

A Last-Minute Christmas Wish

It is incredible, you know. Christmas after Christmas I lie myself into thinking I will get the gifts out well before the day.

crastinated.

I know it's not a biblical crime and I know I should make lists and keep calendars, make notes and

can never remember which one.

Left to my own devices I would be sending out Christmas cards at the spring equinox, another fine time for gift giving, but I digress.

Do not let this happen to you! Lists of potential gifts are waiting to fulfill the promise of joy and heartfelt affection. The key word of course is "potential". Therefore, in this season of generosity, like the ghosts in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, I propose a potential solution.

If you are looking for a gift that says, "I love you" or at least "I remember you", consider buying local and share the gift of Yukon music.

I invite you to visit my website at www.strangethingsdone.com and check out my archive of

reviews. Posted there in glorious pdf format are nearly 40 CDs and DVDs I have reviewed over the past couple of years.

It continues to amaze me that the Yukon has produced so much music. The performers I reviewed have taken the reigns of production in hand and have produced a staggering amount of music. The artists who produce this bounty are tireless, passionate and extremely talented.

Each of these albums has passion and inspiration that you just do not find on big label releases. I've said it before and I say it now, these are the people in your neighbourhood and they deserve support.

There is something for every taste in this buffet of music up

here.

We have the granola folk music and the crunch of metal music, an incredible array of alternative rock and traditional country, we got the hip and the hop, the rap, we even have our own Elvis, thank you very much.

The Yukon has youth with wisdom and seniors with spunk all writing and recording music. In a territory this size, we produce at least two dozen different CDs a year. As far as I am concerned, we are at the heart of a growing musical Mecca and the pilgrimage is not over.

If you are plugged into the musical scene, you know of what I speak. If you're not plugged in this means you may be missing a chance at great music, at a great price and missing the chance to support acts that enrich the life we lead up here, North of 60.

Now let us sum up: procrastination is bad and all heads hang in shame at the thought of it. Local music is wholesome Northern fare and has all the karmic nutrition to counteract corporate music.

Support of local musicians removes shame of procrastination and builds strong artistic infrastructure.

Bill Polonsky can be found near the perogy this holiday season, getting sour cream on his laptop at www.strangethingsdone.com.



Then, every year, right about this time, the blinding, soul crushing, realization smacks me on the back of the head: You have pro-

keep an ear out listening for gift ideas. These are all strategies for success, I know, I have them on a list in a drawer somewhere; I just

Merry Christmas

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