

'Unrehearsed adventure' marks release of new CD



Out There

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Steve Goldberger and The Fringe Locals releases its new CD *Gumbo Dreams* this weekend with performances at The Angel Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Never one to follow musical convention, Goldberger celebrates the new disc by performing without his usual jam band accomplices, drummer Penner MacKay, guitarist Eric Mahar and keyboardist Herb Nelson.

A combination of date conflicts and a chest infection is keeping the usual suspects from turning up and, well, tearing it

up. That leaves drummer Dave Norris as the last Fringe Local standing.

Guitarist Ed Kopala from Toronto fills the void tonight and highly regarded St. Catharines player Terry Walsh sits in Saturday. Goldberger expects a series of guests will also join in the party.

"This should be interesting — for me especially — as we try new stuff and have some rip-roaring guitar jams," Goldberger said, before adding that the more things change, the more they stay the same. "It will be an unrehearsed adventure in space and time as usual."

The sets run from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the venerable Niagara-on-the-Lake pub. No cover.

Gumbo Dreams collects 12 songs

recorded over the past two years in Niagara-on-the-Lake by Goldberger and the Fringe Locals, with a freewheeling collective of guest musicians sourced from Niagara and Toronto. Goldberger wrote or co-wrote 10 of the songs. One of the other tracks is a previously unreleased song written by the late Canadian jazz guitarist Lenny Breau.

The independent disc will be available at shows and online at www.stevegoldberger.com for \$20.



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