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## Company News

**Welcome to the September 2005 edition of the McCartney.com newsletter.**

(created by [Martin Nethercutt](#))

In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita it's hard to find anything of real consequence to say in the world of digital media development, but if it were not for the steadfast camera operators, reporters, editors, web sites, broadcasters and bloggers worldwide, we might not have a true picture of the events, devastation and the ways in which we can help.

In particular, our hearts go out to Christel Antonellis, The Michael Groziers and The Williams Kellys of New Orleans as well as, unbelievably short 3 weeks later, Barry and Megan Coffing and clan in Houston, TX who found themselves unable to even get out of Dodge!

We're VERY glad to report that they are all safe, but we would like to remind everyone that these disasters are far from over. Much support - both psychological and financial will be needed in the months and even years to come and some of the BEST places you can direct your spare pennies to:

[www.habitatforhumanity.org](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org) (see below)

[www.dreamcenter.org](http://www.dreamcenter.org) - Los Angeles' own Dream Center Shelter



Summer is over and Fall has settled in. We would like to take the time to reflect on the terrible natural disasters that have befallen our friends all along the Gulf Coast. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. We are especially saddened about the tragedy that has hit the Crescent City so hard that we dedicate this month's issue of our newsletter to the victims and hope that you the reader will donate generously to the following relief organization headed up by New Orleans' natives Harry Connick Jr and Branford Marsalis. "The South will rise again!" (*Martin*)

**McCartney.com** and **iFanz** officially support the relief effort from New Orleans' sons Harry Connick Jr., Branford Marsalis helping Habitat Musicians' support will help communities rise, like a Phoenix, from devastation.



NEW ORLEANS (Sept. 6, 2005) – New Orleans native and singer Harry Connick Jr. has agreed to be honorary chair of Habitat for Humanity's "Operation Home Delivery," a long-term rebuilding plan for families victimized by Hurricane Katrina in the Big Easy and along the Gulf Coast.

"It is hard to sit in silence, to watch one's youth wash away," said Connick. "Everything that I have professionally, and so much of what I have personally, is because of this great, fair city ... to see it being drowned like this is almost unbearable."

Branford Marsalis, a Grammy Award-winning jazz saxophonist and fellow New Orleans native, has also joined the team and agreed to be honorary chair of the [New Orleans Habitat](#) for Humanity efforts. The two have been friends since childhood, and Connick was a student of the Marsalis patriarch, Ellis



Marsalis.

"When the world's attention turns away from this disaster, there will be tens of thousands of New Orleanians without a place to live," said Marsalis. "Working with Habitat to help people rebuild their homes and their lives is a constructive way to channel this mind-numbing pain."

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**Send to:**

**Harry Connick, Jr.  
Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts  
323 Broadway  
Cambridge, MA 02139**

Thank you so much... like the phoenix, the Big Easy will surely rise again!  
Love, Harry

**Now Online**

**[CarlyMusic.com launches.](#)**

All the makings of a star...

Known as "The hardest working 15 year old in America!" Carly is currently working with a personal trainer, a vocal coach, a dance choreographer, a clothing designer, a press agent, a songwriting partner, a guitar teacher, her band, her dance team and a record producer - all in her spare time while attending high school. But this is nothing new for the dedicated performer. Since the age of seven, she's been studying voice and dance. From opera and jazz vocal instruction to hip hop and Broadway dance lessons, this young performer has studied it all.



Even her musical education has been extremely diverse including training on violin, piano and guitar. Look for her release on iTunes soon!

**In Development**

**Strategic Alliance - [Artist1.Stop.com](#)**

True Distribution for Independent Labels & Artists

Artist1stop has been developed by Synergy Distribution to create an affordable and efficient national distribution solution for independent artists and labels. They have devised an on-demand distribution service that can make your music available for orders at thousands of physical retail stores and several major online retailers. This service, offered at the price of just \$199 for the first title (CD) and \$100 for each additional one, is totally unique. The Artist1Stop program gives you complete on-demand distribution for your music through stores and online retailers that sell music.

Artist1Stop makes it easy and profitable for independents to get their product into the hands of consumers across the US.





**Bronwyn Leigh** - Darling of Down Under has joined the McCartney.com digital family - we will be updating her website at [www.bronwynleigh.com](http://www.bronwynleigh.com) very soon.

(From Bronwyn's [Web Site](#)) When asked about her guiding philosophy in a recent interview, she said, " Looks can only get you so far. Thoughts and words create who we are and being who we say we are, seals that creation. Women in media today have a new more dynamic role to play.

We can seem a dream, appear interested, act amused, or cry for attention. That is all well and good, but I believe that ultimately undermines our power. These are my guideposts:

Be loving, kind with pure intention. Be strong minded, use your charm, show your grace, and do your best to shine like a star. Think with your head, but follow your heart. Be remembered. Live life, Love life."

## Restaurant of the Month



### Cantalini's Salerno Beach Restaurant

Welcome to Cantalini's Italian Restaurant in Playa Del Rey or as we like to call it: 'The McCartney.com commissary'.

Lisa, Brian, Rogelio and the crew are so used to seeing our faces, we're considering having their phone number printed on our business cards! Great Italian, outstanding wine list and live music on Sundays.



