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Club of The Classic City of Athens

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July 27th 2020 Program

By Victoria N. Prevatt on Sunday, July 26, 2020



Sarah Zuniga is a New York born singer-songwriter and guitarist who has made Athens, Georgia her home. A graduate of the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in International Affairs, spending her senior year abroad at The University of Oxford in England, this guitarist serves up seven pleasantly crafted nuggets of melodic folk-pop that rise above

typical coffeehouse fodder thanks to Zuniga's strong voice and thoughtful arrangements, as reviewed by prestigious Athens Flagpole newspaper on Zuniga's debut album, Someday Soon.

Ecuadorian and Nicaraguan singer-songwriter, Sarah Zuniga's shows are like listening to a fun mix tape compiled of deep-felt and catchy folk-rock, and Latin tunes.

"Her music blends sharp observation with textured poeticism of traditional Spanish folk music."

- Audio Femme, NYC based music blog.

From notably packing out Athens' renowned Hendershots' Coffee Bar to being the first Latin female to headline The Georgia Theatre, to the 40 Watt Club, main stage Athfest, and some of the south's more fun music festivals. Sarah has studied acting and music in New York City, instructed by veteran professionals from New York University Tisch School of the Arts, The Metropolitan Opera, and Broadway. Zuniga has opened up for acts such as Scarlett Stinch, winners of the Georgia Music Awards for Best Rock Band, critically-acclaimed Americana singer/songwriter Elliot Bronson, and many more.

Latest single, "I Like Knowing You're Around" now available on popular music platforms. In 2017, Zuniga's most popular single, "People Do Crazy Things For Love", was a finalist for the very first annual Vic Chesnutt Award, honoring Athens' beloved songwriter. In 2018, she performed for the Athens Flagpole Music Awards ceremony in the historic Morton Theatre, where she was nominated for best singer/songwriter for the year. Just this past year, Sarah was once again a finalist for the Vic Chesnutt Awards for her song, "What Is Love To You". Her community of supporters helps keep her going! Check out Sarah Zuniga's music across all major platforms, Facebook, and Instagram (@sarahzunigamusic) for announcements and fun miscellaneous content.

Jim Willingham is an Athens musician and reading teacher. Jim has been playing in bands in Athens since

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1994. He has written songs, sung, and played various instruments (though predominantly guitar and banjo) in multiple bands. Notably, his album, under the moniker, Ham1, won best local album of the year in The Flagpole in 2005. His band, Ham1, toured and backed Vic Chesnutt for several tours in aughts of 2000. In the last ten years, he has led the local songwriting vehicle/orchestra, Old Smokey in three album releases. The song, "Open Hood" from their latest release, won the Vic Chesnutt Song Writer of the Year

Contest, sponsored by The Athens Rotary Club for 2020. In the meantime, Jim has been working on a solo release album of new songs. Accompanying Jim in this project, is Athens' drummer, John Ross Bleech.

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