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FESTIVALS

Jazz time in Edmonton

Upcoming summer festivals: Caribana, Cariwest, Carifest, K-Days, Heritage Days

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Jerk Chicken - DISCOVERY CAFÉ

Chowmein - Neisha's Kitchen

Pine Tarts & Cheese rolls - Rene's Kitchen

GARDENING

Transplanting vegetables into the garden



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Devotional performers workshop on the divine Heart. A glance at Islamic meditation

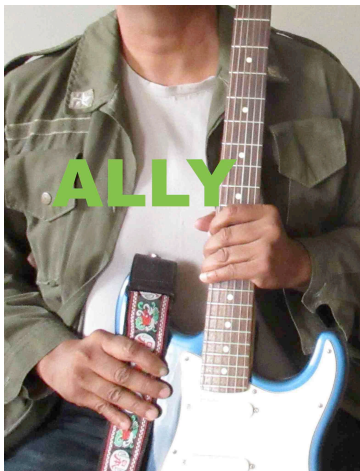
BENDING STRINGS

ALLY'S 1990s RECORDINGS

F. Ally recording Backing Track at Alberta Music Studio with engineer/owner Cam Guse on songs such as New Clear Society and A Kiss Goodnight

EDITOR

Mischief and Vandalism



A GLANCE OF CANADA'S GROWING DIVERSITY

Happy July 1st Canada Day & America's July 4th Independence Day

West Edmonton Mall, once the World's largest mall and the Mall of America are owned by the Ghermeisan an Iranian family; Art Gallery of Alberta with the Singhmar Education Center; Al Rashid, the first Mosque in Canada and now located at Fort Edmonton

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Rainy Edmonton 2019, Spring and Summer



Home grown
Naz & Deen Garden
Catch the colors

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VANDALISM & MISCHIEF



On Canada Day, July 1st, around 7am, I looked out the front window and noticed one of the two strings running along the dug out for the new walkway cut in the middle. On July 3rd, I found the other string cut, also in the middle. On July 4th, I tied the cut ends together. Around July 10th, both strings broke again in the same area. It could have been a rabbit running through. So far the string along the other dug out running at the side of the house is okay.

TWO FLAT TIRES

Just before the cut strings on the property, around June 24, the right tire on my car began losing air. I added air for about 2 days; at the mall, the tire deflated, which I thought would happen - I quickly changed it. There were no nail, screw or hole at the bottom. On June 28, I took the tire to the repair shop and they found a tiny hole that looks like a nail hole or a dart hole in the sidewall; they couldn't repair the tire because the hole is in the sidewall; they showed some concerns and said the tire is a good tire. On around June 25 or 26, the back left tire also began losing air and I added air a few times, and around June 29 as the tire was half way down, I changed it. I have not taken this one in as yet for repair. Just about 2 weeks before, I was at the Auto Pick Your Parks and managed to find 4 good tires on a vehicle; I was lucky I found them. To replace the two back tires with new tires will cost about \$500.



Right back tire with tiny nail hole



Took off left back tire, and place 2 spares in the trunk plus small spare that comes with the car, as it was around Canada day and vandalism can increase.

TWO CARS SET ON FIRE IN EDMONTON

Recently, the inside of the vehicle of someone I know was set on fire, along with one of his neighbor's vehicle.

It was around 2011 when I began having many flat tires, which I had reported to the police and I thought that I should report a my recent flat tires to the police on July 3rd, 2019 around 11am; two officers arrived around 11pm on July 3rd. I had also discussed the string incident just incase it was done by a human. I filled out a report and dropped it off at the Kensington police station.

THE FEATHER

For the past month, it's been raining almost every day which is very unusual for Edmonton, and on July 4th around 5:30pm, I found a feather that looks black and green in color that was stuck into the pebbles standing around a 45 degree angle, right around where the constable was standing the night before as I explained my tire incidents and the cut strings.



I took a picture of the same feather on July 7th, and just from a little rain the feather was now lying flat. Some birds are flying around, but how did the feather end up standing upright?



TRANSPLANTING & THE WISHING BONE



A few weeks before the flat tires and cut strings, around the end of May or beginning of June, I was transplanting some flower plants, and because some were drying out due to the periodic heat, I was advised to cover it. I covered the one in the picture on the left with the garbage can cover. Not long after, I found what looks like a wishing bone next to the flower plants. See picture on the left. I kept checking to see if the flowers would catch. About a week later, the wishing bone disappeared. Did a bird place it there? Or was it a dog? Something seems strange.

