

OPENING

by

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4/19/16

At Last,

We live in a world that has Roku; Netflix; Amazon Music; The Internet; Wikipedia; The iPhone; YouTube; SiriusXM.

We have Arrived.

Lists become Power. Because, just mentioning Artists in real time Opens the World to Everything that Artist has done, Ever, instantly.

Please Appreciate The Artists.

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Honorable Mentions

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When I Could Play Guitar

Kindred Spirits

I Will Not Talk about my Love Life.

Lighter Side

My Cover Page

Is not Me.

I Will Not Post an Image of Me.

and

I have my reasons for my release dates.

Whether my Project fails or succeeds,

(or anything in the middle)

I do not want my Art to make it or break it

dependent on an

Image.

PLEASE do not look for one.

If you need one, think of

The Elephant Man (1980)

Thank You

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They Might Be Giants (John Flansburgh/John Linnell)

Siouxsie and the Banshees, Sinead O'Connor, Bjork, Edie Brickell & New Bohemians, The Cranberries, Mazzy Star (David Roback/Hope Sandoval)

Liz Phair, The Sundays, Florence & the Machine, Frankie Rose, Grimes, Aurora, St. Vincent, Regina Spektor, Anuradha Paudwal, Chvrches, Metric

Yazoo, A-Ha, Depeche Mode

Nine Inch Nails/Trent Reznor, Marilyn Manson, Smashing Pumpkins, Rage Against The Machine, Alice in Chains, Linkin Park

DJ Shadow, Tricky, Massive Attack, Underworld, Portishead

The Beatles, The Doors, Pink Floyd/The Wall Soundtrack, Jimi Hendrix

10,000 Maniacs, The Ocean Blue, Sonic Youth/Thurston Moore/Kim Gordon

Prince, Matthew Sweet, Lenny Kravitz, Aphex Twin

R.E.M., U2, INXS

The Beastie Boys, Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters

The Beach Boys, Lush, Guns and Roses, Jane's Addiction

Coldplay, The Stone Roses, Ride, Orbital, Young Galaxy

Black Sabbath, The Rolling Stones, Peter Dinklage, Kate Bush, Elton John, Billy Joel

The Cure, The Smiths, Joy Division [New Order]

Built to Spill, Modest Mouse, Band of Horses, Spoon

The Psychedelic Furs, Echo and the Bunnymen, Cake, YES

Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Bob Marley, The Eagles

Reverend Horton Heat, The Cramps, The The, Public Enemy, Snoop Doggy Dogg

Suicidal Tendencies, The Descendents, The Dead Milkmen, Helmet, Against Me!

Enigma, Delerium, Thomas Dolby/The Mind's Eye

Blur, Sneaker Pimps, Blink-182, Bloc Party, Tegan and Sarah

Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms, Angelo Badalamenti/David Lynch, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, John Williams

Salvatore Dali, Vincent Van Gogh, Edvard Munch, Windham Hill, George Winston, Hearts of Space, Ludovico Einaudi, John Hughes

M.C. Escher, The Velvet Underground/Lou Reed, The Verve

Japandroids, Patti Smith, Simon & Garfunkel, Cat Stevens [Yusuf Islam]

Radiohead, Imogen Heap, Julee Cruise/Twin Peaks Soundtrack/Fire Walk With Me Soundtrack

Purity Ring, Beach Fossils, Green Day, Jimmy Eat World, Evanescence

Barry Manilow, Neil Diamond, John Denver, Sade, Enya. + And, with special reserve, Sarah McLachlan.

If they weren't here, I wouldn't be either. Period.

Honorable Mentions

Leon Russell, Jim Croce, Al Stewart, Queen, The Police, Styx

The Allman Brothers Band, Dash Rip Rock, Robyn Hitchcock

The Fat Boys, Ice Cube/N.W.A., Ice-T/Body Count

Run D.M.C., Aerosmith, Whodini, Queen Latifah

Oasis, The Spin Doctors, Urban Dance Squad

Arrested Development, P J Harvey, The Fun Lovin' Criminals

The Pixies, Frank Black, Kim Deal/The Breeders, The Flaming Lips

Marc Cohn, Real Estate

Widespread Panic, Van Morrison, Marvin Gaye

The Go-Go's, Belly, Juliana Hatfield, The Joy Formidable, Yeah Yeah Yeahs

Bad Religion, Orgy, Deep Forest/Strange Days Soundtrack

Oingo Bongo/Danny Elfman, Pump Up the Volume Soundtrack, Love & a .45 Soundtrack

Pulp Fiction Soundtrack, Natural Born Killers Soundtrack, Lost Highway Soundtrack

