

This report covers the period of July 1st to September 30th, 2020. I inadvertently missed a few before that time period, which were brought to my attention by fans, bands & others. The missing is listed at the end, along with an End Note.



Scavengers - "[Riddle of Steel](#)" (single) [hardcore metal crust punk] Albany

Scum Couch - "[rvw lvnd todvy | John Mongonia](#)" [doom hardcore punk] Albany

Sinking - "[Only Echoes](#)" [alternative emo rock] Pittsfield MA

Smiles - "[Machiavellian](#)" [deathcore metalcore hardcore queercore] Albany

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RECORDINGS

Hard Rock / Metal / Punk

After the Fall - "[Resignation](#)" [hardcore skate punk] Albany

Alex Roumanidakis - "[Control](#)" (single) [metal] Albany

Banshee - "[Events Occur in Real Time](#)" (EP) [hardcore metal] Schenectady

Christopher Peifer - "[Suicide Mission](#)" [garage power pop punk rock] Albany/NYC

Concrete - "[Free Us From Existence](#)" [hardcore thrash metal] Albany

FACED - "[II COMING](#)" [thrash metal] Albany

Girth Control - "[Dumber for the Summer](#)" (2-track) [ska punk skate punk] Albany

Gozer - "[Space Vikings](#)" (single) [stoner rock] Albany

Ike's Wasted World - "[Weaponize](#)" | "[Love, Freedom and Pain](#)" | "[Tree Fox](#)" | "[Can You Make It](#)" (single tracks) [hard rock] Albany

Immune Friction - "[Earning the Debt of Others](#)" [alternative grunge noise punk rock] Bennington VT

Male Patterns/ Executors - "[Male Patterns/ Executors SPLIT EP](#)" [hardcore punk] Albany/Beachwood NJ

Penny Knight Band - "[You Bought The Lie](#)" (single) [hard prog rock] Albany

Reprise - "[Reprise](#)" (EP) [heavy metal] Saratoga Springs

STATE CHAMPS - "[Unplugged](#)" (EP) [acoustic pop punk] Albany

The Erotics - "[Let's Kill Rock N Roll](#)" [sleazy hard rock] Albany

The Mighty Atom - "[Crashing Through My Beers \[Single\]](#)" (2-track) [power pop punk] North Adams MA

Wet Specimens - "[Serpent Circle](#)" (lathe cut 7-inch) [punk hardcore] Albany

Rock / Pop

Aaron Rhoades - "[Going Somewhere](#)" (single track) [alternative electronic synthpop] Albany

Alex Hitrick - "[Ice Cream](#)" (single) [electro dance pop] Schenectady

BVLCONY - "[On Your Mind](#)" (single) [alternative pop] Saratoga Springs

Caramel Snow - "[The Moderate Celebration](#)" | "[Black Sunday](#)" (single tracks) [shoegaze dreampop] Delmar

Cassandra Kubinski - "[Stardust](#)" (single) [pop] Saratoga Springs

Dark Honey - "[Rougher Stuff](#)" [alt pop rock] Troy

Dominick Campana - "[Back Pocket](#)" [adult alternative rock pop] Albany

Emily Mitchell - "[I'd Like to Believe](#)" (single) [singer-songwriter power pop] Albany / Brooklyn

free cake for every creature - "[extras from 'the bluest star'](#)" [indie emo pop] Saratoga Springs/Philly PA

Grape Juice! - "[Outer Spvce](#)" (EP) [pop rock] Glens Falls

Jenny Marie - "[7400 Beverly \(feat. 970tis\)](#)" | "[Super Mario World](#)" (singles) [smooth jazz pop] Saratoga Springs

Jes Hudack - "[Prisoner](#)" (single) [pop] Saratoga Springs / LA

Jocelyn & Chris Arndt - "[One Night in November \(Live Album\)](#)" [blues rock pop] Fort Plain / Cambridge MA

John Powhida International Airport - "[Fernando 3X](#)" (single track) [rock pop soul] Boston MA/Albany

Matt Smith - "[Being Human](#)" [rock funk country pop guitarman] Clifton Park/Austin TX

Mystery Blend - "[Closed Till Further Notice](#)" (single) [pop folk] Lee MA

Nick Rossi - "[Banking on Nothing](#)" (single) [alt pop punk rock] Clifton Park

P Grace - "[Warm Water](#)" (single) [synth pop soul] Boston/Albany

Ride The Movies - "[B-Sides and Rarities, Vol. 1-EP](#)" [alt pop rock] Albany

Rough n Real Band - "[Insanity](#)" (single) [hard rock] Mayfield

Ryan Robby - "[Where the Heart Is](#)" (single) [pop] Saratoga Springs

Sandy McKnight with Fernando Perdomo - "[FAKE](#)" (single) [power pop rock] Lee MA

Shadowlight - "[The Other Side of the Red Lights](#)" (single track) [alternative rock pop psychedelic] Albany

The Figgs - "[Doing The Get Down](#)" (single track) [power pop rock] Saratoga Springs

The Reckless Few - "[Sunshine and Love](#)" (single) [pop] Troy

Americana / Folk / Country / Bluegrass / Singer-Songwriter / Traditional

Alexandra Higgins - "[Wait a While](#)" | "[Faded Dreams](#)" (single tracks) [country folk blues] Mayfield



Annie Dressner - "[Coffee At The Corner Bar](#)" | "[Midnight Bus \(feat. Matthew Caws\)](#)" - "[The Book Of Love](#)" - "[Pretend](#)" (singles) [contemporary s/s folk pop] New York/Cambridge UK

Anthony Prezio - "[Medley in the Key of D](#)" (single track) [s/s piano guitar ballad] Troy

Art LaFleur - "[Empty Sky](#)" (single) [country rock] Malta

Atelo - "[Bunker Bitch](#)" - "[sick of talking.](#)" (single tracks) [s/s emo folk] Albany

Beth Zaje - "[You Can't Take That From Me](#)" (single) [country pop] Albany

Bryan Edwards - "[Dystopia](#)" | "[A Thousand Years](#)" to "[Tell Ten Tales](#)" (single tracks) [s/s rock] Albany