HAPPY CANADA DAY JULY 1st & HAPPY JULY 4TH AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY



A glance at Canada by F. Ally

Canada is the world's second largest country of 3.85 million square miles, located north of the United States of America and have 10 provinces and 3 territories. The capital city is Ottawa, and its official languages are English and French. Many Indigenous groups also speak indigenous languages. Other languages are also taught.

Canada have become one of the worlds most diverse and multicultural countries with people of many faiths, races and traditions. For decades now Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver have not only been diverse but also very multicultural. Today places like Edmonton and Calgary are following in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver's footsteps. For example, Heritage Days in Edmonton is the world's largest multicultural festival and also Edmonton has the first Masjid (mosque) in Canada, and Iranians own West Edmonton Mall, with growing multicultural.

Reference: Wikipedia

A growing multicultural Canada with people of many faiths, races, and cultures

While the Indigenous people already inhabited Canada, the British and French began their settlements across this land in the 16th century. There were also people of African descendants in places like Nova Scotia, Ontario and other places. In 1788, fifty Chinese settled in Canada to build a trading post to help boost trade between China and Canada. More Chinese arrived in 1858 and by 1860 there were approximately 7,000 Chinese in British Columbia. East Indians arrived around the year 1900 and settled in British Columbia.

Ref: <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/chinese-canadians>

With a growing diversity, Muslims in Edmonton built the first mosque in Canada

The city of Edmonton in Alberta, Canada continues to grow in diversity and multicultural. In the year 1901, according to Stat Canada, Edmonton only had about 2,626 people. For that year, that's very small as compared to the population of the city of Georgetown in Guyana, South America, as there were tens of thousands of laborers already contributing to the growth of the world. Guyana was already very diverse and already multicultural. In the year 1900, Guyana already had thousands of 'Blacks', Portuguese, over 100,000 Indians from (North and South India, including Pakistan, some from Afghans), Chinese, other Europeans, and even Syrians/Lebanese laboring in the Americas, contributing to the development to the world, as the production of sugar, rum, tobacco and many other products were sold across the entire globe, unfortunately intoxicating many and destroying their lives, but brought great wealth to the world. Demerara is in Guyana, South America, and even today, you will find Demerara sugar in cafes in Edmonton and in the grocery stores. You will also find Demerara Rum and El Dorado Run from Guyana across the globe. There were already large diverse populations in the Americas in the year 1901, such as the East Indians and Chinese.

The population of Edmonton slowly grew in the 1900s, bringing more diversity. Many Italians entered Canada in the 1950s; Portuguese were also arriving. But before the 1950s back in 1938, the first Mosque (masjid) the ‘Al-Rashid Mosque’ was already built in Canada which was also one of the first masjids built in North America. In 1991, the ‘Al-Rashid Mosque’ was moved to Fort Edmonton. There’s also an Islamic school in Edmonton, and although there has been some vandalism, this city continues to become more multicultural.

Iranians built West Edmonton Mall and the Mall of America

West Edmonton Mall is owned by the Iranian Ghermezian family who also owns the Mall of America; their management company is called Triple Five. West Edmonton Mall is one of the biggest attraction in Edmonton.

The Ghermezian family is an Iranian Jewish family that arrived from Iran to Edmonton in the 1960s. They own West Edmonton Mall, which was the world’s largest mall before 2004. The Mall of America is also owned by the Ghermezian family, along with the future American Dream Meadowlands, along with other properties. The Ghermezian family owns Triple Five Group, which is their managing company.

West Edmonton Mall was opened on September 15, 1981. The four-phase mall was completed in 1999, which was the largest indoor shopping centre in the world until 2004.

Jacob Ghermezian, (1902 – January 3, 2000) emigrated in 1964 from Iran to Canada with his wife and four sons. This dynamic mall has over 24,000 people are employed at the mall with approx. 32 million visitors per year, where depending on the time of the year, holidays, day of the week, seasons there’s approx. 90,000 and 200,000 shoppers daily.

Disclaimer: The information presented came from public available information, knowledge and Wikipedia.