The Sex Pistols/P.I.L., The Clash, Big Audio Dynamite, Nirvana, Soundgarden, Queens of the Stone Age

Throwing Muses, Guided by Voices, Bob Mould/Husker Du/Sugar, Blondie, Haim

Air/The Virgin Suicides Soundtrack, Blonde Redhead, M83, Phoenix

Atari Teenage Riot, Beck, Trainspotting Soundtrack

The Ramones, Iggy Pop, John Wesley Harding, Michael Penn, Stone Temple Pilots

Singles Soundtrack, The White Stripes/Meg White/Jack White/The Raconteurs

Duran Duran, Led Zeppelin/Robert Plant, Alison Krause & Union Station/O Brother Where Art Thou? Soundtrack

The Breakfast Club Soundtrack, Rattle and Hum Soundtrack, Romeo + Juliet Soundtrack (1996), Leonard Cohen

Jeff Buckley, Steve Winwood/Traffic, Jethro Tull, Eric Clapton/Cream, Rush Soundtrack

The Blues Brothers, Chris Isaac, The Neville Brothers

Winx, Prodigy, The Chemical Brothers, The Crystal Method

My Life with the Thrill Kill Cult, Nitzer Ebb, Lords of Acid

Squirrel Nut Zippers, The Brian Setzer Orchestra/Stray Cats, Footloose Soundtrack

XTC, Adam Ant, Joan Jett, Soft Cell, Cyndi Lauper

The Pretenders, Pat Benatar, Eurythmics, Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell, The Primitives

Tracy Chapman, Suzanne Vega, Tori Amos, Everything but the Girl

Aimee Mann, Patty Smyth, Shania Twain, P!nk, Katy Perry, Sheryl Crow

Heart, Fleetwood Mac, Stevie Nicks, ABBA, The Bangles, The Cardigans, Garbage.

+ Of course, Madonna. And, Tina Turner especial for Mom/Kitty. Thank you all. Love, Sean Michael Stevens

Author Influences

On his Own, Charles M. Schulz

Friedrich Nietzsche, Ludwig Wittgenstein, Michel Foucault

J.D. Salinger, Erich Maria Remarque (All Quiet on the Western Front), Chinua Achebe (Things Fall Apart)

Edgar Allen Poe, Stephen King, Clive Barker

Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Leo Tolstoy, Anton Chekhov

Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ray Bradbury

Franz Kafka, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, Samuel Beckett (Waiting for Godot), Jacques Derrida

Dr. Suess, Shel Silverstein, Maurice Sendak, Walt Disney, Beatrix Potter (The Tale of Peter Rabbit), George Orwell (Animal Farm)

Bloom County, The Far Side, Calvin and Hobbes, The Brothers Grimm

Plato, Spinoza, Leibniz

John Dewey, William James, Charles Sanders Peirce

Sigmund Freud, B.F. Skinner, Alfred Adler, Carl Jung, Carl Sagan, Arthur C. Clarke, Ray Kurzweil, Bikram Choudhury

Aldous Huxley, Simone Weil, Albert Camus, James P. Carse, Arthur Janov, Frances Gertrude McGill, Kahlil Gibran (The Prophet)

Robert Louis Stevenson (Treasure Island), Richard Bach (Johnathan Livingston Seagull), Jonathon Swift (Gulliver's Travels)

Mark Twain, B.C., (I hate to say it, but) Kant/Helmet, Bertrand Russell, Aristotle

I almost forgot, I could not write much of anything of value if I hadn't read his books:

Michael A. Singer

Thank You

Sean Michael Stevens

I recommend Singer's A Search for Truth

(I would have wanted to write it, but he already had, beautifully and truthfully.)

P.S.—Superman, Spiderman, Batman, Avatar; and who knew? Daredevil

P.P.S.—THE MAXX

Apology

Anonymous Rock Star,

I contacted you three times in a week. I put the FANATIC in fan. Thank You for not responding. If I received negativity at that point in time, it would have made my situation more difficult than it already was.

I would be silent, but in the middle communication I mentioned a philosopher and an idea he had. That was troublesome. That philosopher is not for everybody. And, he can be quite disturbing. I sincerely hope you just dismissed my communications. No harm done, then. But, if you looked, and found it disturbing, I am so, so sorry. I cannot dwell on it, but I would never do it again.

Sean Michael Stevens

P.S.—think of me, for a brief moment, as Icarus, who flew too high and got too close to a Star. Forgive me, I am Ground.

