

## MUSIC NEWS

## Spectrum of sound from local band

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NIAGARA ADVANCE

"They're amazing - I love having them here," said Anchorage Restaurant manager Jane Cripps about the Niagara Rhythm Section, also known as the Fringe Locals, a band that has been playing at the Ricardo Street restaurant for about a year every Saturday night.

With special guests like Virgil Scott, Steve Grisbrook, Rod Philips, Lance Anderson, Gayle Ackroyd and Ed Kopala, Bill

Colgate, Cam MacInnes, and Bruce Jones, the local band has piqued the interest of residents.

The band also has a Friday night hangout at the Angel Inn, where the musicians are sometimes accompanied by Craig Roberts and the Jumpin' Jive Band.

Steve Goldberger on bass, Joe Ingrao on keyboards, Dave Norris on guitar and Penner MacKay on drums, have been together since 1995, but Goldberger said the musicians have been playing music for about 30

years.

"No one gets bored. It's like family," he said about playing at his regular spots. "We know thousands of songs and we know how to keep it fresh."

This Saturday night, the Niagara Rhythm Section will play with Bruce Jones and Peter Slack at the Anchorage, and will perform New Year's Eve and the evening of Jan. 1 at the Angel Inn as the Fringe Locals.

"It's different every week," Goldberger said, adding that the featured artists are all well-known area veteran musicians.

The first guests of the new year on Jan. 8 at the Anchorage, are Hank Wissensz, "a popular NOTL singer", and Terry Walsh, "a great St. Catharines guitar player - he's actually pretty legendary," Goldberger said.

Complimentary reviews, and other information about the times and dates of the band's gigs can be found on Goldberger's website, [www.stevegoldberger.com](http://www.stevegoldberger.com).

Cripps said, "They have featured guests and they're the most talented musicians. You can't match their caliber in this area."

The band plays a broad cross-section of music, attracting people in their 20s and up. "It's everything from contemporary to Latin American. And it's not deafening loud, people can have a conversation," she said, adding that the band does not go on until about 10 p.m., after the dinner hour.

The Anchorage is located a 186 Ricardo Street, and the Angel Inn is located on 224 Regent Street.



Steve Goldberger, Terry Walsh and Joe Ingrao at the Angel Inn in NOTL.