

THE RANT AND RAVE GAZETTE

A Music Newsletter

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Welcome to the eleventh issue of the Rant. NOTE: the most recent issue comes up first with the past issues following. Cheers!

THE HOKEY POKEY

“YOU DO THE HOKEY POKEY AND YOU TURN YOURSELF AROUND



"This is my favourite part!"

Just returned from a whirlwind trip to Berlin to attend a concert featuring our friend Michael Friedman, singer, songwriter and guitarist, currently living in Sechelt B.C. It was a special affair. Michael has a following in both countries, but particularly in Germany where he shared writing credits on “Wir Haben Wind Gesat” - a song that became a hit on the German charts. My old friend and playing partner Kerry Galloway was also a co-writer on that piece as well as the producer and arranger of Michael’s last album, “Random Acts Of Tuning.”

One of the consistent dreams harboured by Michael and Kerry over the last few years has been to perform a collection of this material with an orchestra and chorus in Berlin ... and that was exactly what came to be. The whole thing was magnificent. An augmented Berlin Film orchestra along with a huge choir of 180 voices, including children’s chorus, was assembled for the performance.

The ‘band’ consisted of Kerry (bass), my old pal Buff Allen (drums) and Ed Henderson (guitar), who was also the orchestrator for half of the pieces in the project, the other half being handled by cellist Jens Naumilkat. These orchestrations were killer, and the results with those full choirs was ... well ... you can imagine ... heart stopping.



The rehearsal

What a great time! - the friends, the music, the great food, and German beer ... Yahoo!

Something from the Muse:

Framed in the arch
A corporeal Picasso
Gliding across the floor
Cutting air
The nape of the neck
A collarbone
Turning
Owning all eyes
An ankle
The tilt of the head
Stumbling time
A glance
Edible atmosphere
The Moment

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LITTLE GEMS

ADVICE THAT WAS WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD



“Learning licks is a great way to learn the craft of improvisation. Learn them, internalize them, then NEVER play them again.”

THATS ALL FOR NOW FOLKS! SEE YOU NEXT TIME