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## **CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND**

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### **“Third Thursdays on Tybee” Continues into the Summer**

Tybee Island, GA – (May 13, 2010) Tybee Island’s Better Hometown Initiative program is continuing the *Third Thursdays on Tybee* outdoor musical concert series. The original series, which started with a Georgia Council for the Arts’ Grassroots Arts grant, received support from the City of Tybee Island, sponsorships, individual donations, and tremendous positive response! Thanks to ongoing support and popular demand, the series will continue for three more months.

Megan Panther and Darryl E. Van Horne will be performing Thursday, May 20 from 5:30PM – 6:30PM at the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout near the Walter W. Parker Pier & Pavilion. Panther teamed up with Van Horne when she was invited to perform with a regional favorite, *The Permanent Tourist*, with which Horne performs. Music lovers experience the dynamic duo often at hot spots around Bluffton, Savannah and Wilmington Island. As seasoned corporate performers, their shows have included Southern Living’s “Music to Your Mouth” and performances at the famous Fontaine Bleu in Miami. The two have also recorded several original songs that can be found at [www.meganpanther.com](http://www.meganpanther.com). Panther says, “We are looking forward to introducing our brand of music to the great crowd at Third Thursday!”

Enjoy strolling and experiencing the shops, restaurants and outdoors around Tybrisa and The Strand on the southern portion of the Tybee Business Corridor while taking in a listener’s delight. This music series provides free family-friendly outdoor music. (Rain location will be at Fannies on the Beach.)

Future Third Thursdays will include the ViGuBa Trio also playing at the roundabout on June 17, and Jan Spillane at the Tybee Oaks on the island’s North End on July 15.

These concerts are made possible with assistance from the City of Tybee Island and sponsorship support of WRHQ radio, Creative Approach, ConnectSavannah, and The Tybee Times. A portion of Tybee’s Better Hometown Initiative’s mission is to “support and encourage the arts as a cultural endeavor and economic engine on the Island.” *Third Thursdays on Tybee* continues the awareness that Tybee Island has an inviting and thriving arts community. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.

*About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee’s Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island’s raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick’s Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year’s Days off the Walter W. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia’s DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and*

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*making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.*

*About Tybee Island's Better Hometown Initiative: Tybee's Better Hometown initiative follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.*

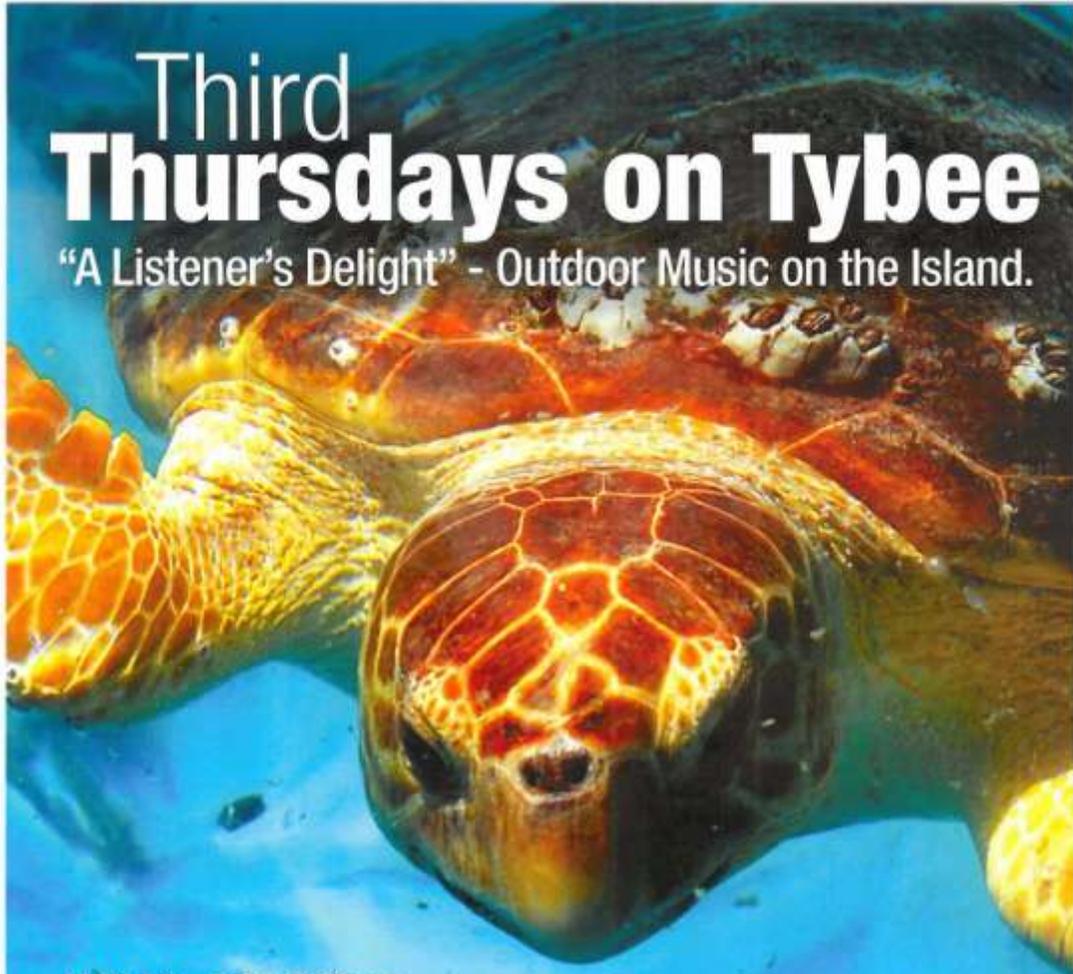


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# Third Thursdays on Tybee

"A Listener's Delight" - Outdoor Music on the Island.



**MAY 20 - 5:30-6:30pm**

Megan Panther and Darryl E. Horne  
Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout

\*rain location to be announced

**JUNE 17 - 5:30-6:30pm**

VIGUBA TRIO  
Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout

\*rain location to be announced

**JULY 15 - 5:30-6:30pm**

Jan Spillane  
The Lot at Tybee Oaks

\*rain location to be announced

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