Chris Cronin - "[Toss Out Everything Old](#)" - "[Always Alone](#)" - "[Mirror](#)" - "[Bad Man's Song](#)" (single tracks) [s/s world folk pop] Glens Falls

Doug Berggren - "[Church Dumpster](#)" (single track) [folk] Ballston Spa

Drew Jacobs - "[In The Year 2020](#)" (single) [comedy prequel year2525] Albany

Drew Jacobs & Swingbatter - "[Don't Take Me Out To The Ballgame](#)" (single) [baseball comedy] Albany

Hamilton Craig - "[Pillar of Smoke](#)" [new folk] Shushan

Heather Richards - "[You're The One Who Rocks Me](#)" (single) [country pop] Tupper Lake

Izzy Heltai - "[Father](#)" | "[Songbird](#)" | "[The Stranger You've Become](#)" (singles) [singer/songwriter folk pop] North Adams/Northampton MA

Jacob Billings - "[Barely Breathe](#)" (single) [s/s folk pop] Schenectady/Buffalo

Jesse O'Neill - "[Short Songs](#)" [s/s blues folk rock] Albany/NYC

James Mullen & The Strangers - "[The Acoustic Sessions](#)" | "[If We Could Come Together](#)" - "[Small Town \(With Nothing to Do\)](#)" - "[Urban Sunsets](#)" (single tracks) [singer-songwriter folk rock] Queensbury

Joe Mansman and The Midnight Revival Band - "[Fear in the Valley: Live from the Den](#)" [americana blues rock and roll] Glens Falls

Keanen Stark - "[cripple creek 2](#)" (single track) [lo-fi oldtime singer-songwriter traditional folk] Whitehall

Lucas Garrett - "[Familiar Floors](#)" (EP) [alternative folk rock] Queensbury

Mr. Days - "[Live at HMBC: The Poop Bag Sessions](#)" [alt-country rock] Albany

Marc Clayton - "[Beautiful Girl](#)" to "[City Street Sonata \(Featuring Tania Halko Susi\)](#)" (single tracks) [s-s folk classic pop] Albany

Marcus Ruggiero and Side Show Gypsy - "[Marcus Ruggiero and Side Show Gypsy](#)" [americana roots rock] Schenectady

meara - "[old man](#)" (cover) - "[milk](#)" (cover) (single tracks) [s-s folk rock] Coeymans

Rhiannon's Lark - "[We Walk in Her Power](#)" (single) | "[Festival of the Living Rooms September 2020](#)" [comedy folk geek pagan singer-songwriter] Troy

Rob Roark - "[The Challenger](#)" (single) [country] Albany/Nashville

Ryan Clark - "[Trust Me With Your Love](#)" (single) [modern country pop] Queensbury / Nashville

Sean Rowe - "[Foundations](#)" (EP) [s/s folk soul blues rock] Troy

Sirenne - "[Roswell's Shanty](#)" (single track) [darkwave gothic folk] Albany

Stephen Clair - "[The Small Hours](#)" [americana indie folk pop] Beacon

The Insolent Willies - "[Mostly Harmless Acoustic Mayhem](#)" [alt-americana country folk rock] Johnstown

The Sea The Sea - "[Stumbling Home](#)" [folk pop s/s] Troy

Watch Reggie Run - "[Chickens Lay Eggs](#)" (single) [children's americana punk folk rock] Albany



Jazz / Improvisation

Gluck, Sullivan, Latham Trio - "[Offramp](#)" - "[Half Life of Absolution](#)" (single tracks) [free piano jazz blues] Albany

Bright Dog Red - "[Somethin' Comes Along](#)" [experimental hip hop electronica free improvisation jazz psychedelia] Albany

International / Classical / World

Roomful of Teeth - "[Just Constellations](#)" | "[The Ascendant](#)" [acapella new classical octet vocal] Williamstown MA

Instrumental / Electronic / EDM / Soundtrack

Acid Reins - "[Chipmunk Beehive](#)" (single track) [fusion progressive rock blues] Troy

Andrew Hassenger - "[greensea](#)" - "[greensea \(reprise\)](#)" (single tracks) [ambient free jazz improvisation pop piano synth] Saratoga Springs

apostrophebeats - "[Upstate Daydream](#)" [electronic hip-hop rock glitch hop lofi beats] Albany/NYC

Chris Bassett - "[Golden Sunshine](#)" [experimental ambient drone industrial lo-fi noise] Troy

DComposeuЯ - "[SUBSTITUTE](#)" to "[DRUM TRIP](#)" (single tracks) [electronic deconstruction assemblages] STEAL CITY / EAST SIDE, PUEBLO, CO

Half Moon's Mast - "[Yet Another Skybeam](#)" (single track) | "[Roanoke](#)" | "[A New Communion](#)" [alternative chamber folk pop rock] Albany

Hand Habits - "[Aquarium Drunkard's Lagniappe Sessions](#)" [ambient atmospheric folk indie acoustic guitar] Albany/LA

Joe Kraemer - "[ESCAPE TO DANGER – Original Soundtracks from the Audio Adventures of DOCTOR WHO: LIMITED EDITION](#)" [radio drama soundtrack] Albany

John Malmberg - "[Shape: The EP](#)" [electronic ambient experimental pop synthwave vaporwave] Albany

Joseph Beaty - "[The View From Here](#)" [alternative gothic rock grunge industrial shoegaze] Glens Falls

Ken Powis - "[four-string forward](#)"
[experimental genre-blending progressive
funk rock bass] Albany

lunchboxbrain - "[Hambone](#)" [electronic
synth funk hip-hop pop] Rensselaer

Madeline Darby - "[CHORDLESS DELUX](#)"
(single track) [electronic experimental
glitch minimal noise] Troy

Midnight Bob - "[Summer of Evil](#)" [electronic drum&bass
hip-hop r&b soul] Albany

Moon Risk 7 - "[I Feel Pretty Ugly](#)" (single track)
[electronic ambient chiptune drone] Albany

MostlyEverything - "[Infinity Pool](#)" (EP) [hip-hop rap
beats] Albany

Pinkamena Party Crew - "[FLUTTERSHEY'S
PARADOXICALLY SOFT HARDCORE TEA PARTY](#)"
[break/hard/speed-core industrial techno metal] Troy