GETTING THE WORDS OUT (DOWNTOWN EDMONTON)



Across from the downtown library, there’s always something going on at the City Hall: music, shows, with concessions. It was spring and the man in the picture was busy getting the words out with the sign: ‘Believe in the lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

A GLANCE AT CANADA, Featuring Edmonton, Alberta

Little Italy on 95th Street



China Town - Gate of Happy Arrival on 97 Street





Edmonton



JAZZ MUSIC



Downtown, Edmonton



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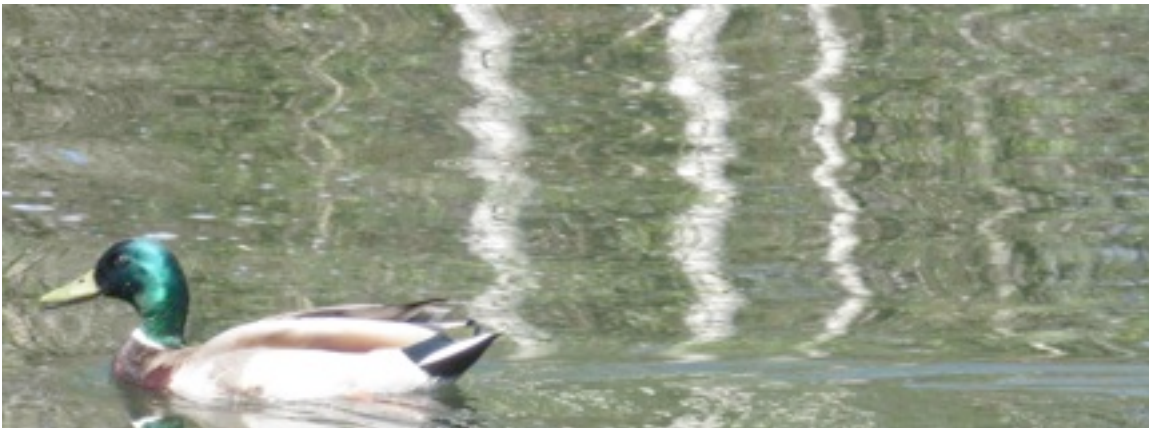


Below: Stanley A. Milner Library (downtown Edmonton) was closed since 2016 for the \$84.5 million renovation where the opening is planned for February 14, 2020



NATURE - HAWRELAK PARK, EDMNTON, AB

Many world sports and activities takes place in this park, including Heritage Days





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TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES

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SOUL DOCTOR AND THREE TYPES OF RITUALS

A shaman is a soul doctor who facilitated healing on a soul level. There are three types of rituals, which are usually done in stages for each healing session. The first is soul resonance where the shaman scans the bodily energies of the client to get a basic blue print. Once this is done the client is debriefed and the second part called soul extraction is done. With the help of an extraction guide the unwanted residual is removed. The third part is soul retrieval where the missing parts of the soul are called back in with the help of guides. The length and intensity of each session varies from client to client. Some may require more than one session.

These techniques are used with clients who come to the shaman as a last resort. Some clients may have suffered from soul imbalance etc... all their lives and finally get some relief. Often childhood traumas cause irreparable " damage" on a soul level. The shaman will receive visions and other pertinent information to relay to the client. This is done with a lot of compassion and empathy in a respectful and comfortable place.

RESULTS

Results are normally excellent and can be recognized almost immediately. Clients usually feel happy and relaxed right away.

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Transplanting



FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES

PLANTED INDOORS, THEN TRANSPLANT



Marigolds and other flowers

The plants on this page were started indoors two to three months before transplanting in the outdoors garden. While indoor, about two weeks later, some of the flowers had withered, died and had to be reseeded. After reseeding the growth was good.



Broccoli and Brussels sprout



Pepper plants of various types



A marigold plant with flowers



Marigold plant, flowers are now coming up

Transplanting tomato plants



Transplanting tomato plants around May 20. After transplanting, for a few weeks, there were hardly any growths. The weather was still a bit cold.

Around June 10th, the plants began to grow bigger.

Growth after a few weeks...



Picture taken in the middle of June 2019

July/August 2019

Transplanting peppers



After transplanting 3 of the pepper plant into a bigger pot, the 3 plant became withered. It takes time to fully catch. The key is to water lots and keep out of the sun.

