



## Jeff Pike House Concert

At Kelly's & Rick's

5:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday, July 21, 2012

4513 48th St

Des Moines, IA

We are very excited to have our friend Jeff Pike as our first house concert!!! Doors will open at 5:00 and music will start around 6:00. The cost will be a donation to Jeff (we suggest \$15-\$20) with all proceeds going directly to him. Please bring a lawn chair and your beverage(s) of choice. Feel free to bring a munchie or dessert to share if you desire.

We're happy to welcome Jeff back to Iowa and our back yard! We want to welcome you all to our home to share in the enjoyment of Jeff's music. We hope you can join us. Please feel free to share [this flyer](#) with anyone else who might be interested. All are welcome. You can contact us at [kellynrick@clubgerz.com](mailto:kellynrick@clubgerz.com) with any questions. RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

### Welcome Jeff Pike!

As a solo songwriter and performer Jeff Pike creates acoustic/adult contemporary music from the heart. Songs of life. Songs to touch your emotions and inspire thought, all while intimately sharing his story with the listener. His clear, extensive vocal range and style, combined with the studied instrument of choice, be it guitar or piano, express his original music exquisitely. Audiences of his live performances as well as his Independent recordings continuously comment about the uniqueness of how his voice, music and story come together captivating an audience who will take the time to actually "listen."

Jeff's latest CD release "50," is a very special soft rock CD containing demos, forgotten, and unreleased original tracks spanning the past 30 years of Jeff's career. He has also recently re-released "Live at The Red Light Café," an all-acoustic CD that many believe to be Jeff's best recorded work.

Currently, Jeff is appearing with the band "A1A" in the May 2012 Lionsgate motion picture release, "What To Expect When You're Expecting." You can view the trailer on the home page of [www.JeffPikeMusic.com](http://www.JeffPikeMusic.com).

In April, he returned home from a very successful two and a half month national house concert tour with singer-songwriter Hugo Duarte. Dubbed "The Frozen Gringos," the duo unexpectedly attracted a large audience of fans in a short amount of time. Plans are under way to produce their first CD and another tour slated for late fall of 2012.

Jeff has been performing as a solo artist for almost 30 years and has a very extensive song list. He still performs "cover" gigs regularly and is available for hire. His vast song repertoire is available here online at [www.JeffPikeMusic.com](http://www.JeffPikeMusic.com).

Jeff has performed, recorded and shared the stage with artist's such as Jimmy Buffett, The Zac Brown Band, Mac McAnally, The Beach Boys, Jerry Lee Lewis, Rick Springfield, Travis Tritt, Ru-Paul, Francene Reed, Bachman Turner Overdrive, The Atlanta Rhythm Section, Toy Caldwell, The Marshall Tucker Band, David Allan Coe, Bertie Higgins, Ricky Medlock and Blackfoot, Keith Burns, Kansas, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits, Micky Dolenz of The Monkees, Johnny Rivers, Maurice Williams and The Zodiacs, Clarence Carter, The Tams, The Swinging Medallions, Nadirah Shakoor, Peter Mayer, Jim Mayer, Roger Guth, Greg "Fingers" Taylor, Amy Lee, Michael Utely, Robert Greenidge and more.

Be sure to check out the [Club Gerz Events](#) page for samples of Jeff's work!!!

## Why are we hosting this?

These concerts are NOT a business nor business-related activity. They are strictly a hobby for us, simply gatherings of our friends, neighbors and guests to enjoy live music, fellowship, food and fun. The only cost for our house concerts is a donation to the artist. We suggest \$15-\$20 per person, but you determine the value you receive. All contributions go directly to the performers.

Ultimately this is music in our (Rick McAtee & Kelly Stokes) backyard... or house if the weather doesn't cooperate. Because of our love of Trop Rock music we are opening our home as a venue to help out artists traveling through the area. All you need to bring is a lawn chair and the beverage of your choice. If you'd like, you can bring a munchie or dessert to share. Of course, some cash to share with the artist is encouraged and they often will have CDs and some "swag" for sale as well.

## What is a House Concert?

A house concert very simply defined is a musical event presented in someone's home or another small space such as a backyard or community meeting room. It has been described as "Music as it should be...in the home, from the heart." Music has always been an enriching experience and house concerts certainly have occurred for thousands of years. Sometimes it was just families getting together to share some music and fun and other times a few neighbors would drop in and share the experience. Folk, country, and blues music have long histories of performances at people's homes and backyards. Those musical traditions have continued and expanded to today.

Some of today's most inspiring artists often perform in half-empty rooms of distracted customers, while competing with televisions and the noise of constant conversation. Then they go home with a tiny percentage of bar sales. House concerts create a wonderful opportunity for artists to perform in an environment they deserve while providing music fans a chance to experience these great artists in a way they never dreamed of.

House concerts are different than house parties. They are an opportunity to introduce some wonderful singer/songwriters to an audience in a setting where people are gathered to focus on music. The performance, the story, the story behind the story, an opportunity to get up close and personal with the artist.

Trop Rock artists have recently embraced house concerts as a method to make touring plausible and to reach audiences they otherwise would not be able to.

## What is "Trop Rock"?

Tropical Rock, commonly referred to as "Trop Rock," is a musical genre that blends numerous musical influences including Rock, Reggae, Blues, Country, Swing, Beach, Zydeco, Caribbean and Latin with island/tropical instrument arrangements and song themes that represent a way of life that is relaxing and exotic. Although Trop Rock has its roots in the beach music scene of the 60's, Jimmy Buffett is often credited as putting Trop Rock "on the map". Crossover music stars like Jerry Jeff Walker, Kenny Chesney, Jack Johnson and The Zac Brown Band have brought the Trop Rock music genre to the mainstream public, resulting in a growing popularity that has opened the door for a whole new generation of island-inspired musicians.

Sometimes called Buffettesque, Gulf & Western, or Cari-Billy, evangelists like the members of the Trop Rock Music Association (fka "The Margarita M.A.F.I.A.") have been working to create a single identity for the genre under the label of "Trop Rock" going as far as establishing the "Trop Rock Music Awards." The TRMA is made up of artists, DJ's, club owners and music lovers that have joined together to support and promote the Trop Rock style of music.



The advent of the Internet and internet radio have been a boon to many niche musical genres, and Trop Rock is no exception. Jimmy Buffett's Radio Margaritaville began as an Internet only radio station and has now migrated to Sirius XM Radio. Another example is the Trop Rock station of the year, BeachFront Radio. Trop Rock outlets continue to expand both on and off the Internet as demand grows and with them the opportunities for artists.



We invite you to enjoy our guest artists, explore these resources, listen to the music, and you just might find yourself in a "happy place" you never want to leave! So, pour yourself a boat drink, pull up a deck chair and settle down under that palm tree and let the waves of music wash over you.

*It's a rhythm and a sound and an attitude, and it's bound to be fun.*