

A TRIBUTE TO BANGALORE,

Being on the road as a touring musician, I have had the opportunity to meet a huge cross-section of people — the music fan, the hobby musician and the full-time professional musician. On one of my numerous sojourns around the country with my band Krosswindz, I found myself playing two back-to-back concerts in Bangalore in June 2008. I always make it a point to let my friends know when I am passing through their town, and in Bangalore I have two good old friends — former Krosswindz bassist Dwight and his brother Peter Pattison. They came for the shows and in the break, Peter just casually requested me to start the next set with a guitar instrumental. I was taken by surprise as we had not rehearsed a guitar instrumental so I did what I often do live — I made up a composition on the spot and we announced it as *Peter's Song*. There was a spark in Peter's eye and a spring in his step when he met me backstage after the show. "I just got a great idea!" he said. And that's how *Guitar Gurus* — a concert featuring only guitarists — was born.

INTO THE GROOVE

When Peter called me about four months ago, he had already floated a music event and production company called *Strange Brew*, along with his partner Latha Papa. He had whittled down the star performers to five well-known guitar players of the country, namely John Anthony, Amit Heri, Derek Julien, Sanjay Divecha and young trully, Tuki.

The venue was fixed after extensive research as it was planned to be an all-night music concert, which is not possible in Bangalore town due to restrictions. *Fireflies Ashram* on Kanakapura Road on the fringe of



Someplace Else ushered in *W* on Saturday night with a special music lovers: a line-up of a bands! *Orient Express*, *Kro* *Insomnia*, *Crystal Grass*, *Hip* *Saturday Night Blues Band* re pub till 2am. From the *Deep* *Highway Star* (by *Krosswindz*), *Van Halen's Jump* (by *Hip P* covers by *Orient Express*, b *The Saturday Night Blues B*



Attractions include a flea market selling trinkets on the fourth floor, a tattoo store, mehndi, astrology and tarot card reading. Shopper Aakanksha Dugar (not in picture) was excited to get her first tarot reading done. "I keep doing this on Facebook, and my sister who had got it done recommended it to me, so I came along," she said

piece of the giant cake that was cut on June 14, quare's first anniversary celebrations. Tabla se helped do the honours as the birthday song ed through the EM Bypass mall

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