TIP FROM NAZ

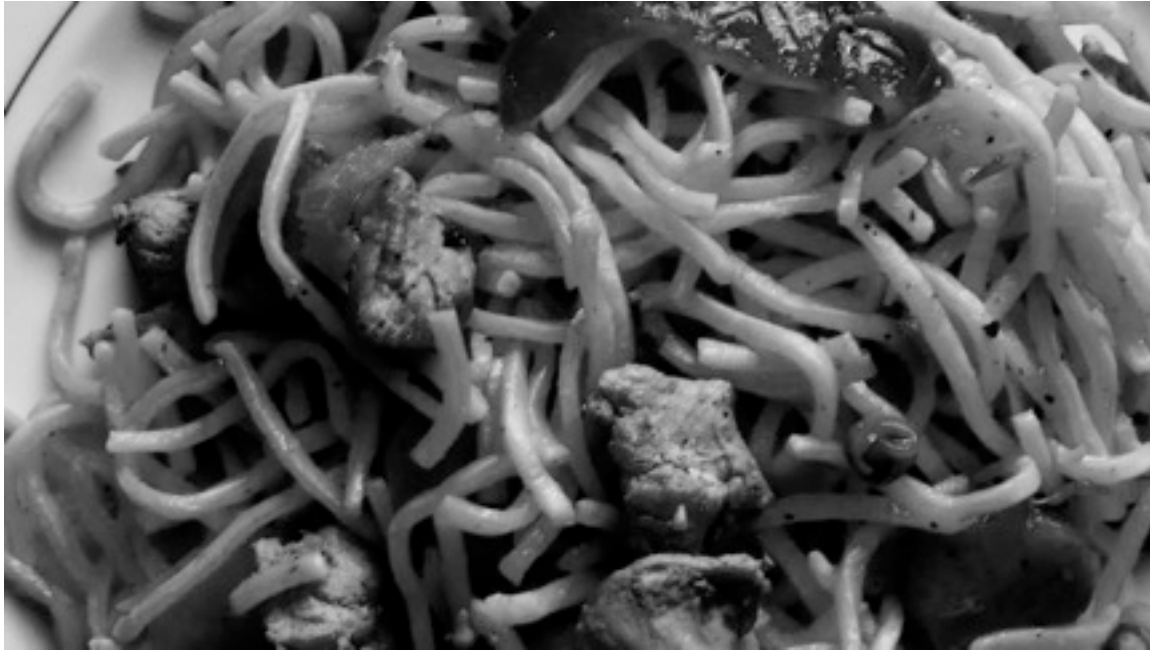
Keep in the shade, or cover to prevent from drying out.

Update:

Transplanting cucumbers and watermelons that grew inside in egg trays, most died upon transplanting.

Transplanting broccoli and Brussels sprout that started in Styrofoam cups was good. Covered to prevent drying or kept in the garage.

TASTES & CUISINES



BOIL VINEGAR

- To remove curry scents
- Boil vinegar in a pot to remove calcium built up in pot

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Shrimp chowmein



FOR A PARTY OF 20
Mixed with other dishes
3 packs - 1 is less than \$2

3 packs of noodle; serves approx. 10
Boil noodles for approx. 20 minutes

Cook shrimp with veggies in pan with 1 tbl spoon oil
Add boiled chowmein to pan and mix together

Salt is optional



Can purchase at T&T



Back of package

CHOWMEIN

Method 1) Used in this recipe. Will prepare vegetables and shrimp first and then mix with chowmein. The way the shrimp was prepared is fried in coconut oil and once at the end will mix everything with the chowmein.

Method 1) Did not use in this recipe but is much quicker, by simply add vegetables and shrimp with the chowmein and boil at the same time.