Rhakim Ali - "[Less Is More](#)" [hip-hop rap instrumentals]
Albany

Signal Earth - "[Scenes & Soundtracks](#)" [electronica
breakbeats world] Scotia

Sirenne - "[The Hope](#)" (EP) [electronic ambient darkwave
gothic industrial world] Albany

Spiral Wave Nomads - "[Ten Color Ritual](#)" (3-tracks)
[experimental drone improv psychedelic rock] Albany

Still.Floating - "[Grandma's House](#)" | "[Tropical. RMX](#)" |
"[Headrush](#)" [old-school sample-based hip hop
instrumentals] Albany

The Distractions - "[The Sleeping Gypsy](#)" (single) [alt
americana blues rock] Glens Falls

The Mountain Carol - "[Brother Bloom EP](#)" [casio electro
jam synthpop] Saranac

The Rough Shapes - "[Lost Stations](#)" (EP) [underground
cinematic rockabilly surf spy early rock and roll ambient
post-rock dream pop] Saugerties

Underwater Cartographers - "[Cruisin' Chikuma](#)" (single
track) [alternative experimental smooth funk pop jazz]
Albany



Zovi - "[立秋 feat. ちょこ - ひ](#) (Zovi's
sBEEcore BEEtleg BEEmix!)" (single
track) [industrial cybergrind noise rave]
Troy/NYC

Blues / R&B / Soul / Funk

Barry - "[Wildin](#)" - "[Tougher Times](#)"
(singles) [alternative r&b soul pop rap]
Albany

Brother Hemlock - "[All My Friends](#)"
(single) [funk soul blues] Albany

Buggy Jive - "[Ain't Going Anywhere](#)" [alternative black
rock hip-hop neo-soul singer-songwriter] Albany

Dr. Bleezus - "[Voicemail](#)" (single) | "[A La Cart](#)" (EP)
[blues hip-hop rap soul] Albany / PA

Joy Adler - "[Fare Thee Well Baby](#)" (Ma Rainey cover)
[folk blues] Troy

Kiessence - "[Girls Just Wanna Have Fun](#)" - "[Love Cycle ft.
Lee Reh](#)" (singles) [r&b soul rap] Albany

Lee Reh - "[Two Fools in Love \(ft. KayleighFound\)](#)" - "[Trust
Issues](#)" - "[Real Love](#)" - "[Quarantine Life](#)" (single tracks)
[r&b soul pop] Albany

Mads Wrld - "[Hush](#)" - "[Witty](#)" - "[Empty](#)" (singles) [s/s alt
r&b pop] Saratoga Springs

Mark Tolstrup & Jill Burnham - "[Mark & Jill Sing the
Blues](#)" [traditional american blues] Saratoga Springs

Pink Nois - "[Silver Sabre](#)" | "[Prelude](#)" (3-tracks)
[electronic hip-hop/rap soul trip hop] Albany

Souly Had - "[LEAP!](#)" (single) [r&b soul pop rap] Albany

Hip-Hop / Rap

Ab The Audicrat & Xkwisit - "[AX To Grind](#)" [hip-hop rap]
Albany

Airline Jay & Dev McCray - "[The Mission](#)" (single track)
[hip-hop rap] Albany

Bezzolay - "[All or Nothing](#)" - "[Come Get It](#)" (singles) [hip-
hop rap] Albany

Camtron5000 - "[Vibez Freestyle](#)" to "[Savage Freestyle](#)"
(single tracks) [hip-hop rap] Albany

Cole King - "[Touch The Sky \(ft Don Marko & Zander\)](#)" (single track) [hip-hop rap pop] Saratoga Springs

Emcee Graffiti- "[Diamond in the Rain](#)" (single) [hip-hop rap] Albany

Freedom Stratton - "[VIBES feat \(Blue Cheeze\)](#)" (single track) [hip-hop rap] Albany

Giant Gorilla Dog Thing - "[Baths with Geese](#)" [hip-hop rap] Albany

Isaac LaRue - "[HELLMANN'S \[CONWAYFLIP\]](#)" (single track) [lo-fi hip-hop beattape] Albany

Jayy Greene - "[Hoops](#)" - "[Twenty-One](#)" - "[Make Sense](#)" (singles) [hip-hop rap] Queensbury

Johnny 2 Phones - "[Into The Sun](#)" (single) [hip-hop rap pop] Albany

Katy Ashe - "[Mother's Isolation](#)" [electronic industrial hip-hop r&b rap] North Creek

MADDS - "[F**ked Up \(With You\)](#)" (single track) [hip-hop rap] Schenectady

MostlyEverything - "[Smiling](#)" - "[Understand](#)" (singles) [hip-hop rap] Albany

Nbhd Nick - "[Slide My Way](#)" - "[Go Hard or Go Home](#)" (singles) [hip-hop rap] Albany

Oz Alone - "[DISTANCE.](#)" [indie experimental hip-hop rap] Saratoga Springs

Queen Barz - "[BLACK LIVES MATTER](#)" to "[LIKE I WANT YOU](#)" (single tracks) [hip-hop rap] Albany

Rhakim Ali - "[You Should Be Sorry](#)" [hip-hop rap] Albany

Studio C Addendum - "[The Story of Fisher Hudson](#)" [hip-hop rap] Oneonta/Albany

Thurman Junior - "[OMW \(Feat. Tavia\)](#)" - "[Second Chances](#)" - "[Want The Most](#)" - "[South Colonie \(Remix\) \(Feat. Naé\)](#)" (single tracks) [hip-hop rap r&b] Colonie

Toshi - "[Whole Lotta Dead](#)" | "[Fast](#)" to "[Morphine](#)" (single tracks) [hip-hop rap pop] Amsterdam



Touchmoney Cease - "[Surgery \(feat. Telly Jelly\)](#)" (single) [hip-hop rap] Schenectady

Vumbino Productions - "[Nas & Amerie - Rule](#)" (single track) [underground rock hip-hop rap] Troy

