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Newsletter and Tour Schedule for Michael Massimo

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## MASSIMO RETURNS HOME New Album Nears Completion

"Where's the new album?", you ask. "When's it coming out?" "Why is it taking so long?" "What's up with the band?" "Wasn't that you I saw on the corner with a squeegee babbling to yourself?"

First let me say it's

good to be back home again and welcome to all of you new to my newsletter; glad to have you aboard. I have survived numerous storms/floods, mountain biking accidents (old women and minivans don't mix), parrot attacks, computer seizures, and various

automotive catastrophes to record this album, but it's finally done. The recording, that is. Now there's mixing, mastering, designing the insert, forming a band etc., etc., etc. Seriously, it's enough to make someone take up a safer, less stressful career like profes-

sional cliff diving or lion taming. Maybe I'll join the bomb squad. "Delays, delays; you're killing days..." Anyway, expect a *Precious Seconds* CD release party sometime in June. Watch your mail for invitations. In the meantime...

### **Upcoming Appearances (All dates subject to change, Call venue to confirm. Visit [concerts.calendar.com](http://concerts.calendar.com) for updates):**

**Friday April 17, 5pm - WBZC 88.9 on-air interview** Pemberton, NJ (609) 894-8900 studio line

**Saturday April 18, 8pm - Music Among Friends Cfehse**, Shannon Lounge, 106 1st St., Hoboken, NJ (201) 659-6300

**Saturday April 25, 9pm - Cappuccino's** Colonial Village, Rt.27 & Parsonage Rd., Edison, NJ (732) 632-6400

**Monday April 27, 9pm - Triumph Brewery** 138 Nassau St., Princeton, NJ (609) 924-7855

**THURSDAY APRIL 30, 8:30pm - DOWNTIME** 251 W.30th St., NY, NY (212) 695-2747

**Friday May 1, 10pm - Drew University** The Other End, Madison, NJ (973) 408-3747

**Sunday May 3, 4:30pm - Burlington County College** WBZC FunFest - Stage 3, Pemberton, NJ (609) 894-9311

**Wednesday May 6, 10pm - SUNY at Stony Brook** The Spot, Stony Book, NY (516) 632-6770

**Saturday May 16, 9pm - Cappuccino's** Colonial Village, Rt.27 & Parsonage Rd., Edison, NJ (732) 632-6400

**Saturday June 6, 8pm - Greene's Beans** 313 High St., Hacketstown, NJ (908) 979-0022

**Saturday June 20, 8pm - Barnes & Noble** 1805 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA (215) 665-0716

### **Orlando Observations**

It's true what they say, "There's no place like New York", and there isn't. All of Orlando seems about as big as Greenwich Village. Yes, the weather is nice, but it's like living in one big retirement home. Anything you attempt to do becomes an exercise in patience. Life is pretty boring there, but beer is cheap. Tiny lizards are everywhere.

There's an anti-Yankee, redneck, Joe Shotgun, Johnny Pickup Truck quality woven into everything that I found a little unnerving with signs like "WE DON'T CARE HOW THEY DO IT UP NORTH" posted behind the bar. Otherwise, the nightlife is good. The warm weather ensures women aren't too heavily dressed.

Attended an acoustic

showcase at the city's best venue, the Sapphire. Met Janis Ian when she played there. Local musicians were very supportive ("Hi" Von Ra, Roger Docking, Tribe). Gigging in the area was cool ("Hi" everyone at Scruffy Murphy's), not as high pressure (a lot of people are from out of town and on vacation).

The abundance of pawnshops adds an air of desperation to the place. Seeing the shuttle lift off first hand was awe-inspiring. Drove my car on the beach in Daytona. Now *that's* a town. Even when it's not Spring Break season. You always feel like you're on the set of Baywatch. But I digress. Orlando was a nice place to visit, but my home is here in the Garden State.

### **Let's Get Digital**

I now have an outpost on the net - [Mmassimo@aol.com](mailto:Mmassimo@aol.com). I invite you all to email me and let me know what your addresses are. While I will still send the PERSPECTIVE via snail mail, those of you with a computer can get it in electronic form.

Also, all my latest concert information is now listed on [MusiCal, concerts.calendar.com](http://MusiCal.concerts.calendar.com) (no www). As always, you can still get gig info on the MM Hotline (new area code) 732-906-9891. Either way, please keep in touch. I'd love to hear from you.

Me at Disneyworld

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