

JENN'S LIST OF LIVE MUSIC FOR APRIL 2026

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COMMENTARY

April 2 at 5pm: The Needful at Ace Brewing

Ace is putting on a patio party with this Victoria based rock band. They are apparently not just a band but a sonic journey. I think it's free!

April 2 at 7pm: The Stittuation at 40 Knots (GSJS)

This is the first of the Thursday Georgia Straight Jazz Society concerts of the "summer" at 40 Knots. This quartet plays hard bop in the style of Sonny Stitt. Of all the upcoming GSJS concerts this one might be the best!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-stittuation-a-hard-bop-quartet-in-the-style-of-sax-master-sonny-stitt-tickets-1984410593504>

April 2 at 8:30pm: Jenny Don't and the Spurs at the Waverley

This is Portland, Oregon's western garage band Jenny Don't and the Spurs' first ever V.I. show. They play high-energy country/western but have the raw sound of a garage band. Opening for them are indie rock band The Projectors from Victoria and Cumberland's own Coal Dust Gang.

waverley.tickit.ca

April 3 at 7pm: Caveman and the Banshee at Masonic Hall

Dave and Valentina have been making wonderfully odd music for a very long time. I think Caveman and Banshee is my favourite incarnation of theirs. It is psychedelic electro punk meets experimental visual art. Joining them are engaging hardcore band Gorilla Flip and post punk band Frantic Mistake. \$20 tickets at the door.

April 3 at 7pm: Joe Abbott and the Flying Js and The Reviberators at Cumby Legion

I honestly don't know how I am going to pick between two great shows in Cumberland running at the same time. Vancouver's alt-folk Joe Abbott is pretty great but the Reviberators are absolutely worth seeing. They are a project by the great duo Kitty and the Rooster. \$15 at the door.

April 3 at 9:30pm Season Ender Sender with Drama Queen, Tubbs and the Sad Boys and Mean Bikini at The Wave

This is the fifth year that Cumberland has officially marked the end of the winter (sport) season with a party. The theme this year is “motorcycle momma” and will feature Salt Spring’s synth group Drama Queen and two well known local bands. It is also Tubbs and the Sad Boys’ album release show. dodgy-country.tickit.ca

April 4 at 1pm: Pas-a-pas exhibition opening at CVAG

While always worth going to, I don’t normally list the exhibition openings because they don’t normally involve live music but at this opening Rachel Kiyoo Iwaasa will perform the Goldberg Variations by Bach. If you can’t make it to this FREE performance, don’t worry Rachel is doing it two more times during the exhibit run in May. comoxvalleyartgallery.com

April 10 at 7pm: Jesse Lebourdais, Mike Mckinnon and Caresse at Alley Cuts

Jesse is the real deal with songs that tackle pain and grief but also hope and joy. Mike Mckinnon is the bass player from various punk bands (Class of 1984, KNife Manual) but it turns out he is also a solo punk artist with 2 full length albums to his name. And Caresse Nadeau’s contagious laugh is enough to lift my spirit but her music does that too. \$15 at the door.

April 10 at 7:30pm: Opera, Are you kidding me? At the Sid

Many of you know how much I love opera. This will be a showcase of some of the best arias and duets from popular operas by Dutch Soprano Anne Grimm, British Baritone Alexander Dobson, and Canadian Tenor Benjamin Butterfield. It will also include virtuosic violinist Jimin Shin Dobson.

sidwilliamstheatre.com

April 10 at 9pm: Kilbourne at the Waverley

Kilbourne creates great deep dubstep, drum and bass and sticky grim. Honestly I’m not good at knowing the genre differences but I know what my body likes and my body likes to move to Kilbourne. I will be heading over after my night at the opera! mteliah.tickit.ca

April 11 at 2pm Georgia Straight Big Band at St. George's

Some of the talented jazz musicians in the area are also in this local amateur swing band. This is a fundraising concert for L'Arche.

larchecomoxvalley.org/big-band-big-heart-music-that-gives-back/

April 11 at 7pm Ender, Gate Theory, Butcher, Hexenbane at the Masonic

I see nothing wrong with a girl who can go to the opera and edm one night and a metal show the next. These bands are so metal that if I was relying on the fonts they use for the names, I wouldn't be able to tell you who was playing. This is a mix of classic metal with hints of experimental, death, doom and sludge.

eventbrite.ca/e/saturday-night-metal-with-ender-hexenbane-gate-theory-and-butcher-tickets-1983706493522

April 12 at 2pm or 7:30pm Co-Val Choristers "Evolve" at the Regier Theatre

This community choir is a bit more elevated than the average com-choir and their pianist is one of the best. This Spring show looks intriguing and is entitled "Evolve". I think you can get tickets at local bookstores.

April 16 at 7pm: Ultraviolet at 40 Knots (GSJS)

Many of you already know how great the genre-defying band Ultraviolet are. Is it global roots? Yes. Is it experimental? Yes. Is it Jazz? I guess. While most of the band now lives down island I am glad to see that they are coming back up island for shows.

eventbrite.com/e/ultraviolet-tickets-1984403272607

April 17 Vinta at Weird Church

Vinta won the Instrumental composers of the year at the CFMAs in 2024 and the fact that they met at fiddle jam nights in Toronto influences their very danceable music. What maybe isn't typical of their fiddle folk is that they also have a killer clarinet player. ccas.tickit.ca

April 17 at 7pm or 18 at 2pm: Celebration Singers "Elements" at St. George's

This community choir (and their subgroups) will be singing songs about earth, wind, fire and water. Hence the title "Elements". \$25 at door.