Wavy Cunningham - "[Club Wavy](#)" | Wavy Cunningham & DJ Mercy - "[Fight Back](#)" [hip-hop rap] Albany

Gospel / Christian / Spiritual

Agape Blues Company - "[Strength & Honor- Live](#)" (single track) [Christian gospel blues] Schenectady

Revealer - "[Don't Dance To The Dragon](#)" (single track) [alternative Christian rock pop] Catskill

Robert J. LaCosta - "[Love Goes Viral](#)" (single track) [inspirational country pop] Albany

SaviorSongs - "[Beautiful World](#)" (single) [eclectic spiritual rock] Albany

Alternative / Indie / Jam / Other

Architrave - "[Blissed Out](#)" - "[Humble and Good](#)" (singles) [alternative new wave synthwave rock] Ballston Spa

Asa Morris - "[Tape Delay 2](#)" | "[God Has Entered My Body. A Perfect Body, My Same Size](#)" (EP) [lo-fi alt rock] Glens Falls/Burlington VT

Asa Morris / Tim Goodspeed - "[Split](#)" [lo-fi alt folk rock] Glens Falls/Burlington VT

Brent Gorton - "[quiet time](#)" [indie emo pop rock] Albany

Brown Cuts Neighbors - "[Squeeze Out Another Twinkle](#)" (orig 1995) [alternative gypsy punk lo-fi low-fi rock] Schenectady

Brunch Kid - "[Msg From the Future](#)" (EP) [alt electro noise pop] Troy/TX

Chris Kyle - "[Deep Blue](#)" to "[Air](#)" (single tracks) [avant-garde folk pop] Saratoga Springs/Brooklyn

Coupons - "[Up & Up](#)" [alternative emo indie rock pop] Albany

Evan Crawley - "[Locked](#)" (EP) [alternative lofi pop rock] Poestenkill

Jim Connelly - "[Mabon - Autumnal Equinox](#)" (EP) | "[Lughnasa Start](#)" (EP) | "[Saga Of The Spaceways](#)" - "[Mabon Gets On](#)" (single tracks) [experimental acoustic folk jazz world] Schenectady

joetaurone - "[justjoe vol. 1](#)" [goofy garage indie psychedelic rock n roll] Albany

Logan White - "[Idaho](#)" (EP) [alt pop rock] Clifton Park

Long Neck - "[The Blow EP](#)" [indie lo-fi rock pop] Hudson/Jersey City NJ

Los Elk - "[Revival](#)" (single) [indie dance rock] Saratoga Springs/Boston MA

Next Station - "[Edges](#)" (single) [alternative rock] Albany/Dallas TX

Pete Donnelly - "[Palpitations](#)" (single track) [indie jazz punk rock underground pop] Saratoga Springs/Katonah

Slam Reed - "[Wildwood](#)" [alternative rock] Saratoga Springs

Struction - "[Unreleased](#)" [experimental electronic noise rock] Albany/Nyack

The Distractions - "[My Ocean](#)" (single) [alt americana rock] Glens Falls

The Olson Brothers Band - "[Running For The Sun](#)" (single) [alternative classic rock] Bennington VT

The Pine Boys - "[Monster](#)" (single) [alternative rock hip-hop funk] Albany

Tiki Bats - "[TIKI BATS COME BACK](#)" (EP) | "[Tiki Bats: Ten songs to Teach You](#)" [noise rock] Albany

Triya Love - "[DARKNIGHT](#)" (single track) [alternative electronic experimental folk hip-hop jazz rap indie pop] Albany

Underwater Cartographers - "[You Gentle Romans](#)" | "[Benign Fascinations](#)" | "[C l a i r D e L o o n](#)" (single track) [alternative experimental hip-hop beats chillhop lo-fi political] Albany

Witch Culture - "[Demo](#)" [alternative indie pop rock] Queensbury



Collections / Compilations

Buddie's Basement –

"[Buddies II: The Buddening](#)" [various] Albany
Live Performances from Buddies Basement in dirty Albs NY 9/29/19-12/4/19

Come Home Soon Vol. 2 - Various Artists

Everything remains real sucky for a whole lot of people right now. Pig Food Records released a [second volume of their 'Come Home Soon'](#) compilation series. All proceeds from this series will be going directly to the Wiggins family to help them out during a difficult time.

David Greenberger & Tyson Rogers

A huge [spoken word collection](#) can be found here, added to nearly daily, with Greenberger's monologues paired with Rogers music accompaniment.

Gordon St - Live

A few [recorded live sets](#), July 1st up to September 30th.

Horse Apples

Jhonn C continually adds to a [collection of softly sung improvisational ambient synth pop tunes](#) and world sounds, slightly weird? Calming... and yet...

Mark Shepard - "Life In Song"

Mark notes that since 1976 he's been obsessively and compulsively writing songs. Some of them are inspired by his own life; the attempts to understand love, life, spirituality, peace and justice. You can hear many of his songs from the project [at his website](#) and on [Bandcamp](#).

Matt Smith

Matt Smith grew up in Clifton Park and lived in the Capital District until leaving for NYC in 1994. Matt is best known for being in Interstate, E.B. Jeb and the Matt Smith Band as well as hosting Tiger's Pub weekly Jam Session for many years. Matt's guitar (and musical) expertise has grown, and expanded as he has gone into music production and studio recording with his world acclaimed 6 String Ranch, based in Austin, TX. 'Being Human' is the flagship studio release for 2020 (listed elsewhere in this report). But there has in fact been 8 new albums released at the same time, including '[Being Human](#).' (Take deep breath here...)

'Parlor'

['Chop Shop – Live At Strange Brew'](#)

['Matt Smith's World – Live At The Saxon Pub'](#)

['Matt Smith 1988-2020 Vol. 1'](#) (The Upstate NY Years)

['Matt Smith 1988-2020 Vol. 2'](#) (The NYC Years)

['Matt Smith 1988-2020 Vol. 3'](#) (NYC/Austin TX)

['Matt Smith 1988-2020 Vol. 4'](#) (The Austin Years)



Bezzolay - "[Come Get It](#)" (Official video)

Buggy Jive - "[Ain't Going Anywhere](#)"

Buggy Jive - "[Swing Along](#)" (Will Marion Cook cover)

Caramel Snow - "[The Love Witch \(Official Video\)](#)"

Caramel Snow - "[Somebody With Her Heart On Fire](#)"

Caramel Snow - "[The Girl With Blue Hair](#)"

In addition to the recordings listed above, 10 of Matt's other albums will also be digitally re-released for the first time in in the near future! Go to [6 String Ranch](#) for what's available as of this report.

