



Hello friends and happy 2016! I got back from Sweden a few days ago, where I rang in the new year with [Naomi & Her Handsome Devils](#) at The Snowball, an annual week long swing dance event in the heart of Stockholm. The picture above is the band just before midnight. Fun times!

2015 was a terrific year for me, full of travel, new creative projects, and of course a sizable smattering of local gigs here in NYC. Having said that, 2016 is gonna be even better. I have a lot of music that I'm working on and projects and recordings that will be coming into fruition throughout this year, and the reason for this e-mail list is to keep you informed of my progress (thank you for joining!), so here's what's coming up in the next few months;

#### **TRAVEL (Europe & India)**

I take off on Sunday, again for Europe, where I'll be performing with [Naomi & Her Handsome Devils](#) in Copenhagen, preceded by 3 personal days in Budapest. I've never been to either of those places, so any advice on what to see is very welcome! After that trip I return to NYC for about 9 days, before getting back on a 747, this time heading to INDIA, where I am beyond excited to study Classical Indian Music with master musician [Kala Ramnath](#). This trip is sponsored by the non-profit musical outreach organization [Fuel Our Fire](#), which I encourage you all to check out. Traveling to India and learning more about Indian music has been a life long dream of mine, and I will be sharing this experience with a group of about a dozen of my close musical friends.

Following this 2 week retreat, I fly to Bern, Switzerland for another weekend of playing bass for swing dancers with N&HHD, and then I'm back home by Mid-February. I'm going to invest in a neck pillow.

#### **NEW BAND**

I'm very happy to announce the formation of a new band...so new in fact that it is lacking a proper name still (current poll leaders are "[Barf Bag](#)" and "[Radio Head](#)" [2 words]). Nevertheless, we've already played 2 shows, and there will be more to come in the Spring and beyond. The question I keep getting is, "what kind of music do you guys play?", and I've quickly discovered the futility of trying to describe music with words, so here is a [link to a song](#) we played at Pete's Candy Store last month. I'm joined by the musical talents of [Lily Henley](#), [Raphael McGreggor](#) & [John Fatum](#). Our next performance will be in 2 weeks, when we'll play 2 songs for the 9th annual.....

#### **HARTFORD NIGHT AT JALOPY, 1/23**

Yes, it's time to celebrate the birthday of John Hartford once again at [Jalopy!](#) I'll be playing bass with 4 different groups that night; My aforementioned name-less group, [Jeff Picker & Mike Barnett](#), [The Steam-Powered-Water-Taxi Boys](#), and a band consisting of [Rick Snell](#), [Nick Reeb](#), [Matt Check](#), [James Kerr](#) and myself. Saturday, January 23rd. Mark it down!

#### **4 NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY AT THE DJANGO w/ Dennis Lichtman & Jake Sanders**

Another new project I'm proud to announce is with my long-time musical collaborators [Dennis Lichtman](#) and [Jake Sanders](#). We will playing 4 consecutive nights at a new jazz venue, [The Django](#), located in The Roxy Hotel (formerly the Tribeca Grand Hotel). We'll be there 2/17-2/20 playing from 10pm-1am, and we'll be digging deep into the traditional jazz canon. Jake lives in Chicago, so don't miss it!

#### **ONGOING RESIDENCIES**

Despite being out of town much of this Winter, I'm trying my hardest to continue performing at my ongoing NYC residencies when I can. As of now, those gigs are;

- Sunday nights - [St Mazie with Baby Soda](#), 10pm-12:30am
- Monday Nights - [Mona's Monday night Bluegrass Session](#), 10pm-1:30am
- Tuesday Nights - [Louie & Chan with The New Wonders](#) 7:30pm-10:30, followed by
- [Tuesday Night Traditional Jazz Jam Session at Mona's](#) (8.5 years and counting!) 11pm-Late!

Be sure to check my [calendar on my website](#) to see if I'll be there! Tonight is my last public gig before heading to Europe, I'll be playing at St Mazie with the New Wonders from 10pm-Midnight, so come out and say hi!

That's everything for now! I hope everyone is enjoying the El Niño-riffic Winter! I'll send an update in the Spring. Thanks for reading and hope to see you soon!

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