Movie Influences

On its Own, 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

Star Wars (Episode IV: A New Hope) (1977)

Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)

Taxi Driver / The Bad News Bears (1976)

Alien (1979)

Coma (1978)

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982)

The Shining (1980)

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)

Scarface (1983)

The Matrix (1999)

The Godfather (1972)

The Godfather Part II (1974)

The Godfather Part III (1990)

Fire Walk With Me (1992)

Contact (1997)

Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within (2001)

TV

On its Own, The Twilight Zone (1959-1964)

Alfred Hitchcock Presents (1955-1965)

The Outer Limits (1963-1965, 1995-2002)

The Incredible Hulk (1977-1982)

The Muppet Show (1974, 1976-1981)

Kung Fu (1972-1975)

The Ray Bradbury Theater (1985-1986, 1988-1992)

The X-Files (1993-2002, 2016)

Millennium (1996-1999)

Twin Peaks (1990-1991)

Fringe (2008-2013)

Black Mirror (2011-2014, 2016-Present)

Documentaries:

The Story of Maths (2008) [Marcus du Sautoy]

NOVA: The Fabric of the Cosmos (2011) [Brian Greene]

When I Could Play Guitar

My Idol was Johnny Marr

I wanted to be David Roback

My natural talent was similar to (a far less talented) Alexi Murdock

Who am I now?

Sean Michael Stevens

DEDICATION

I wouldn't have found my style without my one and only guitar instructor (I was 14-17), Chuck Hoffman.

Kindred Spirits

On his Own, Ian Curtis

John Lennon

Friedrich Nietzsche

Johnny Cash

Jim Morrison

Bruce Lee

Marvin Gaye

Chris Cornell

Shel Silverstein

George Harrison

Bob Marley

Sean Michael Stevens

I Will Not Talk about my Love Life.

There was a prospective Order,

Based on Speculation

(not at all likely):

One Local; or

One Close at Hand; or

One Distant.

But, more than likely,

I will not have a Love Life, at all,

To Talk about.

And that is OK.

There is so much work to do.

Lighter Side

Light Mantras

Chvrches	The Mother We Share
	Clearest Blue
	Never Ending Circles
	Make Them Gold
	Bury It
Coldplay	A Sky Full of Stars
	Charlie Brown
	Hymn For The Weekend

ANYthing by THE OCEAN BLUE. thank you...

Yoga

Watership Down

Ellen DeGeneres

Mantras

Top Twenty Albums

Next Twenty Albums

Metaphysics

Ren and Stimpy

E

Androgynous is the Future.

Karma

I Will Be Forever Indebted to

Why I Am Crippled

FANTASIA

Yoga

Be Flexible

Tai Chi

Dance Slowly

Watership Down

The Velveteen Rabbit

The Secret of NIMH

Charlotte's Web

The Giving Tree

Ellen DeGeneres

If wanted for an Interview, and if Ready, Ellen would have first to decline.

Sean Michael Stevens

Mantras

On its Own, Yazoo Upstairs at Eric's

Aphex Twin Flim

Young Galaxy Cover Your Tracks

Aphex Twin Girl/Boy

Metric Help I'm Alive

Stadium Love

Clones

The Doors L'America

We Could Be So Good Together

Indian Summer

Top Twenty Albums

On its Own, Pearl Jam VITALOGY. (Vinyl or CD only, please.) the cover booklet = the new bible.

Thank You.

U2 War

R.E.M. Life's Rich Pageant

INXS Kick

Joy Division Substance

New Order Substance

The Cure Pornography

The Smiths The Queen is Dead

Depeche Mode Construction Time Again

Siouxsie and the Banshees The Scream

100,000 Maniacs Hope Chest

Lush Gala

The The Mind Bomb

Tricky Maxinquaye

Massive Attack Mezzanine

Bjork Debut

Nine Inch Nails The Downward Spiral

The Beach Boys Pet Sounds

The Beatles The Beatles

The Rolling Stones Through the Past, Darkly (Big Hits Vol. 2) Album

The Doors Strange Days

+ Chicago Transit Authority Chicago Transit Authority

Next Twenty Albums

On its Own, They Might Be Giants John Henry. (Vinyl or Cd only, please.) Thank You.

DJ Shadow Endtroducing

Liz Phair Exile in Guyville

The Smashing Pumpkins Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness

Peter Gabriel So

Patti Smith Group Easter

Nirvana Nevermind

Marilyn Manson Antichrist Superstar

Billy Joel The Stranger

Sarah McLachlan Fumbling Towards Ecstasy

They Might Be Giants They Might Be Giants

Van Morrison The Best of Van Morrison (1990)

Enigma MCMXC a.D.