Steve Hammond - "Small Songs"

Many have tried, but this collection adds "[A New Song Every Week in 2020!](#)" A mix of experimental, folk, honky tonk, noise, rock, pop, psychedelic. So far so good...

27. georgie bean

28. the old man on the mountain

29. dog rape whistle

30. 3 or 7

31. this old movie

32. prison highway: burnin' in the afterlife

33. western world

34. my s and your p

35. water striders

36. on the mainland

37. feelin' strange

38. return of the worms

39. straight to number one

40. we should have died

We Are 518 Albany NY

Currently with some 65+ songs, [this Spotify playlist](#) is dedicated to local musicians. If you are an Albany native or alumni, submit music to ElModernist@gmail.com or El Modernist on Facebook for inclusion on the playlist.

VIDEOS

After the Fall - "[No Resolve ft. Tim McIlrath](#)"

After the Fall - "[Up and Down](#)"

After the Fall - "[Absent Minded](#)"

Architrave - "[Blissed Out](#)" (Official Lyric Video)

Architrave - "[Humble and Good](#)"

Beth Zaje - "[You Can't Take That From Me](#)"

Cassandra Kubinski - "[Stardust](#)"

Chris Cronin - "[fillwrvr](#)"

Coupons - "[90's Kids](#)" (Official Video)

Don Warren - "[1990 Something](#)"

Drew Jacobs & Swingbatter - "[Don't Take Me Out To The Ballgame](#)"

E.R.I.E. - "[Fears Come Runnin'](#)"

Erin Harkes & Melanie Krahmer (Sirsy) - "[End of the World](#)"

Fab The Duo - "[Party For Two](#)" (OFFICIAL Music Video)

Glass Pony - "[Hypnos](#)" (1/11/20 Putnam Place Saratoga Springs, NY)

Hamilton Craig - "[Skin Disease](#)"

Heather Richards - "[Across The Great Divide](#)" (cover)

Heather Richards - "[I'm Wanting More](#)"

Heather Richards - "[We're Still Here](#)"

Izzy Heltai - "[Before You Go](#)"

Izzy Heltai - "[Father](#)"

J.Marco Johnson (feat. Adriana V) - "[You Do You \(I'll Do Me\)](#)"

Jay Maloney - "[Saturn Brain Etch](#)"

Jenny Marie - "[Super Mario World](#)" Music Video

Katie Louise - "[Family \(Official Music Video\)](#)"

Lee Reh - "[Two Fools In Love](#)" (ft. kayleighfound) [Official Video]

Luxtides - "[Salt](#)" (Stripped)

Marcus Ruggiero & Side Show Gypsy - "[Little Tornado](#)"

Marcus Ruggiero & Side Show Gypsy - "[Song For Wendy](#)"

Matthew Jared Larkins w/ Nicole M. Larkins-Hamilton - "[Close To You](#) (Carpenters cover)"

Moon Boot Lover - "[Hope You Do Too](#)"

Next Station - "[Edges](#)" (Official Video)

Robert J. LaCosta - "[Love Goes Viral](#)" (Official Music Video)

Rusticator - "[Dear Sam](#)"

Ryan Clark - "[Trust Me With Your Love](#)"

Sean Rowe - "[Got My Mojo Working](#)" (Written by Preston "Red" Foster)

Side-B: "[AJ's Dad \(TikTok Compilation\)](#)"

Slam Reed - "[Dinosaur Man](#)" (Official Music Video)

Souly Had - "[LEAP!](#)"

The Figs - "[Reset Switch](#)" [Official Video]

The Matchstick Architects - "[Starry Skies \(Socially Distanced Version\)](#)"

Under The Den - "[Let's Go To Paris...](#)" (The World Ends)"

Young Culture - "[Better Off As Friends](#)" (Official Music Video)

Collections / Series

More than a handful, but perhaps less than fifty. Click the links to view the latest batch of original songs from the following bands and artists:

Dogs of Desire - "[Hot, w/Mustard](#)"

Featuring a series of ten of America's best composers, presenting new thrilling works that give voice to life during this pandemic.



New videos were released every week with bonus features including interviews with the composers and festive menu musings.

8/2: [Alexis C. Lamb](#) – "Look Through"
8/9: [Carlos Bandera](#) – "The Vast Hour"
8/16: [Annika Socolofsky](#) – "Light of a Clear Blue Morning"
8/23: [Andre Myers](#) – "Pulp Anthem: Reflected Glory"

8/30: [Nina Shekhar](#) – "DEAR ABBY"

9/6: [Jack Frerer](#) – "Getting Better"

9/13: [Clarice Assad](#) – "Se Tirar Nem Pôr (Give or Take)"

9/20: [Gala Flagello](#) – "Persist"

9/27: [Paul Mortilla](#) – "Transmuting Ether // Quarantine-Dreams"

10/4: [Derrick Spiva](#) – "From Embers"

Dynamite Pleasure Chair

["Dr Mario"/ "A Doctor You Can Trust"](#)

["I Was Once A Power Ranger"](#)

["Why Don't You Make Like A Tree And Get Outta Here!"](#)

["Wally Bear And The No Gang"](#)

["Toxie"](#)

["Zombies Ate My Neighbors \(But I Still Hunger 4 U\)"](#)

["BFG"](#)

The Sea The Sea

["A Thousand Years"](#) Lyric Video

["Fall Before The Climb"](#) (Official Video)

["Broken - Live Video \(OFFICIAL\)"](#)

["Foreign Country - Live Video \(Official\)"](#)

["A Thousand Years - OFFICIAL LIVE VIDEO"](#)

Underwater Cartographers

[These, and the ones in between](#) - "[Depart, Oh Night. Vanish, You Stars.](#)" to "You Gentle Romans"

Film / Documentary / TV

Moving Image Studio - Storyboard Creators Reel

Campers at Storyboard Creators Summer Media Camp learned the art of storyboarding. Inspired by music, they created storyboards and turned those into fun music videos! [This video](#) begins with Taína Asili song "Who I Am" & concludes with Eiffel 65 "Blue (Da Ba Dee)."