April 18 at 7pm: Christine Tassan et les Imposteures at Willow Pt. Lions Hall

One of my most memorable streamed concerts during the pandemic was Christine Tassan playing her gypsy jazz on guitar. This time I will get to see her with a full band! She stands out in a music scene typically dominated by men and it sounds like the back up band are all incredible Montreal Jazz musicians in their own right. tidemarktheatre.com

April 18 at 9pm: Chase the Bear and Quadra Sound at the Waverley

I really like Chase the Bear. They are good pacific northwest rock. What makes them stand out is that they are a six-piece so there is LOTS of sound. I'm just learning about Quadra Sound. It's genuine classic rock. cvw.tickit.ca

April 22 at 6pm and 8pm: Collective Choir from Namibia at Regier Theatre

This colab concert with the aforementioned Co-Val Choir will include a high-energy choir from Namibia! They are fresh off a performance at the World Choral Expo in Portugal. Look for tickets on showpass.

April 23 at 6pm: Jazz Jam at the Mex

These jazz jams are full of amazing musicians. This month they will have UK improv pianist Nick Peck as well as a few other legends playing along with the jammers. It's a shame that the audience doesn't appreciate it and the venue kinda sucks. But it's free! This will be the last one of the season.

April 24 at 7:30: Daniel Champagne at the Regier Theatre

Daniel is one of those guitar players that shocks both the eyes and ears. He plays guitar in ways I didn't know it could be played. Not surprisingly, this show is sold out. oldchurch.tickit.ca

April 24 at 7:30pm or April 25 at 2pm North Island Choral Society at St. George's

I get to hear NICS practice every Tuesday night and the 70 person choir really belts it. This concert will feature Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance, Haydn's Mass in Time of War, and Peterson's Hymn to Freedom, among other pieces. nics.tickit.ca/

April 24 at 9pm: Snotty Nose Rez Kids at the Waverley

YES! I have never missed an SNRK show and I have loved every single one. In fact, I even attended the Polaris prize awards to support these guys. They have been short-listed 3 freaking times! I am sure this show will sell out. Opener is local artist Aubnoxious. cvw.tickit.ca

April 25 at 7pm or April 26 at 2pm: Just In Time Choirs at Sid

This choir is celebrating their 20th anniversary. This concert will feature songs chosen by their director, who I know is a lovely woman. sidwilliamstheatre.com

April 25 at 9pm: Alpha Yaya Diallo at the Wave

Believe it or not I have yet to see Alpha, despite the fact that this West African guitarist and singer performs in the area fairly frequently. I will miss this show too. But I have heard numerous reviews that his full band performances are amazing. tixr.com/groups/gotpopconcerts

April 29 at 7:30: Martin Harley at the Regier Theatre

This blues and slide guitar player was nominated for a Grammy in 2022 and recently he was nominated for best acoustic and best blues at the AMAs. My Dad says you should all see this spellbinding bluesman. oldchurch.tickit.ca/

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY

May 1 at 6:30pm Fred Frith and Phipps Pt. at Curling Club
May 2 at 7pm at Filberg Centre, or May 3 at 3pm At CR Baptist, Strathcona
Symphony with special guest Terence Tam
May 3 at 7pm: Kim Churchill at Wave. N.B. an Early show.
May 7 at 7pm: Larry Ayre at 40 Knots
May 8 at 7pm: Jokers Revenge at The Little Red Church
May 8 at 7pm: Miina at weird church.
May 9 at 7pm: SSO Strings st Comox United Church
May 14 at 9pm: Garrett t willie at the Wave
My 15 at 7pm: Spencer Krug (Wolfparade) w/ Elbow Kiss at Curling Club
May 15 at 9pm: Blue Moon Marquee at the Wave
May 16 at 2:30: Denman Island Baroque Concert
May 16 at 7pm: C. Diab at Weird Church
May 20 at 7:30pm: Cara Luft at Regier Theatre
May 21 at 7pm: Vintage Velvet at 40 Knots
May 21 at 7:30pm : Grapes of Wrath at the Regier Theatre
May 21 at 9:30pm: Jesse Roper at the Waverley
May 23 at 7:30pm: The Pairs at the Regier Theatre
May 23 at 7pm: Beton Armeé at Masonic
May 23 at 9pm: Just Martin w/ Lady K and em.ash at Native Sons Hall
May 28 at 8pm: The Slackers at Waverley

THE USUAL MONTHLY INFO AND REMINDERS:

- ❖ There are bound to be events that I've missed because I didn't see the poster, read the paper or see the post in time. I'm always happy to receive info from you all!
- ❖ There are a few open mic nights around town including my favourite Wednesdays at Gladstones.
- ❖ There are numerous bars/pubs that have house or local bands. Some really good ones are Roy's Towne Pub (Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays), Gladstone's (Days vary) and Heritage House (Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays)
- ❖ As always you are welcome to use my Concert Prep Spotify playlist to listen to some of the acts I plan on seeing, but please, support artists by buying tickets to shows and buying their music directly. [Jenn's Concert Prep](#)