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Band of Oz, Spanish Galleon, December 30, 2021



Who wasn't excited about three nights with three great bands to bring in the New Year?

Everyone was excited!

Consternation arose when those who like to dance along with their Beach Music discovered the dance floor was filled with tables and chairs. (That didn't stop many who found a way to squeeze out a few moves in the small spaces between the tables).

Concert and dinner theatre style seating promotes a greater feeling of intimacy, no doubt. However, there are many who like to amp it up on the dance floor -- a legacy which began in the U.S. cabaret movement of the 1890s.

The monetary and health challenges have doubled and re-doubled in the last two years.

The Spanish Galleon folks started charging extra for tables, the tables cost a lot more than the chairs that surround them, about 15 years ago. The problem increased almost geometrically with the onset of Covid a couple of years ago. It is "tough" to be a band searching for a decent wage for an evening's work -- or to be a venue hoping to land a good band at a decent price.

The Band of Oz kicked off the end of the year festivities on December 30 -- tickets, \$35. What!!!!!!!!!!?

How can a band live at that level of poverty? The Truth? Most can't. That's why MOST of them have disappeared in the last 20 years.

If we don't raise and pay the tariff for the great bands we still have -- they'll be gone.

The Beach Music Top 40 News & The Roadhouse Blues & Boogie Top 40

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Concert-style seating and ticketing have been growing in popularity on the Grand Strand.



(Clyde McPhatter Drifters at the Spanish Galleon)

On December 11th the Spanish Galleon presented a concert-style show with Legends of Beach Music - the Clyde McPhatter Drifters (who gained new notoriety as part of the Beach Music exhibit at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh this past year).



Earl Dawkins and the Entertainers (top right) played the first night of 2022, while the Embers below brought in the New Year.

For those who love the Beach Bands, but don't want to pay them a decent wage – there's always those old CDs that can be fired up, or MP3 downloads from Amazon, Spotify, CD Baby and the rest. ***





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-- Fessa' John Hook

I continue experiencing several kinds of Deja Vu every time I look at the chart.

This isn't Elton John's first time at the top of the chart - but it is his first time teamed up with Dua Lipa. "Cold Heart" never sounded so good as it does now.

Teddy Swims at # 2 is an unusual fellow -- Swims was born Jaten Dimsdale on September 25, 1992. His stage name came from an acronym for "Someone Who Isn't Me Sometimes."

I'm not sure how Patman and Robin, or Don Dixon, feel about Dixon's entry on the chart at # 3, but I think "Young Love" is the best thing Don's ever done in the Beach Music genre.

Don't let Marshmello and the Jonas Bros chart position at # 5 fool you. They are just now getting a huge groundswell of momentum.

We could say something similar to Zac Brown's "Old Love Song," it's already been to # 1, but I think it has a long shelf life in the Top 10 this year.

Every time I hear the Spinners -- with two songs on the current Top 40 -- I'm shocked! The Spinners are still with us. And so are the O'Jays from their latest CD 'The Last Word.'

"Just a Little Misunderstanding" indicates to me that the Catalinas aren't going to slow down in 2022 anymore than they did in 2021.

A couple of weeks after Neikid f Mae Muller debuted on the Beach Top 40, we had an opportunity to see her perform "Better Days" on Jimmy Fallon's show. Here's hoping for more hits from their lady.

Cat 5's "Beach and the Boulevard" somehow belongs to a category of its own and we look forward to several more.

Karen Clayton of the Castaways FINALLY won female artist of the year at the Carolina Beach Music Awards in November. Their "Never Found A Man" is yet another testament as to why she deserved this award a long time ago.

Salt Luvs Pepper came out of left field, I thought, (until you learn who the players are....then it makes much more sense).

Gregg Browder and F.A.B. can't be stopped with their latest, "Satellite Radio."

Ginger Thompson's CD is FINALLY out! "Chain of Fools" debuted at # 39 last week. ***

Teddy Swims

Dark horse entry for 2021, destined for # 1 in 2022.