Taína Asili

["Beyond the Stars"](#) [Documentary]

["Beyond the Stars"](#) is a music video documentary by Taína Asili featuring sitarist [Veena Chandra](#). Veena

shares the unique path she has carved as a woman in her field, including what her craft has meant to her life and how she has balanced her professional career as a performer and educator with raising six children. It's also the story behind the song "Beyond the Stars," a collaboration between Veena and Taína, from the album '[Resiliencia](#).' The song was a recipient of a New Music USA Award.



"Beauty Manifested" [Documentary]

["Beauty Manifested"](#) is a music video documentary short directed and produced by Taína Asili that shares Sophia Smart's journey to interrupt abusive patterns of fat shaming passed down in her family and perpetuated in her community, in order to heal ancestral trauma and reclaim self-love. Sophia shares the courage and wisdom she has gathered as a fat, Black queer who is committed to justice, joy and the community interconnection that gets us free. The song "Beauty Manifested" is on the album '[Resiliencia](#).'

Tiny Desk Contest Top Shelf

[Episode 5](#)

Tiny Desk Contest judge Tarik Moody of 88Nine Radio Milwaukee joined NPR Music's Bob Boilen to share his favorites entries to the 2020 Tiny Desk Contest. Within the first 15 minutes was Leah Woods "[Fighting a Mind That's Been Sold](#)." Tarik and Bob discuss the videos & artists on what made them stand out from the thousands of entries.

[Episode 7](#)

Rita Houston of WFUV joined NPR Music's Bob Boilen to share her favorites entries from the 2020 Tiny Desk Contest. Within the first 5 minutes was Laveda with "[Dream. Sleep](#)." Hear about what made Houston's favorite videos stand out from the thousands of entries received this year.

WMHT-TV AHA! A House for Arts

AHA! features [the stories of artists, makers, and creative institutions](#) right here in our backyard. It's a celebration of all things creative.

These are the local musicians that recorded a few songs:

Caity Gallagher – "[Hour Drive](#)" | "[All That's Left](#)"

Mike Grutka – "[How the Story Ends](#)"

Jim Gaudet – "[Hold On, a Father's Lament](#)" | "[Goin Up to Saratoga](#)"

TJ Foster – "[The Background](#)" | "[Fire Away](#)"

Belle-Skinner – "[Violets](#)" | "[Mon Cheri](#)" | "[Falling into the Earth](#)"

Steve Candlen – "[Long Train Home](#)" | "[Streets of the City](#)"

Rob Beaulieu – "[La Di Da](#)" | "[Autumn](#)"

Live / Concert (Virtual)

Caffe Lena

With a [several playlists available](#) on their YouTube channel, there's a mix of

national & local bands and artists showcased in live video and audio recordings from the [Caffè Lena](#) listening room. For the most part they're free to watch, but viewers are encouraged to visit and contribute to support the artists and the Caffè.

Capital Region Curbside Concerts

Guthrie/Bell Productions teamed up with Colorado-based Curbside Concerts to get local artists on board for a new way to connect with music fans while regular shows are not an option. [Curbside Concerts](#) is a platform that allows fans to book small scale, socially distanced shows in their own driveways or front yards. It's ideal for solo and duo performers, or those that can perform with a simpler acoustic or stripped-down set up. All are still welcome to sign up, just [click on the link](#).

CoverBandTV Presents:

Covering bands LIVE in the Capital Region of Upstate NY. View previous broadcasts or find upcoming shows. [Contact them](#) if you want to use their services.

Freedom Park 2020 Quarantune Series

From the season that almost wasn't, comes a [free live-stream concert series](#), thanks to an array of sponsors.

The shows included:

July 1 - [Carmen & Life's Guilty Pleasures](#)

July 4 - [The McKrells](#)

July 8 - [Audiostars](#)

July 11 - [Rusticator](#)

July 15 - [Erin Harkes](#)

July 18 - [Alex Torres & His Latin Orchestra](#)

July 22 - [Get Up Jack](#)

July 25 - [The Legendary Characters](#)

July 30 - [Skeeter Creek](#)

August 1 - [Heard](#)

August 5 - [Capital District Youth Pipe Band](#)

August 8 - [Raquel & The Wildflowers](#)

August 12 - [SIRSY](#)

August 15 - [2096 Unplugged](#)

August 19 - [Given to Fly](#)
August 22 - [Big Fez and the Surfomatics](#)
August 26 - [Grand Central Station](#)

Live at Five

With the long running Alive at Five Thursday night concert series canceled for 2020, the Albany Office of Cultural Affairs began hosting a live streaming show via Facebook Live called... "Live at Five." Featuring hour-long performances by mainly local cover and original bands & artists, past shows by those listed below can be found [HERE](#). Last quarter saw performances by: Sawyer Fredericks (rescheduled) | Justin Friello | Hartleys Encore | El Modernist | Hanzolo | Conversing with Oceans

LIVE from the Strand Theatre

The mission of Hudson River Music Hall Productions is to create community through music and the related arts, accomplished through their venue [the Strand Theatre](#). For upcoming events, visit the website.

Past performances recorded by [Upst8MusicFanZone](#) include:

July –

Kelly & Son | Meet The Mockers - A Tribute to 60's Brits | Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius and Heard | WailOn: A Tribute to Waylon Jennings and Outlaw Country Music | Tumblin Dice: The Music of The Rolling Stones | The Newell's Unplugged | The Jazz Collective

August –

Robert Bates | Led Zeppelin Jam | The JB Project | The Erotics | JAM - Jonathan, Alan and Marc | Songs From The Heart: Gisella Montenez-Case | Alan Dunham & Liz Winge |

September –

Marty Wendell and His Band | Front Porch Storytelling presents The Garden Raid | Led Sabbath - A Tribute to Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath | Respect: A Tribute to Women Who Rock

[Rhiannon's Lark](#)

Live performances and other videos created to highlight the music of Rhiannon's Lark.

