onyx Flame, Daiquiri, Dead Soul Alliance, Dead Weights, Deamon, Destroy Clocks, Did You Just Hex Me?, Eclipser, Esprits Noir, Exo-Vedate, Footsteps To Gaia, Fumigation, The Great Sabatini, Hamilton, Insurrection, Jonathan Becker & The North Fields, Letters From The Princess, Life On Trial, Mangler, Monolith, Mutank, The Night Watch, Outrage A.D., Peaks, The Pink Carpets, Quinnzelle, Sights Of War, Signs OF Chaos, Silent Order, Sombre, Sunflo'er, Trench, Two Jar Grind, War Nerve, World War 4, Young Teach, as well as my own bands Fuck the Facts & Merdarahta. I've also done mixing & mastering for a lot of other different bands from all over the world.

## IS THERE A PARTICULAR GENRE YOU SPECIALIZE IN?

Because of my background, it all started with a lot of metal. But I'm happy that over the years we've managed to cover a wide range of different styles and have gotten to work with a lot of different musicians & artists from all sorts of genres. Everything from folk, rap, noise, hardcore, death metal, punk, etc... & it's always fun to work on something that might push you a bit out of your comfort zone and open your mind to different ideas.

## WHAT MAKES APARTMENT 2 DIFFERENT FROM OTHER STUDIOS?

I haven't been to enough different studios to really compare, but I can say that our focus has always been on having a comfortable and creative environment for musicians. I truly believe that if the band is comfortable and having fun, good things will happen. Obviously we take this seriously and always strive to get the best results, but it's mainly about making sure that we're getting a true representation of the bands we record and that means making sure the band is comfortable, even if it isn't always the ideal recording situation. My favourite thing about music is that even if it's a similar genre, everyone is different, and capturing what makes one band different from the rest is the most exciting part of creating a record.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO CREATE THIS

#### STUDIO?

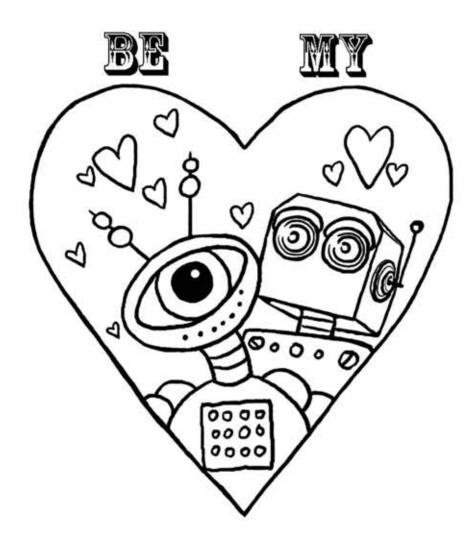
Back in 2010 my band (Fuck The Facts) needed to record an album and we decided to do it ourselves. I never actually intended for it to become what it is, or even to record any other bands, but it sort of snowballed from there and here I am 8 years later still in the same space making music.

## WHAT IS YOUR PRIZED PIECE OF STUDIO GEAR?

I know this isn't a normal studio guy characteristic, but I'm really not that gear crazy. I like playing with gear as much as the next guy, but I don't really spend much time researching and hunting down new things to buy. Whatever pops up and seems like it's going to make my life easier is usually what I go for. That being said, we have managed to accumulate a pretty wild collection of microphones and I do love using our Millennia Origin STT-1 whenever I can, so that's probably my most prized piece of gear. But we also have things like a cheap Fostex Mn-15 mixer that has a built in compressor that just sounds ridiculously cool on drums. Oh yeah, and there's that Marshall JMP that the guy from World War 4 wouldn't sell me, so I had to go out and find one on my own.



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