Delerium Karma

Mazzy Star She Hangs Brightly

Elvis Presley The Sun Sessions

Portishead Dummy

Pink Floyd The Wall

Yazoo Upstairs at Eric's

Marvin Gaye What's Going On

The Jimi Hendrix experience are you experienced

+ Mumford & Sons Sigh No More

Metaphysics

Darker Mantras

Pearl Jam hey foxy mophandle mama, that's me

Aphex Twin COME ON YOU SLAGS!

Alice in Chains Angry Chair

Darker Movies

The Hunger (1983)

Quentin Tarantino

Pulp Fiction

Reservoir Dogs

True Romance

Darker Music

Ren and Stimpy

THANK YOU !!!

E

Harmony

Androgynous is the Future.

No labels, PLEASE!

Karma = Love

Infinity = Pi

Sean Michael Stevens

I Will Be Forever Indebted to:

Aetna

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

The United States of America

Don Hooton

Sorry

Sean Michael Stevens

Why I Am Crippled

Stroke (5/2014)

(Due to Brain Aneurysm)

Car Wreck!!! (12/1996)

(Requiring Facial Reconstructive Surgery)

Sean Michael Stevens

FANTASIA

please

HELP

fantasia

Addendum

DEDICATION to Chuck Hoffman

My Vincent Van Gogh Starry Night

If My Project Fails

Good Night

My Silent Guide

THE LAST PAGE

DEDICATION to Chuck Hoffman

Chuck was my only guitar instructor. I was 14-17 at the time.

For Him: Yes Fragile/Close to the Edge (sorry I never got your tape back to you, John W.)

The Grateful Dead Blues for Allah

Windham Hill Guitar Sampler

His Style: Chuck Hoffman

Les Paul

Pat Metheny

But you might not know his style because he did not want to influence your style; he was solely dedicated to his Mother and his Students. He could play ANY style of music, expertly. He listened, intently, made suggestions, waited for feedback, and started again. I didn't know it at the time, but he could extract your style from you, without you knowing it. All while getting the core building blocks (80-90% of a lesson) in a manner that you wanted to excel. I didn't know I had a style—I would have closed so many doors—my music exploration started from him.

Last Song I worked out with him: Simon and Garfunkel Anji from The Sound of Silence

Fitting Song I worked out just before losing the ability: Pink Floyd If from Atom Heart Mother

One Song for him, from me: Joy Division Disorder from Unknown Pleasures.

With Awe and Reverence:

Thank You, Chuck.

Sean Michael Stevens

04/18/16

My Vincent Van Gogh Starry Night:

has been promised.

It will pass if wanted.

Sean Michael Stevens

P.S.—It was shipped Jun-Jul 2017.-SMS

If My Project Fails

Horribly, then:

It Starts with:

Infinity plus the Eternal Recurrence

ending with,

Infinity = Pi

Then:

Pi (1998)

Jacob's Ladder (1990)

The Butterfly Effect (2004)

The Lazarus Project (2008)

Pink Floyd - The Wall (1982)

Maybe I Am Not Here,

Really, Anyway.

Then I have Failed in my Dreams,

And, I never succeeded in my Waking State.

!!! BUKOWSKI !!! seanmichaelstevens.

Good Night,
and Good Luck
[Edward R. Murrow]

(nin)

I might not make it through this time,

i might give up, so just in case:

to you and yours,

good bye

My Silent Guide

(after I could not play guitar)

Cheri Huber

and her App:

Transform Your Life:

A Year of Awareness Practice

By Cheri Huber

author of There Is Nothing Wrong With You

Regardless of where I go from here,

I do not know if I would have made it here,

Without her (silent) support.

Thank You, Ms. Huber.

Sean Michael Stevens

I am forever in your Debt.

[The Title is my last Ode, to New Order. sms.]

THE LAST PAGE

on HER own, GRIMES Genesis

The Shins Simple Song

Broken Bells Holding On for Life

Gnarls Barkley Crazy

The Postal Service Such Great Heights

Death Cab for Cutie Transatlanticism

Arctic Monkeys Arabella

Beach House Myth

Silversun Pickups Lazy Eye

Burial & Four Tet Moth

Buddy Holly Not Fade Away

Carole King (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman

Carly Simon You're So Vain

Joni Mitchell Woodstock

Primus Nature Boy

Lord Huron Time to Run

Ra Ra Riot Boy

The Head and the Heart Down in the Valley

The Drums Money

Sun Kil Moon Sunshine in Chicago

My Chemical Romance Welcome to the Black Parade

+ Aurora Murder Song (5, 4, 3, 2, 1)

++ Imogen Heap Hide and Seek