Sirsy Virtual Tour / Live Stream Concerts

With live shows cancelled, Mel & Rich geared up to do some 'germ free' online shows to watch from home. Some of them may even have a theme. Past shows &



future scheduled 'Virtual Tour' shows can be found at Sirsy's YouTube [HERE](#)

The Linda: Open for Take-Out Virtual Concert Series

A program series produced in collaboration with video production company Chromoscope Pictures. The virtual concerts take place Monday nights, usually at 8 pm.

[The virtual concerts are ticketed events](#), and provide fans with a professionally produced concert delivered directly to their homes via YouTube stream. Here's what's happened so far this quarter:

MOTORBIKE | Girl Blue | The Age | NoLaNauts | NXNES and Pink Nois | Zan and The Winter Folk | Caity Gallagher | Laveda | Glass Pony | Ryan Leddick

The Palace Sessions

The Palace Theatre, the City of Albany and Mirth Films team up to present a [monthly live music series](#) sponsored by KeyBank featuring regional acts performing in unique spaces within the historic performing arts center. Here's what was presented this quarter:

[Wurliday](#) (7/15/20)

[Eastbound Jesus](#) (8/19/20)

[The Amico-Barady Quartet](#) (9/16/20)

MISC / OTHER

518 Profiles Magazine

[July, 2020 - Upstate Beat p.28](#)

"Super Dark Shines On" - By Kirsten Ferguson

[August, 2020 - Upstate Beat p.30](#)

"Pandemic Rock" - Architrave's moody new album 'This Perfect Day' is a perfect encapsulation of the moment. By Kirsten Ferguson

[September, 2020 - Upstate Beat p.30](#)

"Music in the Time of Coronavirus" - Sequestered in the Midwest, Christopher Peifer blasts out of lockdown with a bare-knuckle new album. By Kirsten Ferguson

American Songwriter

[State Champs Leave Cares Behind on 'Unplugged EP'](#)

Interview with Macie Bennett about their new 6-track EP, featuring four new songs and two revamped

releases from previous albums. Among other insights, guitarist Tyler Szalkowski explains that "We wanted to make an EP that was acoustic music with variety."

Atwood Magazine

Breaking the Record with Roan

Yellowthorn

Roan Yellowthorn (aka Jackie McLean) has been writing a column nearly every Thursday since February 6th to document, step by step, the process of making their new album & other topics.

BAD TRANSFER

Male Patterns Interview

A short interview conducted by Matt Average with the band's singer Brendan, who talks about the new split record with Executors out of NJ, the scene in Albany and other stuff.

"Kid69" (audio version) by Sandy McKnight
"A memoir of a teenage adult and a miracle year"

[Read along to the print version!](#)

Mark Shepard Music Videos - "Life In Song"

Since 1976 Mark's been obsessively and compulsively writing songs. Some of them are on video. From horrible slide show "music videos" from a decade ago to ones created on new and challenging video and editing equipment. [Find them here.](#)

Metal Nation

MORIAH FORMICA Interview: The Voice of a New Generation

Check out this [video interview](#) with Rustyn Rose of Metal Nation. As of July, hear about her music journey and future plans (and announcements that were held off).

Monticello Real Estate Small Biz 518

[Alexander Monticello talked with members 2 members of Eastbound Jesus](#), Adam Brockway and Carl Anderson, about the band's origins and their newest album release: "Full Moon Over Salem." Interview conducted at The Cohoes Music Hall before album release show in February.

Paste Record Time: New & Notable Vinyl Releases

([September 2020](#))

The magazine's monthly column that looks into the wide array of new vinyl releases making their way to



record stores around the world. An NY expat is among a collection from an early R&B vocalist, a reissue of a Fleetwood Mac classic, and a new art rock gem.

[Annie Dressner: 'Coffee at the Corner Bar' \(self-released\)](#)

Pitchfork - Features

["Florist's Emily Sprague Is on a Never-Ending Search for Life's Biggest Mysteries"](#)

by Jenn Pelly - Contributing Editor

The folk, indie-pop, and ambient artist talks about the bike accident that changed her perspective and having her music featured in Beyoncé's 'Homecoming' film in this Rising interview.

SUPER DARK Live Music

Live music presented in the upstate New York (518) area and beyond. A variety of sounds from local to touring artists. Mostly filmed in Albany, Saratoga Springs, and the surrounding areas.

TRAX:

[TRAX](#) is a local music tv/video program, aired on LOOKtv, dedicated to musicians in the Saratoga Springs area. Trax showcases artists in all disciplines of music playing original compositions. During this time of COVID-19, LookTV asked artists to participate by submitting songs from their homes.

Recent episodes have featured:

- * [NYC Ballet/Philadelphia Orchestra/Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, György Ligeti](#)
- * [NYC Ballet/Philadelphia Orchestra/Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center](#)
- * [Archtrave, Corry Loveday with Angelina Valente, Joel Brown, Haley Moley, Rich Ortiz, Arx Duo, Bob Warren](#)
- * [The Switch, Jon Bowers & Gordon Grey, Ria Curley](#)
- * [Nicole Zuraitis & Dan Pugach](#)
- * [Frederick Johnson & Michael Ross](#)
- * [Dan Tepfer](#)
- * [Sarah Elizabeth Charles and Jarrett Cherner](#)

WEXT Radio - 518 Sessions

Live performances and conversations with Local 518 musicians. Each week highlights a different artist or band with a brief interview as an introduction. Airdates are Thursdays 11:30pm & various other times.

The latest includes Christopher Shaw, Dominick Campana At Home, AHA Session with Belle-Skinner,

AHA Session with Steve Candlen, AHA Session with Rob Beaulieu.

WEXT Radio - Listen: On Demand

Catch new *On Demand* listening opportunities all gathered in one spot. 518 Sessions, along with Live@EXT and At Home sessions and various interviews, will all land here as well as on their associated WEXT program pages.