Boil vegetables



Boil mixed vegetables



Shrimp package



Wash shrimp



Shows 4 packs Noodles



3 packs of noodls. Add water to pot then add noodles and boil for approx. 20 minutes



Boiling



Strain to remove waer



Will now add approx. 2 tbl spoon butter and some chowmein



Add vegetables to pot



Add about 2 tblspn oil



Add the rest of chowmein



Add chowmein



Add shrimp



Noodles, shrimp and vegetables in pot



Mix together for about a minute. Complete



Complete

FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS



Zara's henna

EID

CARNIVALS

‘Pearls of Islam’ Acclaimed duo

Brought their Devotion workshop
to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
July 1, 2019
by F. Ally

Quran: It is only in the remembrance of God
that hearts are comforted (13:28)
‘Here comfort means not just the temporary solace to be
found in everyday convenience, but the real comfort with
it’s implications of peace of mind that can stem only from God Almighty’
Ref: Spirituality of Islam by M. W Khan; p.7

Pearls of Islam

Two sisters, Rabia and Zakina, are known as ‘Pearls of Islam.’ Both of them sing and play instruments such as drums and the guitar. The acclaimed pair performs across Europe, and had recently performed in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on July 1, 2019, bringing a workshop called ‘The Sound of Devotion.’ They refer to what they do as ‘sharing,’ sharing their devotional songs from their heart into the heart of others, taking you closer to the divine.

Their inspiration

Dress modest in headscarves and long dresses, the duo is inspired by Islamic traditions, and has a background of ‘Jamaican folk music and Guyanese soca and soul music.’

Meditation

Like practitioners of ‘Primordial Meditation’ and other types of meditation that repeats a phrase over and over to silence the mind and rambling thoughts, most Muslims repeat phrases over and over as a part of their prayers, or daily life, and many are also involved in dhikr (remembrance of the creator) which is explained below.

Islamic prayer and dhikr (remembrance of God)

Aside from regular Islamic prayers which many performs 5 times a day, like Rabia and Zakina (‘Pearls of Islam’), many Muslims are engaged in other functions during the week, such as singing, and even dancing as in the whirling dervish that’s common in places like Turkey, where the practitioners twirl their hands and spins which is a form of meditation known as dhkr (the remembrance of God) taking the practitioner closer to the divine. Many phrases of their singing come directly from the Quran.

Workshop focuses on the following areas:

A brief history of the roots of devotional praise

- The role of women in devotional singing throughout generations
- Learning to write & sing a devotional song
- Group praise & dhikr choir

The above information is available online

Their instruments

During the workshop the duo sang, played drums and the guitar, bringing their devotional sounds to life with melodies. The melody and lyrics takes you closer to the heart and brings peace to the heart.

If you had missed their performance, one can see what they do from their many youtube videos.

Below is a review of two videos

Looking at their YouTube video, Pearls of Islam at 2nd SOAS Interfaith Music Festival 2013

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J81wzFEeAks>

“Feeling that divine mercy.” Song called mercy...starts in English...

The sisters commence their song in a melodic voice with lines from surah (chapter) Al Fatiha, meaning The opening. One of the sisters starts with “Bismillah hir rahman nir Rahim” (In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate). The other sister follows with the same phrase and they continue singing “Bismillah hir rahman nir Rahim” over and over while playing drums, then the phrase “Bismillah” which begins to fade. Repeating a phrase over and over is referred to as dhikr, the remembrance of God, and is a form of meditation. Phrases such as ‘Allahu Akbar’ (God is great) ‘Bismillah hir rahman nir Rahim’ (In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate), ‘la illaha illallah’ (There’s no God but God - The one God that’s described in the Quran, Bible and Vedas that has no image), ‘Subhannallah’ (Glory to God) are often used in dhikr.

Dhikr and meditation is explained below.

In their performances, often English phrases are also sang. As they sing, play their drums and guitar, clapping also comes in.

Looking at their YouTube video, Mawla ya Salli ft Ahmad Ikhlas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJFawM-8L9E>

Published on Dec 1, 2017

Singing playing the guitar and the other sing playing a drum

One of the sisters starts picking the acoustic guitar and sings begin singing a devotional song in Arabic. Then the other sister starts to sing in English. Singing in Arabic and the drumming comes in. Shakers came in at the same time

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The sisters sang, “la illaha illalah” (There’s no God but God) repeating the phrase over and over in melodic voice with the guitar and drums, and after a while the instruments stopped and the phrase continued and then fades.

The pair also sings complete songs called Nasheeds that brings peace to the heart.

Dhikr & Medtation

Dhikr, known as the remembrance of God is a big part of their workshop. For example, the phrase “la illaha illalah” meaning there’s no God but the One God is repeated over and over. Most does this silently or in a spoken or melodic voice. The duo does this, accompanied with drums and the guitar. For example, they would stop playing their instrument and keep repeating the phrase and let it fade.