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20	1	1	COLDHEART JOHN, ELTON & DUALIPA		2021	22	16	21	EYE FOR THE YOUNGBLOOD BRADFORD AND BELL		2021 KHP 1175
11	2	2	BLOWIN' SMOKE SWIMS, TEDDY	Unlearning	Patman & Robin	36	19	22	I'LL FIND A LOVE TAYLOR, MIKE & JULIUS PITTMAN	Which Way to the Beach	Forevermore Music
22	3	3	YOUNG LOVE DIXON, DON	A Little More Love	New West	29	21	23	MY BROTHER MY BROTHER THOMPkins JR, RUSSELL		2021 KHP 1175
26	4	4	GET OUTTA TOWN MARTIN DAVIS BAND f Bill Lyerly		2021	14	22	24	CRUZIN' CAROLINA BLUE DOTS	Senorita	2021
21	6	5	LEAVE BEFORE YOU LOVE ME MARSHMELLO & JONAS BROS		2021 Forevermore Music	13	23	25	I GOT YOU O'JAYS	The Last Word	2019
26	7	6	OLD LOVE SONG BROWN, ZAC		2021 Patman & Robin	7	30	26	HE'S YOUR COULD'VE BEEN HUNTER, JAMES SIX		
18	10	7	BAD HABITS SHEERAN, ED			6	28	27	CAN'T GET YOU OFF MY MIND GORE, JACKIE		2021
22	11	8	TO BE WITH YOU STEWART, ROD	Human	Atlantic	9	31	28	NEVER FOUND A MAN CASTAWAYS f. KAREN CLAYTON		2021
21	12	9	TAKE MY BREATH THE WEEKEND		2021	9	32	29	WHERE DO YOU WANNA GO 98 DEGREES		2021
26	5	10	FOOL FOR YOU QUICK, JIM & COASTLINE	Revival	Warner Recs	11	33	30	OAK ISLAND MAN VUNCANNON, TERRY		2021
24	8	11	MY HEART'S GOT A MIND OF ITS OWN GODFREY, RICKY	A Little More Love	2021	5	35	31	MERRY GOROUND Â Carnival Band f. Dave Sandy Â Â		2021 Malaco
19	14	12	I'M IN MY PRIME SPINNERS	Round the Block and Back	2021	4	36	32	LOVIN' ARMS SALT LUVS PEPPER		2021
17	13	13	SKATE BRUNO MARS, ANDERSON PAAK, SILK SONIC		2021 Skate	4	37	33	SATELLITE RADIO FEATURE ATTRACTION BAND (FAB)		2021
22	9	14	SQUEEZE ME IN MCCLINTON, DELBERT	Nothing Personal	Patman & Robin	2	38	34	STICK WITH ME BABY PLANT, ROBERT & ALLISON KRAUSS	Raising Sand	2013 Rounder
38	15	15	ORDINARY JOE ASKINS, MOLLY		2021 Peak Recs	18	26	35	WHY ARE YOU SO MEAN TO ME MOJO BLUES BAND		2020
19	17	16	JUST A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING CATALINAS f. BARRY DUKE	Summer 21	2021	21	27	36	STAY BABY STAY TAYLOR, MIKE		2021
23	18	17	RED HOT SUMMER NIGHT SUGAR BEES f. MARY VELLA		2021	46	29	37	YOU TO ME ARE EVERYTHING WOOLARD, CRAIG		2021
15	20	18	GOOD LOVE IS HARD TO FIND TRIPP, RACHEL		2021	7	34	38	CLICHÉ SPINNERS		2021
8	24	19	BETTER DAYS NEIKID, f. MAE MULLER & POLO G		2021 Forevermore Music	2	39	39	CHAIN OF FOOLS THOMPSON, GINGER	Straight from the Heart (Good for the Soul)	2021
7	25	20	BEACH & THE BOULEVARD CAT 5		2021	2	40	40	WHEN YOU GROOVE REV BUBBA D LIVERANCE & CHP		2021

Bubbling Under Spotlight

MISS YOU BABE
BE COOL
ISOLATION BLUES
AIN'T NOTHIN' BETTER
BEACH AND THE BOULEVARD
SMOKE FROM A DISTANT FIRE
SOMETHING SAID LOVE
THESE BLUES
HONKY TONK STOMP
WHAT Y'ALL DOIN'
BLOODY MARY
SQUEEZE ME IN
NOTHING TO LOSE
LOVE ON THE LINE