Have a listen to the following from the Local 518:

[Conor Walsh](#) | [Dominick Campana At Home](#) | [AHA Session with Jim Gaudet](#) | [AHA Session with Belle-Skinner](#) | [E.R.I.E. At Home Session](#) | [SIRSY, Quarantine and New Music!](#) | [AHA Session with Steve Candlen](#) | [AHA Session with Rob Beaulieu](#)

WEXT Radio - Local 518 Show

The Local 518 Show showcases original music from bands and musicians based in, or have strong ties to, the Capital District. Each show features an Attic Classic - a song/band from generally a decade or more ago. It's WEXT's original half hour show dedicated to new and significant music and honoring the roots of the Local 518's diverse music scene.

INADVERTANTLY OVERLOOKED - RECORDINGS

Hard Rock / Metal / Punk

Psychomanteum - "[Future Factions](#)" (single track) [thrash prog metal industrial] Albany

The Sugar Hold - "[reef break EP](#)" [garage punk surf rock] Schenectady

Watch Reggie Run - "[Water Bottle Wild Man](#)" (single) [children's pop punk rock] Albany

Rock / Pop

Cassandra Kubinski - "[Back to the Earth](#)" (single) [alternative folk pop] Saratoga Springs

Jenny Marie - "[Antidote](#)" - "[Back in My Feelings](#)" (singles) [smooth jazz pop] Saratoga Springs

Roan Yellowthorn - "[Rediscovered](#)" [indie pop rock folk] Morrisonville

Russel the Leaf - "[Landlocked](#)" | "[Jambalaya \(On the Bayou\)](#)" (single track) [s/s pop covers] Troy



Shadowlight - "[Meteor Shower Girl](#)" (single track) [alternative rock pop psychedelic] Albany

Americana / Folk / Country / Bluegrass / Singer-Songwriter / Traditional

Art LaFleur - "[Reset](#)" (single) [country rock] Malta

Caity Gallagher - "[Spring](#)" (single) [alt pop folk] Albany

Hamilton Craig - "[No Blame](#)" - "[Fly in Low](#)" - "[No Kidding](#)" - "[The Frozen North](#)" - "[Little Iodine](#)" - "[pick it up](#)" - "[i took a chance](#)" - "[somebody i saw in a dream](#)" (single tracks) [new folk] Shushan

James Mullen & The Strangers - "[Free Love \(Plus Tax\)](#)" (single track) [singer-songwriter folk rock] Queensbury

Jockimo Brown - "[Love Whatever Way](#)" [indie folk] Saratoga Springs

Matt Krahula - "[Hold Me Closer](#)" (single) [s/s folk pop] Colonie/Brooklyn/Hawaii

Robinsong - "[Around The Bend](#)" [acoustic instrumental folk] | "[The Water is Wide](#)" - "[Wild Home in the Helderbergs](#)" [acoustic environment folk] | "[Tico My Little Bird](#)" - "[Look Who's Coming My Way](#)" - "[Little One](#)" - "[The Thacher Park Monster](#)" [acoustic children's folk] | "[John and Rachel](#)" [acoustic historical folk] (all single tracks) Albany

Tom Staudle - "[Is This a Dream We All Dream???\(Setting up Your Personnel Data\)](#)" (single) [acoustic country folk] Fultonville

Jazz / Improvisation

Dylan Canterbury - "[Going Places](#)" [modern postbop bebop jazz] Saratoga Springs

Instrumental / Electronic / EDM / Soundtrack

Midnight Bob - "[Nothing is Random](#)" [electronic drum&bass hip-hop r&b soul] Albany

Triya Love // Madeline Darby - "[Read Me Like a Teleprompter](#)" (single track) [alternative electronic experimental folk hip hop jazz] Albany

Blues / R&B / Soul / Funk

Kiessence - "[In Yo Feelings](#)" - "[Hotline](#)"
(singles) [r&b soul rap] Albany

Hip-Hop / Rap

Thurman Junior - "[Going Legit](#)" [hip-hop
r&b] Colonie

Alternative / Indie / Jam / Other

Adam Tinkle // Marc Woodworth - "[Town
Cryer // Weird Flex](#)" [alt folk rock pop]
Saratoga Springs

Charlotte Reilly - "[Hide Away](#)" (single) [alternative s/s
r&b soul] Niskayuna

Eric Rothstein - "[Trivial Conversations](#)" - "[Is It Real?](#)" -
"[Not Like Any Other](#)" (single tracks) [acoustic
alternative] Glens Falls

Next Station - "[Introspection](#)" (single) [alt rock]
Albany/Dallas TX

Nickopotamus - "[Stone Chromozone](#)" [alternative rock
funk fusion] Albany

The Olson Brothers Band - "[Candle in a Storm](#)" - "[Listen
Close](#)" (singles) [alternative classic rock] Bennington VT

Under The Den - "[All That Talk](#)" (EP) [indie funk pop
rock] Albany

VIDEO

Dynamite Pleasure Chair –
"[Cowborg](#)" | "[OBJECTION!!!!](#)" | "[Hop On Pop](#)"

Jenny Marie - "[Antidote](#)"

Kiessence - "[In Yo Feelings](#)"

Next Station - "[Introspection](#)" (Official Video)

The Abyssmals - "[Let's Forget](#)"

The Olson Brothers Band - "[Candle in a Storm](#)" (Official
Lyric Video)



Collections / Series

More than a handful, but perhaps less than fifty. Click the links to view the latest batch of original songs from the following bands and artists:

Buddie's Basement

"[Welcome 2 Buddies](#)" [various] Albany
Buddie's Basement Live Recordings from
06/08/19 to 08/27/19

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End Note

There's an amazing amount of original music recorded and videos produced by Capital Region musicians, bands, and artists every year. By no means is these listings all-inclusive. If you know of a release or video you loved but was inadvertently overlooked, let me know. You can reach me at [apgregory65 at gmail dot com](mailto:apgregory65@gmail.com)

If you or your band have an upcoming release planned, please visit [The Local 518 Show](#) for airplay submission guidelines.

Since 2012, it's been an eye-opening experience putting these quarterly reports together for the fans, supporters, and most importantly the creators of original music in the Capital District (and just a bit beyond).