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Brewer's album out today; party set

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Larry Brewer is a musician at heart, and he's thankful that he's still in the business and still doing well.

Brewer, a Madison resident, was the lead singer and songwriter with the group "The Windows" in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Recently, he's been in the recording studio preparing for his fourth solo album out today.

"Things are going well," Brewer said. "I am happy I can keep doing what I do. I'm one of the fortunate ones. People still buy my music."

A native of Chicago, Brewer moved with his family to Tennessee and spent his high school years there, going on to college at the University of Tennessee in Martin. Brewer released three solo records — "Traveling at the Speed of Life," "World Going Crazy" and "Lucky Ever After" — as well as performing as the lead singer for The Windows. The band toured the South, and Brewer met his wife in Mississippi and settled in Madison.

The Windows began in 1987 in Memphis. "We were about to sign with Atlantic records when one of our band members, Kirby Jackson, was killed in a car accident," said Brewer.

Jackson's death also killed the band's mojo temporarily, but they continued on, self-recording their first album. Brewer's song "Motorcar" became one of the most requested songs in the South, with heavy rotation on local radio station Z106.

"We had a great run, opening for groups like Hall and Oates, The Beach Boys, Kansas, Peter Frampton, Badfinger and Jefferson Starship. That gave us a lot of credibility. The exciting thing is that I had the opportunity to meet and/or open for so many of the people I used to listen to."

Since the band's break up in 1995, Brewer has had a lucrative solo career. He performed at the Mississippi Grammy event in Biloxi last summer. People nationwide have been hearing Brewer's songs on such television shows as "Raising Hope" and "Community." One of his songs has also been featured in "Goat Island," a new movie starring Val Kilmer.

Most recently, Brewer has been in the recording studio with local producer and engineer Randy Everett, putting the finishing touches on his album, "Waxing Ardent." Recorded at Terminal Studios in Ridgeland, the CD features 13 original songs with one cover. "I did a remake of 'Over the Rainbow' that I'm especially proud of."

The release party for the CD is set for tonight at Kathryn's in Ridgeland. "We'll get cranked up about 6 or 6:30. Everyone's invited."

Brewer has gained a loyal following playing music around Jackson for the past few years.

"Not only is Brewer extraordinarily talented," said Natalie Long, another local musician, "he is one of the sweetest guys you will ever meet."



Larry Brewer

Who: Singer/songwriter Larry Brewer**What:** CD release party for Brewer's "Waxing Ardent"**When:** Tonight 6:30 p.m.**Where:** Kathryn's, 6800 Old Canton Road, Ridgeland

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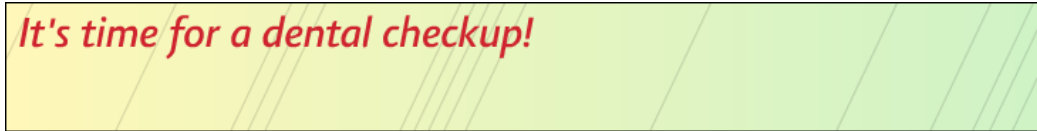
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