BLACK, CHRISTINE
BONITA & THE BLUES SHACKS
BRADFORD & BELL
CAT 5
CAT 5
CAT 5
CAT 5
CHARLIE ALBERTSON
COBB, JOHNNY & JERRY MCCOY
DELTA RIDERS W JOE GRAZIANI
HEATERZ
MCCLINTON, DELBERT
MISTY BLUES
ROBERTS, ROY

UNDERSTANDING MELLOW
SHIMMY SHIMMY SHIMMY
SWEET SUMMERTIME
SPREAD YOUR LOVE AROUND
WOKE UP THIS MORNING
TELL HER
ILY (I LOVE YOU BABY) Rohn's Mix
I WANNA GO BACK
DANCIN' BY THE OCEAN
HIP IT

SILK GROOVE REVUE
SMITH, HAROLD & 4 KNIGHTS ORCH
SMITH, ROGER
SOUL PAK
SPINOSA, LUCAS
STEVE SALAS
SURF MESA f. EMILY
TOO MUCH SYLVIA
UPTOWN BOYS
WALL STREET

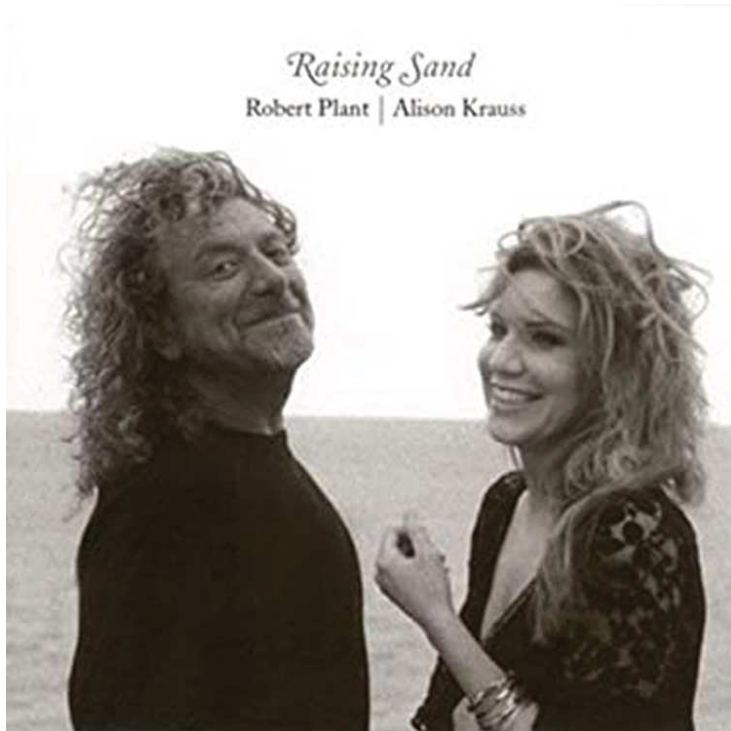
Top Beach Music Ballads

1 WHEN WE ARE
2 YOUR EYES, MY HEART, OUR SOUL
3 MR. DREAM MERCHANT

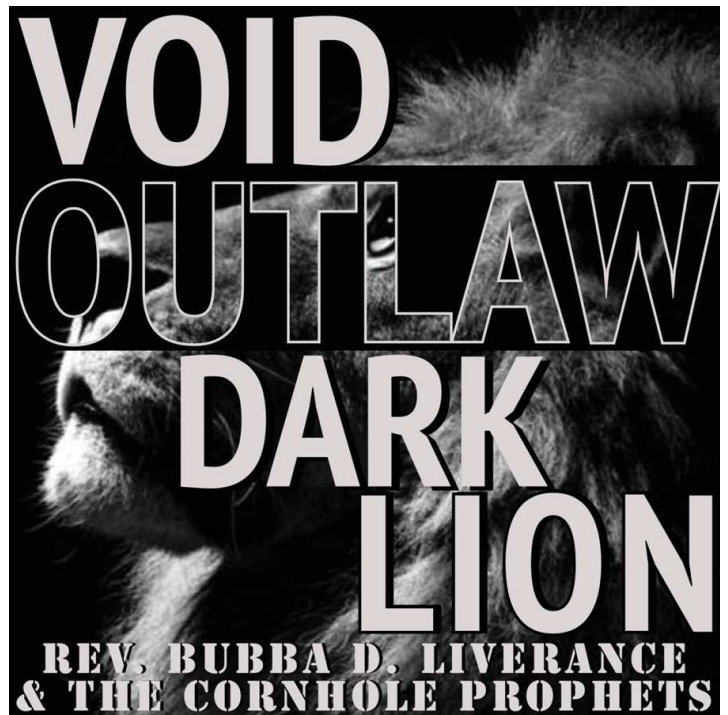
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TOO MUCH SYLVIA
JACKIE GORE



