

Special Edition for NORTH CAROLINA fans/friends/family

Tar Heel Tour News

I had such a good time in spring of 2006 touring in the Carolinas that I'm doing it again! See the enclosed schedule for show cities/dates/times.

On this tour I have some very special shows in the Triangle area that I would like to highlight. Several shows will be benefits for Mary Ann Ingram and her family, to help with medical and other expenses they will be incurring. (See box at right.)

I'll be arriving in NC in late August to attend my (gulp) 25-year high school reunion before starting my tour performances. I'm excited about seeing some old pals again for the first time in many years.

NOTE: Please check my Web site to confirm show times and look for late additions. AND, your help in spreading the word would be greatly appreciated, especially about the benefit shows.

Tidbits....News since my last NC trip

- ◆ **MTV Airplay:** My song "Movin' in the Right Direction" (a guitar instrumental) was used on the reality show *Made*. The episode is about a would-be soccer player and it is still in the "rerun" pool but first aired back in October...If you have seen the show, let me know!
- ◆ **I was honored recently by being inducted into the Independent Artist Registry**, a highly selective listing service. For the Midwest region, only 52 were selected from thousands of applicants.
- ◆ **Several of my songs have been regularly charting on some popular Internet music sites** such as Broadjam.com, AmericanIdolUnderground.com, Indie-Music.com, and ArtistLaunch.com. Thanks to those of you who have listened on those sites!
- ◆ **My song "In This New Year (Instruments of Peace)" was selected as a finalist in VH1's Song of the Year International Songwriting Contest** in January. (This song isn't yet on any album but you can download a guitar/vocal demo version from my web site.)
- ◆ **Radio Play and Podcasts:** There are now dozens of stations covering four continents playing my music! Radio play includes FM/AM stations (mostly independent stations), some syndicated radio shows, satellite radio, Internet radio and podcasts. You can see a listing at my Web site. Feel free to contact stations and request tunes!

RE: Benefit Shows — About Mary Ann Ingram

Mary Ann and her husband J.W. live in Charlotte and they have six wonderful children, three girls and three boys, ranging in age from 3 to 17 years old. They are lovingly devoted to their children, and Mary Ann even home-schools them. They are a family-centered household of strong faith.

I am very sad to report that Mary Ann has recently been diagnosed with advanced cancer, and she now faces surgery and chemotherapy.

Mary Ann Ingram has been my long-time "best friend" since we met, at age 13, in the eighth grade, in Raleigh. We graduated together from Garner Senior High in 1981. She is the actually the one who first taught me some guitar, second-hand from the lessons she was taking. We even wrote a song together way back in about 1979 — the first song I ever wrote! We performed it as a duo in church.

I hope you will join me in offering prayers and support to this beautiful person and her entire family, to whom I personally owe so much.

Those of you who know Mary Ann and want to make contact, please be in touch with me and I will get you their contact information.

If you are unable to attend a show but still want to make a contribution to the family, please make your check payable to LORD OF LIFE and indicate INGRAM FUND in the memo portion, and mail it to:

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
2100 Buffalo Road
Garner, NC 27529

You may include a note for the family that would be forwarded to them if you wish.

Peace,
Tracy



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