

Official Craig Chaquico Fan Club



Gathering of the Tribes

Fall 2008



Fall & Holiday Greetings from Craig

Here's hoping you all had a great summer and Halloween. We had Slash and The Joker come to my house a few times for Trick or Treat, but Slash didn't remember me for some reason? Now, it's on to the holiday season and the celebration of a New Year. This year has really flown by and it seems like just yesterday that we were all getting ready to ring in 2008 and now 2009 is just a peak over the horizon. All in all, I have to say that 2008 was a great year. I was able to take the new show out on the road with Rolf, Gentle Thunder and my band (thanks Marquinho, Wade, Jim, Bill and Brian, our Tour Manager) and seeing many of you was and always is such a treat for us.

Over this past year, the new show has received rave reviews it's great to see the smooth jazz fans embrace my rock side as I pay homage to my "roots" so to speak, weaved in with my jazz stuff and the Grammy-nominated Gentle Thunder on the Native American inspired tunes. We did a great gig in Lake Tahoe a few weeks ago and before that was the big music festival at the JW Marriott at Desert Ridge in Phoenix. It was amazing to find the weather in perfect form...one of the rare cool weekends in Arizona in October. While in

town, I did a few radio interviews, one at local jazz station KYOT 95.5 and the other at a classic rock station KSLX with Mark Mayfield. Lil was my chauffeur to the rock station interview and the DJ, Mark, always amazes me on his level of rock trivia. He knows more about my old bands and everybody else than anyone I know.

The day after the radio interview at KSLX, I performed the National Anthem for the Phoenix Coyotes at their first home game of the season; I think I finally know how to play the whole thing now! Not to boast but they won the game and I have a feeling my playing before the event was the big reason they did! Ha ha. I've been told I can be a lucky charm for the home team when I play the anthem. The home teams win about 80% of the time when I do the anthem. Watch out for the flying hockey pucks!

The gig at the Marriott was fantastic...cool, clear and breezy skies under the Arizona sun. I shared the stage that day with rockers instead of jazzers for a change with Los Lobos, Jonny Lang, Dr. John, Buddy Guy, Boz Scaggs and Pat Benatar. All in all it was a great day for music and I truly enjoyed the bit of R&R I did enjoy while in town.

I returned to Phoenix at the end of October to play a special event for the annual Clean Air Campaign awards luncheon and ceremony. Lil asked if I would be interested in performing for a bit at an event she was in charge of putting together. It was great to take part in such an important event, especially since it recognized individuals and companies that do their part to keep Arizona's air quality clean and make a difference for future generations. There were over 500 people at the luncheon and Lil tells me that she has received so many great compliments about the event. I guess my lucky charm streak must extend to luncheons too, but I know a lot of the reason it went so well was because of Lil coordinating and following up in all the details for the event!

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In terms of music, many of you have asked about the live CD that we had been working on. That project has been put on the back burner for a bit as we record some of the new stuff with Rolf and GT live in concert. I have focused on writing and recording some new music in the studio with my new label Shanachie. Yup, after 15 years with Higher Octave, I am now signed with Shanachie for the next studio CD and I am excited about the new relationship as this label was the one that worked with the Sax Pack to produce their last radio hit that was number one on the Smooth Jazz stations for weeks on end. I've toured with all of the members of Sax Pack who have played in my sets on stage and before they literally banded together. Jeff Kashiwa has played on my CDs so I kind of felt like a proud teammate watching his pals "get the gold" in an event I wasn't in last year. I couldn't be happier for them or that I am on the same label, but I'm glad my CD won't be out the same time as theirs. Look for the new CD to come out around spring 2009!

I am also excited to report that I now have a MySpace page...yes, after all this time we are finally there and I hope you visit my MySpace and sign up to post questions and read updates on things. My MySpace address is www.myspace.com/craigchaquico.

We have some fun holiday stuff coming your way. I won't say more as I don't want to spoil any surprises but it's my way showing you all how much I appreciate your support now and in the past. I've been talking to Lil about the fan club and we will unveil a special renewal rate in 2009...you'll have to wait and see what it is. Again, I don't want to spoil any surprises, so stay tuned!

Also in this issue of Gathering of the Tribes we have listed some great gift ideas for your family and friends as well as suggested some great holiday music you might want to get your hands on, much of which was actually given to me by some of you in the past. So enjoy our holiday shopping tips!

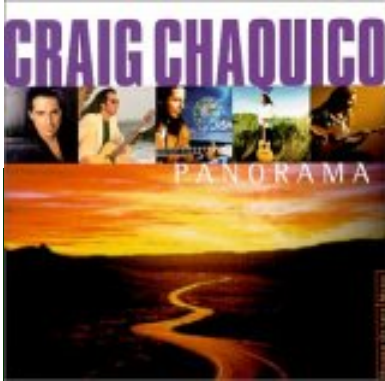
As always, it's so great to have your support and I know in these uncertain times that we all need something to give us hope as we look for the light at the end of the tunnel. May 2009 be the a year of positive changes for this country and the world and may the tough economic times we all face, start to take a positive turn for everyone. All we can do is keep the faith and hang in there and maybe, just maybe, you might find your way to a show to enjoy some great music that will help you along in the dark times.

May you all have a very blessed Thanksgiving and may the spirit of Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa or the holiday you celebrate bring you peace and joy. My glass is raised also for a very happy, healthy, prosperous and brighter New Year.

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HOLIDAY IDEAS

those Christmas stockings!

1. Give your favorite family member or friend the ultimate Craig Chaquico hits collection by purchasing a few copies of Panorama. It's a great CD that contains all of Craig's biggest hits and you can order it online at www.craigchaquico.com and get it personalized too!
2. Order up some Craig Chaquico matches to light up that special fireplace. You can enjoy some wine and listen to Panorama.
3. Has it been awhile since you've listened to some vintage Chaquico? Perhaps picking up a copy of Acoustic Planet or Acoustic Highway to fill that nostalgia is just what you need?
4. Feeling a magnetic pull to put something on the fridge? Pick up an order of Craig Chaquico magnets for yourself or your favorite gourmet. Order today at www.craigchaquico.com



Craig Contest!

The winners (it was a tie) of the question posed in our last issue are Kaye Runner & Mark Richards. We posed the question:

Jefferson Airplane played at Altamont, was Craig there?

Answer: Yes, Craig was there but not with the band, he was in the audience.



start!

1. Holiday - Craig Chaquico!
2. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Jimi Hendrix
3. Elvis' Christmas Album
4. Charlie Brown Christmas - The Original Soundtrack
5. White Christmas - Bing Crosby
6. Frank Sinatra Christmas Collection
7. The Christmas Song - Nat King Cole
8. What a Night! A Christmas Album - Harry Connick Jr.
9. A Swinging Christmas - Tony Bennett
10. Elvis Presley - Christmas Duets

Do you have a favorite holiday CD?

Here's a list of some CDs that are guaranteed to get your holidays off to the perfect

Shout out from the Pres!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you for your support of the fan club over the years and for your kind emails and notes via snail mail too!



I'm looking forward to 2009 and the new CD Craig has coming out. I know it'll be fantastic!!

Enjoy!

Lil

Tour Update

2009 SHOWS

Feb. 20	Bankhead Theatre	Livermore, CA
May 22	Hutchins Street Square	Lodi, CA
June 5	One World Theatre	Austin, TX



Check the website for updates!!!!

Did you know Craig now has a MySpace? Well, he does.
Check it out at <http://www.myspace.com/craigchaquico>

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Happy Holidays!