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After several years as Led Zeppelin's lead singer, Robert Plant finally paid enough dues to make the Beach Music Top 40 chart. Even then, he brought along allison Krauss to get that extra boost onto the chart. ***



Reverend Bubba D. Liverance and the Corn Hole Prophets rode the top of the chart at # 1 for four weeks May-June. (Get 5 albums on a flashdrive....

<https://revbubbadliveranceandthechp.bandcamp.com/album/void-outlaw-dark-lion>)

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18	3	2	THINK SNUGGS, CHARLIE & MIKE HOWARD		2021		12	23	22	CRAZY JOSEPH & THE VELOZIAN	Joseph Veloz Presents:	2021	BIG-O Records
21	2	3	TOUCHING BASS KOLASSA, MICK	Wasted Youth	2021	Endless Blues	15	24	23	BACK IT UP WITH THAT LIP MISS LADY BLUES	MOE BETTA BLUES	2021	
18	6	4	BOOGIE 'TIL WE'RE FREE HAGGARD, JIMMY	Warm Me Up	2021	Tool Shed	14	26	24	HURRICANE GIRL FOLEY, SUE	PINKY'S BLUES	2021	Stony Plain
33	7	5	HOLD BACK THE RIVER MISSE MILY	Live at the Isabel	2021		21	14	25	THAT KIND OF LOVE JACKSON, TITO	Under Your Spell	2021	Gulf Coast Recs
18	8	6	WHEN I AM DRINKING VICKERS, BRAD & HIS VESTAPOLITANS	The Music Gets Us Thru	2021	Man Hat Tone	12	25	26	I'M YOUR LANDLORD JACKSON, WILLIE	All In the Blues	2021	
21	4	7	ROCKIN' DADDY CHAMBERS, SEAN	That's What I'm Talkin' About	2021	Quarto Valley Recs	26	30	30	HONEY BEE MARRINER, STEVE	Hope Dies Last	2021	Stony Plain 1433
16	9	8	WHY ARE YOU SO MEAN TO ME MOJO BLUES BAND		2020		12	31	31	OVER IN THE CORNER SCHAFER, MICK BAND	Back to the Blues	2021	Lightning in a Bottle
23	5	9	THINGS YOU MAKE ME DO HEATERZ		2021	Daxwood	15	32	32	CITY COUNTRY CITY RICCI, JASON & JOE KROWN	CITY-COUNTRY-CITY	2021	Gulf Coast
15	11	10	DOWN AT THE JUKE RICCI, JASON & JOE KROWN	CITY-COUNTRY-CITY	2021	Gulf Coast	4	35	33	GOING NOWHERE FAST SUGAR ROOTS, THE	Savage's Life	2021	Lightning in a Bottle
14	12	11	BOOGIE REAL LOW FOLEY, SUE	PINKY'S BLUES	2021	Stony Plain	4	36	34	HAVIN' A PARTY SUGAR ROOTS, THE	Savage's Life	2021	Lightning in a Bottle
18	10	12	I OUGHTA BE YOUR MONKEY BASILE, AL	B.'s Testimony	2021	Kenoza 9941	4	37	35	PURDY OLD NO. 5'S	Moment to Lose	2021	
14	13	13	AIN'T NOBODY TALKIN' TAJ MAHAL & KEB MO'				33	33	36	MEMPHIS QUEEN WILDROOTS	Wildroots Sessions Vol 1	2021	Wildroots Recs
18	15	14	NEED YOUR LOVIN' HAGGARD, JIMMY	Warm Me Up	2021	Tool Shed	12	27	37	HOW LONG BRIDGES, EUGENE HIDEAWAY	Live in Tallahassee	2021	ARM00042
22	16	15	ABC'S O'KEARY, POLLY & RHYTHM METHOD		2021	50	33	34	37	WAY I LOVE IT DONE, THE DANSER, KAT	One Eye Open	2021	Black Hen Music
18	17	16	WHEN THE GIRL SAYS YES BASILE, AL	B.'s Testimony	2021	Kenoza 9941	12	28	38	OPEN ROAD JAMES, COLIN	Open Road	2021	Stony Plain 1434
15	18	17	ADDICTED MISS LADY BLUES	MOE BETTA BLUES	2021		33	38	38	TAKE ME BACK WILSON, KIM	Take Me Back- Bigtone Sessions	2020	M.C. Records
14	19	18	SOMEDAY FOLEY, SUE	PINKY'S BLUES	2021	Stony Plain	15	29	39	JIMMY SMITH STRUT RICCI, JASON & JOE KROWN	CITY-COUNTRY-CITY	2021	Gulf Coast
26	20	19	DREAMING OF YOU ZITO, MIKE	Resurrection	2021	Gulf Coast 9031	33	39	39	AW SHUCKS BABY RAMOS, KID & BOB CORRITORE	Phoenix Blues Sessions	2021	Southwest Musical Arts
15	21	20	DOWN 'N DIRTY RICCI, JASON & JOE KROWN	CITY-COUNTRY-CITY	2021	Gulf Coast	33	40	40	ROCK WITH ME MAMA ALABAMA SLIM	The Parlor Blues	2021	Cornelius Chapel Recs

