



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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69 YEARS OLD AND ONLY ONE GREY HARE

July 27, 1940 Bugs Bunny first emerged from his rabbit hole to ask Elmer Fudd, his signature question: "What's up, Doc?" In recognition of this momentous event we dub Bugs an **HONORARY PEA**.



Bugs and Elmer in A Wild Hare

Bugs, as we now know him, evolved from a cartoon short in 1938 where he was unnamed and white; he remained as this visage in subsequent shorts. In 1939, Bugs became gray and was named by Charlie Thorson, lead animator on *Hare-un-Scare-um*.



The 1940 cartoon, *A Wild Hare*, solidified the Bugs character we now know. It is also the first cartoon where the late Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs for almost 50 years, uses the speech we all recognize, a Flatbush accent with an equal blend of the Bronx and Brooklyn dialects.

The audience reaction to *A Wild Hare* proved to be an unexpected success. Bugs would soon become the most prominent of the Looney Tunes characters as his calm, flippant insouciance endeared him to American audiences during and after WWII.



By 1942, Bugs had become the number one star of the *Merrie Melodies* series, which originally had been intended only for one-shot characters.

Bugs was popular during WWII because of his free and easy attitude and began receiving special star billing in his cartoons by 1943. Warner Bros', Bugs' studio, put him in opposition to the period's biggest enemies: Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and the Japanese.

In *Super-Rabbit*, Bugs wore a USMC dress uniform. As a result, the Corps made Bugs an honorary Marine master sergeant.

From 1943-1946, Bugs was also the official "mascot" of the Kingman Army Air Field in Arizona, where thousands of aerial gunners were trained. Some notable trainees included Clark Gable and Charles Bronson.

After the War, Bugs reached unprecedented success winning an Academy Award in 1958 for *Knightly Knight Bugs*. His *What's Opera, Doc?* features him and Elmer Fudd parodying Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen*. The United States Library of Congress has deemed this short "culturally significant" and the short was selected for

preservation in the National Film Registry. It was the first cartoon short to receive this honor.

In the 60's Bugs went "prime time" on television and appeared in several comic book series.

Like Mickey Mouse is to Disney, Bugs has served as the official mascot for Warner Bros. Studio. Both characters have stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



In 1997, Bugs beat out Mickey being the first cartoon to appear on a US postage stamp – the stamp is number seven on the list of the ten most popular.

TAKE THIS QUIZ AND WIN A CARROT

Psych!!! Submit your answers to Shirley and win a FREE beer or wine.

1. What was Bugs' rank as an honorary Marine?
 private master sergeant captain
2. Bugs appears on a US postage stamp.
 true false
3. *The Bugs Bunny Show* ran on which TV station?
 ABC Fox CBS
4. Who was not a creator of Bugs Bunny?
 Ben 'Bugs' Hardaway Fritz Freleng Jed Clampett
5. Bugs' voice is the voice of whom?
 Duke Wayne Mel Blanc Groucho Marx

YOU WON A FREE BEER OR WINE IF YOU KNEW

The *Eagles* album, *Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975*, **WAS** the best selling album of all time. Chuck Bednarik was a Philadelphia Eagle football player. The *Eagles* above mentioned album **WAS** certified platinum. Mike McCormack was a Philadelphia Eagle coach. Timothy Schmit played for *Poco* before joining the *Eagles*.

THE WHOLE POD PERFORMS...

The Peas will be performing 1 pm August 22nd at New Jersey's Salem Market Street Days. More to come on this event.



AND THE PEA STANDS ALONE

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

John Frink will perform August 5th at a noon concert at Bellevue State Park's patio behind the Arts Center. His new CD, *Cabin Fever*, has been released. (see: John Frink Poster) www.crocodiletunes.com)

Fritz Horisk can be heard online weekday afternoons from 2 pm until 4 pm and Saturdays from 10 til 3 at www.realcountrywsig.com. Fritz and his wife, Peggy, just completed a CD.

Todd Breck will be performing at Beth Trepper's photo exhibit, "THREE." The reception will be held August 7th, 4:30 til 8:30, at the Gallery 919 Market. (see Evening of Art/Music)

GUEST MUSICIANS' GIGS

Pea Rebecca Dunne reminds you about the Open Circle Jam Session 7:30 til 11 August 21st. (see attachment: Open Circle Poster)

August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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WHEN AND WHERE

The arrows above point to the dates the *Whirled Peas* will be at the (BSG) Bourbon Street Grille in August. Remaining date in July is the 29th. 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.

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 PONDERINGS

Don't take life too seriously. You'll never get out alive. I'll be scared later. Right now I'm too mad. I know you, I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception. Shhhhhhhh! I'm about to defy you.

All sayings of Bugs Bunny

