



# WHIRLED PEAS

ACOUSTICAL MUSICIANS

Whirled Peas is a group of musicians that come together on a regular basis to share our love of blues, bluegrass and folk music. Our musical journey includes rock, oldies and show tunes based on the audience's support and enthusiasm. The core of our group focuses on guitar, harmonica, banjo and more. We often are complemented by an array of talented **guest** musicians.

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## HELLO, JULY

### NATIONAL ANTI-BORING MONTH

To combat this malady of boredom, the members of the *Whirled Peas* are listening to their CD – **backwards**. And, co-founder Todd Breck is getting a buzz haircut.



"...AND IN HERE, YOU'LL FIND THE BORED ROOM!"

PR Pro and Writer Alan Caruba who grew tired of the pointless repetitiveness of America's press coverage founded The Boring Institute. He claims, "I am possessed of a mind that endlessly entertains me. I make myself laugh. I don't know if others do this, but I find my thoughts either astonishingly

profound or amusingly idiotic. Either way, I am surprised."

This insight was manifested in 1984 while he was watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. He invented The Boring Institute out of thin air. He dispatched a press release to the news claiming that experts at The Institute, after considerable research and analysis, concluded that there was NO Macy's Parade occurring in New York. The whole Parade was a hoax and everyone in NYC knew. What people outside of NYC were watching was a videotape of a previous parade, perhaps from a decade earlier. Moreover, the experts pronounced the whole thing "a bore."

This little adventure which launched him into notoriety lasted for 2 decades. Caruba had a great ride satirizing the elements of any news release, postulating an imaginary "Institute," filled with "experts", and offering an absurd conclusion.

After 9/11, Caruba realized it wasn't time for The Boring Institute to be suggesting life was ever ho-hum so The Institute is on hiatus and possibly moribund.

As far as the Macy's Parade, he won't watch it or if he does, the sound is on mute in order to avoid listening to the inane prattle of the TV hosts, who should "as an act of mercy, be dragged from their perch overlooking the Parade and sequestered in Macy's basement until the Parade ends."

### HELP TO FIGHT BOREDOM

#### Things you can do with nothing:

Blink wildly and then close your eyes really tight for an interesting light show.

Rate passers by.

Pretend to be a car.

#### Things you can do with very little:

Watch TV, repeat everything said in an Italian accent.

See what's in your neighbor's trash.

Step off a curb with eyes shut, imagine it's a cliff.

Things you can do with another person:

Pull out a hair, stick it in someone’s ear.

Stare at the back of someone’s head until they turn around.

Have a water gargling contest.

**WELCOME TO SUMMER QUIZ**

Check off the appropriate answer:

- 1. How bored were you before taking this quiz?  
 Kinda’ bored  Had better things to do than taking this lame quiz  Really, really bored
- 2. What do you do when you are bored?  
 Take quizzes  Don’t know; lots of stuff; like take this dumb quiz  Nothing
- 3. Spell “boring” backwards.  
 No. Why am I taking this stupid quiz?  Let’s see.. G-O-R  G-N-I-R-O-B

**YOU WERE A WINNER IF YOU KNEW...**

...that the feminist trait originating at the Miss America Pageant was “burning the bra.” As a protest to the contest, feminists gathered and deposited their bras and other beauty accoutrements in a boardwalk trash barrel and threatened to burn them. The Police warned them that the Boardwalk was wood and they might start a fire. They didn’t burn the barrel but a legend was born.

...**Waterworks** is among Atlantic & Ventnor Aves. and Marvin Gardens.

...*There She Is, Miss America* was sung by **Bert Parks**.

...**Boardwalk** is the most expensive property.

...Chance and Community Chest have **3** squares.

...Miss Mississippi **Mary Ann Mobley** and husband, **Gary Collins**, co-hosted the Pageant

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2★	3	4
5	6	7	8★	9	10	11
12	13	14	15★	16	17	18
19	20	21	22★	23	24	25
26	27	28	29★	30	31	

**WHEN AND WHERE**

The red stars above point to the dates the *Whirled Peas* will be at the (BSG) Bourbon Street Grille. The *Peas* start about 7:30 and play until 10.

BSG, formerly the Coachhouse, is located at 2605 Philadelphia Pike in Claymont. If you go **north** on Philadelphia Pike, it’s on the left just before the Wawa at Harvey Road. If you are coming **east** on Harvey Road, turn right when you get to Philadelphia Pike. Go past the Wawa and BSG is on the right. There is no problem with parking.

**THE WHOLE POD PERFORMS...**

*The Peas* will be performing 7 July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Wallingford’s Community Arts Center. (see attachment: Wallingford Poster)

**AND THE PEA STANDS ALONE**

Solo gigs... so you can mark your calendar:

*John and June Gallagher* will be performing in Rockford Park July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to benefit the Green Willow Folk Society.

*Fritz Horisk* can be heard online weekday afternoons from 2 pm until 4 pm and Saturdays from 10 til 3 at [www.realcountrywsig.com](http://www.realcountrywsig.com). Fritz and his wife, Peggy, just completed a CD.

*John Frink* will perform August 5<sup>th</sup> at a noon concert at Bellevue State Park’s patio behind the Arts Center. His new CD, *Cabin Fever*, has been released.

**GUEST MUSICIANS’ GIGS**

*Mark Unruh* is the opening act for a fineNJ bluegrass band, *Blue Roots*. The gig is 8 Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at Kennett Flash, 103 Sycamore Alley in Kennett Square. (see attachment: Mark Unruh Poster)

*David Poland* will be fiddlin’ with the *Sin City Band* at the Newark Marriott’s outside back deck 5 til 9 July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The address is 200 New London Road.

*Pea Rebecca Dunne* reminds you about the Open Circle Jam Sessions 7:30 til 11 July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>. (see attachment: Open Circle Poster)

**NEW CD’S**

The Group is working on recording two CD’s filled with a lot of their original works. More to come when release date nears.

**WEBSITE**

WhirledPeasBand.com is just about completed. So, if you have a “Pea attack” you can sign in and sate your ears with such tunes as *Wagon Wheel*, *City of Chicago*, *Title of the Book* and more

**PEAS PONDERING...**

Boredom is nothing but the experience of a paralysis of our productive powers. Erich Fromm - AND -  
What’s wrong with being a boring kind of guy? George Bush