Rising Stars

SAY IT LIKE MAGIC SAM
EVERYBODY'S GOTTA GO
DON'T YOU KNOW
CHECKIN' ON MY BABY
WALKING BLUES
LOST ALL I EVER WANTED
ALL ABOUT YOU BABY
NEVER GONNA CRY
SUGAR MAMA
OCTAVATE 'N

ADLER, JIMMY
ALABAMA LOVESNAKES
ATKINSON, BIG JON
BACKTRACK BLUES BAND
BLACK CAT BONE
ELLIOTT & THE UNTOUCHABLES
FAT DADDY BLUES BAND
FISH, SAMANTHA
FLAMING MUDCATS
HANCK, TERRY BAND

IS YOU IS OR IS YOU AIN'T MY BABY
YOUR BLUES
LOUISE
BARREL HOUSE JOE'S
ROLL YOUR COAL
DON'T STAY OUT ALL NIGHT
YOU'RE NOT IN TEXAS
RAINING IN PARIS
FINE FURRED MAMA
STOP KNOCKING
IF IT'S NEWS TO YOU
LEAVING HOUSTON

HARRIS, PAULA
HITMAN BLUES BAND
HOWLIN' BLUES BOOGIE BAND
HURRICANE RUTH
JAMES, CHEYENNE
KASHMAR, MITCH
LANZA, BOB BLUES BAND
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May 23, 1964 (Nolan 2nd fm the right in the back)

Leonard Nolan Moss, Jr. 74, of Kannapolis passed away, January 3, 2022. He was born December 18, 1947 in Cabarrus County.

I met this delightful, friendly man back in the mid-80s when researching Earl Dawkins for a story in It Will Stand magazine.

It's times like this that remind me that I could be on the phone more, on the internet more, to get ever more perspective on the early and later days of Beach Music history.

In the mid-80s, Ralph Farmer, manager of many of the regional bands around Kannapolis, was still alive and I have several opportunities to learn from him.

Nolan repeated in a 2019 interview that Earl Dawkins essentially replaced him on the singing side in the mid 60s after Nolan was in a serious car crash. [A 1964 picture shows

6 members of the Excels, 6 in early '65, and 9 in later '65.... not long after that pic early replaced Nolan as one of the 9-- he was 14).

Dawkins probably performed with the Excels at the Park Center in Charlotte on 11-6-65.

He also performed with them at the Cavern, B&G Trading Post and the Discotheque in 1965 (all Charlotte clubs).

Dawkins played with the Excels until Farmer heard him and asked him to join the Aqua Lads from Salisbury, with his mom and sister. Later he and his best friends formed the band best known as "Nolan Moss and the EXCELS"

Nolan loved the beach, playing golf, picking and grinning with his buddies and shagging with his wife of 55 years, and spending time with his family and grandkids. ***



2-7-63 The earliest performance of the Excels that we've found.



Early Excels: Nolan Moss is 3rd from the left



Nolan Moss bottom right - before the car crash and his replacement (on vocals) by Earl Dawkins