These sessions which focuses on Dhikr often falls under the name ‘Sufism’ and is a meditation session. There are many ways to meditate, such as using phrases in Sankrit, such as ‘Om shanti, shanti. In Islam phrases such as ‘Subhanallah Glory to God, and Allahu Akbar God is great is repeated over and over.

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For more information on Pearls of Islam, please visit pearlsofislam.co.uk

EID CELEBRATION - Henna design



Sharon showing her henna



EID CELEBRATION



After a month of fasting long days, Muslims were ready to celebrate, dressed in fashions, a few sported henna design

Many were ready for a feast. Some celebrated for 3 days.



DESSERTS (SNACKS) / BARBECUE



SUMMER FESTIVALS by Don Silva

And then the party continues till the sun comes up, with Carabana in Toronto on the August long weekend, followed by Carifest in Calgary and Cariwest in Edmonton. K-Days and Heritage Days in Edmonton.

Caribana - (Toronto, Canada) - Thursday, August 1st - Sunday, August 4th 2019



Carnivals livening up the cities with Mas Bands, Street Parades, and Costumes Extravaganza (North America's largest street festival). Many contributing to an everlasting Canadian tradition and economy

Cariwest - (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) - August 9-11



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Carifest - (Calgary, Alberta, Canada) Saturday, August 17, 2019



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Estos Sentimientos (These Feelings)

**These feelings inside, I just can't hide
And if you go, my heart will fall apart
My love for you, could never die
And if you go, my heart will fall apart**

**I need you so, never ever let me go
I need your love, never let me go**

**Mi amor porti, nunca podra morir
Pero se tu tevas, mi corazon se destruida**

**Amor eterno, amor eterno
Amor por siempre, amor por siempre**

**Oh these feelings, these feelings in side
These feelings, these feelings, these feelings inside**

**Te necisito nunca nuca me dejes
Necisito tu amour, nunca me dejes
I need you more, never ever let me go, oh oh no
I need your love, never let me go**

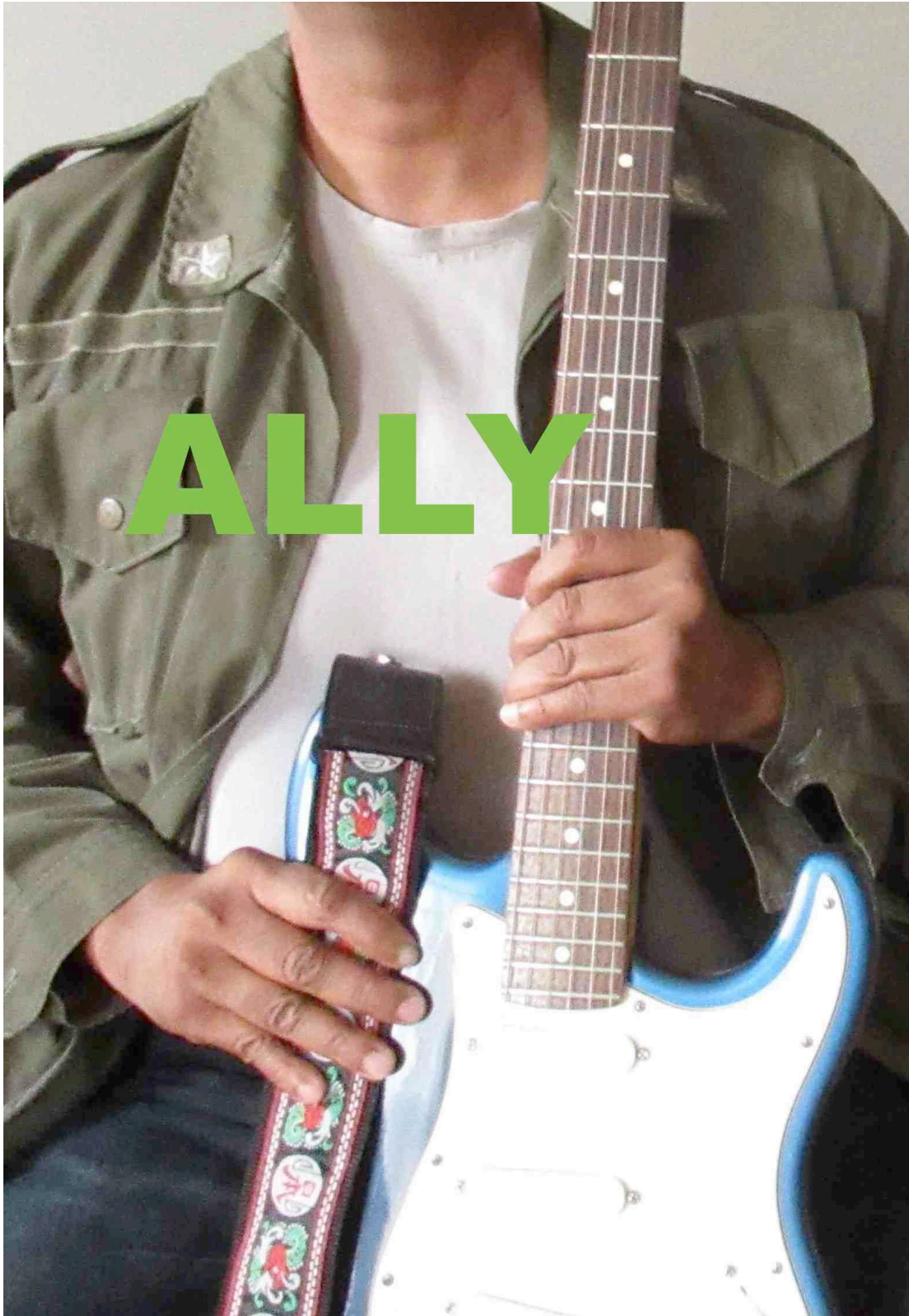
**Never ending love, never ending love
Ever lasting love, everlasting love**

