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Exploring **Your Island** Paradise

Support Local Music With Two New Album Release Parties Keith Neubauer & Lyda Plummer

Galveston certainly has no shortage of talent when it comes to the local music scene, and around the island this month you will find two excellent opportunities to support the newest releases from two remarkable local musicians.

On Saturday, August 13 from 5pm-7pm at The MarketPlace at The Peanut Butter Warehouse (102 20th St.), Galveston enthusiast and Texas native Keith Neubauer will celebrate the release of his sixth album, *This Is What You Sound Like*. Although a seasoned recording artist, this is Keith's first album that is entirely instrumental.

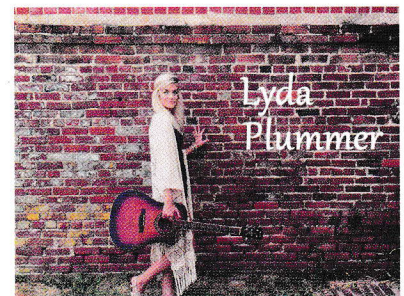
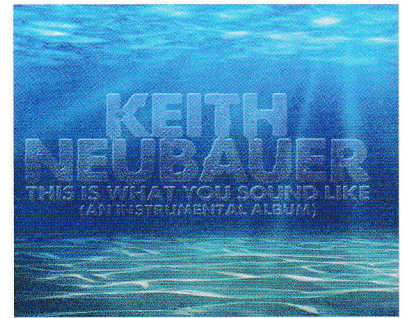
Dominated by the ethereal sounds of the piano, *This Is What You Sound Like* includes a track entitled "Ocean Waves," A piece that was entirely inspired by the island itself. "Galveston is a really special place to us," says Keith.

Originally from San Antonio, Keith traveled across the state with a band in the late 1980s, and his journeys introduced him to Galveston. Since that time it has been his dream to live here, a dream that he and his wife hope to fulfill within the next three years. Until then, the Island music scene is fortunate to showcase and inspire such an accomplished Texas musician.

On Saturday, August 27 from 7pm-9pm, local artist Lyda Plummer will launch her CD *Paper Heart* with a live performance at Saengerfest Park (23rd & Strand). This is the first album for Plummer, although if the size of her dreams are any indication it will not be her last.

Paper Heart is rooted in both giving and receiving inspiration. "I want people to be happy when they are listening to it," Lyda says, "I want them to feel encouraged and inspired."

For Lyda personally, the album is a culmination of the lessons learned in love, the strength of her faith in God, and the daunting task of opening oneself up to artistic examination. "This album is full of me and who I am, so putting myself out there is a very vulnerable feeling," but one that she seems unafraid to embrace.



Benefitting the Galveston Island Humane Society

On Saturday August 13th from 12pm-8pm, Galveston Island Brewing (8423 Stewart Road) will host Paws For A Cause, a free fundraising event that benefits the Galveston Island Humane Society.

At this kid- and pet-friendly event, the Lighthouse Charity team will provide the food and Wyerd Media will be on site taking fun family photos. In addition, one hundred percent of the proceeds from a silent auction, live auction, and raffle for gift baskets will be donated to the Humane Society.

Live music will be provided by Campfire Soul (1pm-3pm) and Kickin' it Dixie (5:30pm-8pm). Enjoy locally brewed craft beer, great entertainment, and the chance to help the GIHS purchase a pick-up truck they need to haul their mobile adoption/disaster response trailer.

August Book Signings

This month Galveston Book Shop (317 23rd Street) will host two separate books signings with authors E. Barry Gray and Maria Elena Sandovici.

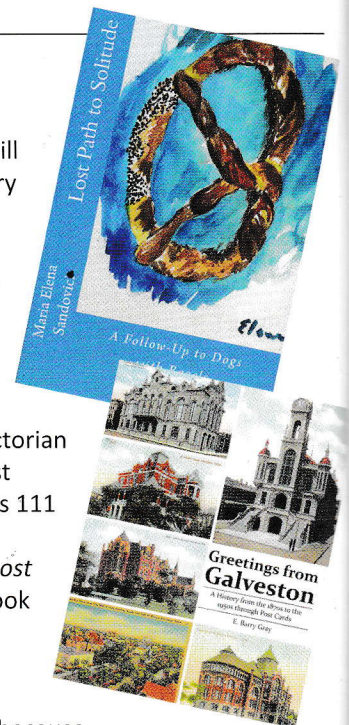
On August 13 from 2-4pm, the signing will feature E. Barry Gray and his new book exploring Galveston's history through select vintage post cards, *Greetings from Galveston*:

A History from the 1870s to the 1950s through Post Cards. The book is a history of the city illustrated with color vintage postcards featuring Galveston's Victorian streets and structural marvels by some of the greatest architects the 19th Century had to offer. The book has 111 pages with full color illustrations throughout.

Maria Elena Sandovici will present her latest novel *Lost Path to Solitude* on August 27 from 3pm-5pm. The book revisits the characters introduced in her first novel, *Dogs with Bagels*.

In the summer of 1989, Maria Pop reluctantly followed her husband, Victor to New York. She went because she loved him, but she always longed for the life she left behind in Romania. Twenty-five years later, she finds that her native country is experiencing a rebirth and she wants to be a part of it. Meanwhile, Maria's daughter Liliana is floundering in Solitude, Texas. Her career, her relationships, and her seemingly permanent outsider status leave her constantly craving an escape. Her restlessness eventually takes her home to New York. The paths that Maria and Liliana each take have the potential to irrevocably alter their own lives as well as the entire family dynamic.

For more information call 409.750.8200 or visit www.GalvestonBookShop.com.



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