Cantalini's Salerno Beach  
193 Culver Blvd  
Playa del Rey  
CA 90293  
310 821 0018

## Recipe of the Month

### Ruth's 16 Veggie Minestrone

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can stewed tomatoes
- 1 (8 ounce) can Ro-Tel spicy canned tomatoes with green chillies
- HARD VEGETABLES
- 1 large red-skinned potato, cubed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1/4 head cabbage, finely chopped
- 1/2 cauliflower
- 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic paste
- SOFT VEGETABLES
- 1 (7 ounce) can kidney beans





1 (7 ounce) can great northern or cannellini beans  
 1 small green zucchini, cubed  
 1 small yellow zucchini, cubed  
 1/2 cup fresh corn kernels  
 1/2 cup frozen peas  
 1/2 cup frozen green beans  
 1 cup uncooked orzo pasta  
 bay leaf  
 salt and pepper to taste

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1 In a large soup pot combine the vegetable stock, the undrained tomatoes, hard vegetables, garlic paste and Italian seasoning. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Simmer for about 15 minutes.  
 2 Stir in the soft vegetables, bay leaf and pasta; simmer for 10 to 15 more minutes until the vegetables are tender. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with garlic toast or fresh roll

Mangia!

### **Prank of the Month - Office Dare**

#### **ONE-POINT DARES**

1. Ignore the first five people who say 'good morning' to you.
2. To signal the end of a conversation, clamp your hands over your ears and grimace.
3. Walk sideways to the photocopier.
4. While going in an elevator, gasp dramatically each time the doors open.
5. When in elevator with one other person, tap them on the shoulder and pretend it wasn't you.
6. Interrupt your conversation with someone by giving a huge dejected sigh.
7. Use your highlighter pen on the computer screen.

#### **THREE-POINT DARES**

1. Say to your boss, "I like your style", wink, and shoot him with double-barrelled fingers.
2. Kneel in front of the water cooler and drink directly from the nozzle.
3. Shout random numbers while someone is counting.
4. Every time you get an email, shout "email".
5. Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has got over his or her caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.

#### **FIVE-POINT DARES**

1. At the end of a meeting, suggest that, for once, it would be nice to conclude with the singing of the national anthem (extra points if you actually launch into it yourself).
2. Walk into a very busy person's office and while they watch you with growing irritation, turn the light switch on/off 10 times.
3. For an hour, refer to everyone you speak to as "Mustaffah".

4. In a meeting or crowded situation, slap your forehead repeatedly and mutter, "Shut up, all of you just shut up in there!"
5. Repeat the following conversation 10 times to the same person: "Do hear that?" "What?" "Never mind, it's gone now."
6. During the course of a meeting, slowly edge your chair towards the door.
7. As often as possible, skip rather than walk.
8. Ask people what sex they are. Laugh hysterically after they answer.

### iTunes Download of the Month

**Clint Black's** new release "Drinkin' Songs & Other Logic" available now on iTunes! Get your copy by simply clicking on the image ([or this link](#)) below. Also make sure to visit [ClintBlack.com](http://ClintBlack.com) for all the latest info on Clint.



### Tech Tips of the Month

#### Domain Registrar - [Directnic.com](http://Directnic.com)

If you register any new domains, give the \$15 business to these guys who literally battled Hurricane Katrina to keep all our domains alive and many many websites online with donated diesel, batteries, rations and an amazing staff. Kudos to Sigmund J. Solares and his AMAZING staff for their dedication to their customers - that includes us - and many of you reading this.

Read their [BLOG](http://mgno.com/) at <http://mgno.com/>

#### [Bookmark Bodyguard](http://del.icio.us)

[|del.icio.us|](http://del.icio.us)

Access your bookmarks from anywhere - see who else shares your taste - discover new sites through word of mouse - monitor activity on your web site and others...pretty cool stuff - and free <http://del.icio.us>

### iFanz® Artists Newz



featuring: **Andi Slavik**

You are listening to an excerpt of "**Let Go**" by composer / producer Andreas Slavik who is currently in the process of sound design and scoring for [TheJungle.tv](http://TheJungle.tv) project.

Born 21.02.1960 in Vienna, Austria, Andreas studied composition and orchestration at the Academy for Music and The Arts in Vienna. He also studied arrangement and improvisation at the Vienna Conservatory, specializing in



piano and classical studies.

He began his career in the international music business in 1987 with producer Harold Faltermeyer of "Top Gun" and Beverly Hills Cop" fame, Andreas worked as arranger, composer, programmer and producer at Harold's studios in Munich, Germany.

Later on, he continued with pop music by arranging and producing CDs for artists such as The Pet Shop Boys, LaToya Jackson, Roger Chapman, Isaac Hayes, Jennifer Rush, Ruth McCartney, Errol Brown (Hot Chocolate), Chris Thompson (Manfred Mann's Earth Band), Sally Oldfield and many more.

Composed, scored and produced orchestral productions with the Munich Philharmonic. The Vienna Philharmonic and Vienna Symphony as well as the Viennese Chamber Philharmonic, The London Gospel Choir, The Bavarian State Opera Choir and the Berlin Film Orchestra. For more information and music samples, please visit this link: <http://www.mccartney.com/company/networkresumes.php>

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