**Estos sentimientos que jeuve adentro
No los puedo escondir, pedro se tu tevas
Mi corizon se destruida**

**Oh these feelings, these feelings in side
Yes, these feelings, these feelings, these feelings inside
Oh these feelings, whoa, these feelings in side
These feelings, these feelings, these feelings inside**

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2019 MUSIC SERIES-BENDING STRINGS



1999 RECORDING SESSIONS AT ALBERTA MUSIC STUDIO

**LOOKING BACK AT SOME RECORDING SESSIONS FROM 1999 BY
F. ALLY AT ALBERTA STUDIO WITH OWNER / ENGINEER CAM GUSE
IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA**

Recording Backing Tracks for songs such as Sometimes, New Clear Society,
A Kiss Goodnight.

As an Indie artists, all of my recordings mark a period in time and I refer to the songs as my
CLASSICS.



**Fisal Ally, known as 'Brian' amongst relatives
with his copy of a Les Paul purchased at age 16**

ALBERTA STUDIO WORKING WITH CAM GUSE

From what I remember, this studio had a half-inch or a one-inch reel to reel tape. The owner / engineer Cam Guse of this new studio called Alberta Studio and I had made a deal for me to use a number of hours, where Cam worked on the drum tracks using a drum machine while I complete some backing Tracks along with some vocals.

BACKING TRACKS FROM POWERSOUND AND ALBERTA STUDIO ARE STILL USED

It was an opportunity for me to learn about programming drums using a drum machine. Cam created the drum tracks and I provided feedback while the backing tracks for songs like Sometimes, New Clear Society, True Love, A Kiss Goodnight.

RECORDING VOCAL TRACKS

While recording the first vocal tracks for my song 'A Kiss Goodnight' the sound kept switching from side to side as if something was faulty and that became very annoying and frustrating and thus the vocal tracks were not completed and my time spent in this studio was much shorter than planned for. As I have explained before, for me to lay down vocal tracks, I need the kind of vocal production which I've had at Beta Studios and Powersound Studio so I stay in tune.

COST WAS A MAIN FACTOR FOR MY INDIE RECORDINGS

On these tapes, you will not see the quality and playing that goes on in a professional studios where there are producers, engineers and top musicians being hired to play on the tracks.

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Once my songs were on cassettes or CDs where some were handed out, that means my songs are copyright and published, and nobody can use parts and or hooks and ideas without a contract, meaning that my lawyer must be involved.

RECORDINGS

Often there will be a second version and other recordings, and if I can afford it, I will enter a studio and pay for the production and other musicians. I have different versions, but I consider my older versions to be my CLASSICS.

