

## CONCERT | PREVIEW

# Music's A-Team

Local musicians put together benefit show to help much-loved bassist

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Like a lot of the veterans of Tulsa's music scene, singer Chris Campbell has donated time and talent to helping fellow musicians in need.

Unlike most of them, however, he's also been on the other end.

"You know, I've been at a lot of these benefits, and I've had benefits done for me, too," he said. "When I had my wreck, which was more than 15 years ago now, everyone got together and helped me."

That accident happened in August of 1990, following a gig by the Mystery Band at a Grand Lake resort. Campbell was seriously injured. His partner in the Mystery Band, bassist Jim "Tank" Parmley, died in the wreck.

"When Tank got killed, it was (Jimmy) Strader and a bunch of these guys who kept the Mystery Band going," Campbell said. "Jimmy took over on the bass and stayed with it until the end of the band, which came about nine years later."

Now, Strader's the one benefiting from a musicians' get-together. The longtime Tulsa bassist and vocalist, said Campbell, "is dealing with a cancer battle and the residual effects of treatment," and has been able to work only sporadically.

Although Strader's currently the regular bass player in the Sweney-Campbell Band, which Campbell fronts with fellow vocalist Jim Sweney, his credentials as one of Tulsa's top rock and blues talents stretch back to the '80s.

In 1989, when Strader and guitarist-vocalist Mark Bruner had the Bruner-Strader Blues Project, World columnist Terrell Lester caught Strader at radio station KMOD's Rainbow Expo, and raved about how he was "the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow" who "stole the show from some of the brighter lights." Lester also quoted Mark Thompson, the musical contractor for the event, who said of Strader, "He's one of the best bass players to come down the pike in a long time. But Jimmy absolutely blew the crowd away when he sang."

Since then, Strader's played with a lot of other musicians, including many of those set to pay tribute to him Tuesday night. Tulsa's Kevin Flint will take



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**Rebecca Ungerman (top), John Glazer and Mary Cogan are scheduled to participate in the benefit for Strader.**



**Jimmy Strader**

Strader's place in the Sweney-Campbell Band, and there's even a pair of musicians, the Rev. Neal Down and Lahna Deering, coming in from Memphis, Tenn., to perform.

"The way I understand it, they love Jimmy and when they heard about this, they just wanted to be a part of it," Campbell said.

That's something that could be said about every musician on the bill.

"You know, this is all we guys can do," Campbell noted. "None of us is really rich, and there's no insurance in the music business. This is what the music community does. We come together."

In addition to the \$5 donation at the door, other contributions will be accepted during the evening. People also can send checks to: Jimmy Strader Benefit Support Trust, F&M Bank and Trust, 1330 S. Harvard Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74104.

## MUSICIANS' CONCERT FOR JIMMY STRADER

hosted by the Sweney-Campbell Band featuring Jon Glazer, Bill Snow, the Jumpshots, Mary Cogan and her band, Mark Bruner, the Steve Pryor Band, Danny Baker with Jim Karstein, Earl Clark & Spectrum, Charles Tuberville, Lori Duke, Rebecca Ungerman, David Busey, Pat Murray, Mark Carpenter, Bill Davis, Chunky Monkey and the Rev. Neal Down with Lahna Deering

**When:** 6 p.m. Tuesday

**Where:** Side Line Sports Bar & Grill, 5936 S. Lewis Ave.

**Admission:** \$5 donation at the door