REHEARSING SONGS

AND PLAYING THE COMPLETE LEAD GUITAR INSTRUMENTALS

I enjoy playing lead guitar, and I had created leads for my songs such as The Birds Won't Come My Way, True Love, Missing You Going Crazy, That's Crazy Love, SoCrazy4u. Others have also created leads for my songs such as when True Love was recorded at Powersound in Edmonton in 1999.

Today I enjoy playing mostly instrumental leads. It's fun just taking my guitar over to relatives functions, play and then enjoy a nice dinner and conversations and this is what I will continue to do because of the love for this art.

I play approximately 100 cover tunes (by other artists, including instrumentals) along with a selection of my original songs. In my teenage days, when I played lead, it was mostly a part of the song and the rest were chords and triads. In those days, I also played complete instrumentals like Wipe out, pipeline, Let's Go, Tequila etc...

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I knew parts of Samba Pa Ti by Carlos Santana, but I never used to play the rest of the lead, only a part. When I played 'Sultans of Swings' I played the open lead and the small licks, but I do not remember playing all the leads, but today I play all the leads and the song as an instrumental.

For this Summer and Fall, I have been rehearsing instrument leads for songs such as All Along The Watch Tower (Jimi Hendrix version), Samba Pati, The Thrill Is Gone (B. B King version), Sultans of Swings, La Bamba (Lob Lobos version) and a few others, along with some Bollywood instruments such as Neele Neele Ambar Par, Tujhe Dekho, oh mere sona, Humse churalo, Tuha wahi (Bollywood tunes)

COVER SONGS (OLDER SONGS MAINLY FROM THE 1950s

I enjoy playing some older tunes such as In The Still of The Night, Stand by Me, The Great Pretender, Love story (Englebert Humperdink), The Last Waltz (Englebert Humperdink),

AND I STILL PLAY MY ORIGINAL SONGS

My selection of my original songs are: A Kiss Good Night, True Love, Sometimes, Keep The Peace, New Clear Society, In A Special Way, My Home, Precious Holidays / Christmas, Reaching out, Rain Go Away, Wide Eyed Innocent, Estos Sentimientos (These Feelings), Out of Control.

HACKING



**WICKED, TWO-FACED, DECEITFUL
AND GOOD AT GANG STALKING AND
THEFT**

A hacker at work, hacking you - he is wicked, deceitful and two-face. He resonates with wickedness. He is a deceiver, thinking that he will never be held accountable for his wickedness, but he's the one that has been deceived...

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE CONNECTED
TO ANYTHING
AND YOUR WHEREABOUTS OUT IN THE
WORLD
CAN EASILY BE TRACKED
THIS TECHNOLOGY EXISTS ALTHOUGH
MANY ARE NOT AWARE**

**THEY DO NOT CARRY OUT THEIR
CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES TO GET CAUGHT**

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF DECEPTION

You do not have to be online or be connected to any service to be tracked. And you don't have to do anything wrong to be tracked, hacked and robbed by deceitful, conniving, two-faced criminals.

Hackers can switch on the camera on your TV and cell phones and watch you. Connecting your TV to your home network allows hackers into your home.

BELOW: Hackers stealing personal information Photos are licensed from www.depositphotos.com For demonstration purposes only



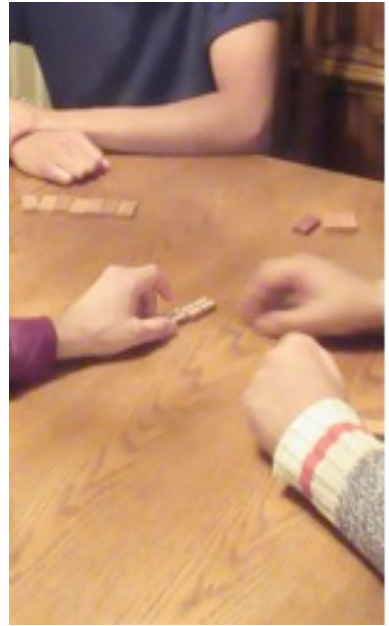
They secretly scheme and plot against you. They carry out their wickedness and they will shift the blame on you and have you framed. But they've been deceived all of their lives, even though they are afraid to admit it. Illegal activities like conning the elderly out of their life savings, stealing people's invention, literature, songs, music and ideas



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