Tsurumi Records Club News – OCT 2026

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For this issue, instead of focusing on pure record label stuff, I'm going to share **big news in three related areas** from a super exciting, and admittedly distracting, summer – touring with a band on the label (yeah, it's the one I play bass in), opening a store associated with the studio, and recording new music in the studio (with at least one release to come out on Tsurumi Records!).

TOUR**. The Beautiful Mothers Midwest Tour** in July is unforgettable. It's always amazing to take the stage with **Eric Balaban,** and a huge shout out to **Dave McClain** for learning all the songs to play crazy powerful drums on this tour! **Thank you to everyone** who came out to the shows. Each of you made them fantastic for us. We had a blast playing them and your faces made every minute of the work to be there worth it!

Getting a little more philosophical about it, another reason I really loved my tour with The Beautiful Mothers was it **reinforced my appreciation of people**. We observed, again and again, so many different types of people, living so many different ways, all giving us so much help on the tour. Of course, the venues and bands on the bills made the shows possible. But also, everyone responsible for everything from accommodations, restaurants, stores, roads, utilities, to the Lake Erie Beach lifeguards. There are so many people at work making every day possible for all of us. We all have roles to live, create, contribute, and consume. It's important to appreciate this.

STORE. In the spring we started building out the front of the studio to create a storefront. It's **a very modest shop, but it has a big purpose and great potential**. This opened our doors on Main Street where we can now both introduce the studio to the community and feed the needs of the local musicians, during and in preparation for studio sessions. We can even help with guitar and amp repairs! We also are very pleased to report we developed our own **"session blend" coffee** working with Ben Thompson from Black Pearl Coffee Traders. It's now the coffee brewed for studio sessions and available for purchase in our store. And in the vein of appreciating how we get by with the help of friends, **thank you Nate Larson** for all your work on remodeling the space to make the store vibrant and new, while still highlighting the character of the 150+ year old building.

STUDIO. **The studio is now fully up and running**. Exciting highlights for you are these **artists you should keep an eye on**: We finished tracking for next Tsurumi Records release from **Key of Evil**. And we had fun completing recording sessions with great local bands including **Menthol Spliff, Smoke Free Home, Hostile, Sharp Left Turn, and Peanut Butter.** For those thinking of recording, **Randy Darabosh and Jason Goessl** developed a brilliant **session guide**, now posted on our studio website.

RIBBON CUTTING. So, when it came time to do the ribbon cutting for the shop, we recognized this will also be the first public signage for the studio and decided to designate this as **the official opening of the TRS Recording Studio and Studio Store**. It was really cool seeing so much of the community support, from an enthusiastic crew to join us to cut the ribbon on September 2nd, to the 10,000 + views of our ribbon cutting video posted to FB and Instagram (as much as I groan about having to use them, they do have these kind of moments that bring a people together and a smile to our face).

In summary, it's exciting to offer so many tools to the creatives in our area through the label, studio, and store. And it's extremely rewarding to be welcomed into the many communities associated with our small businesses. Thank you for being part of our community, especially where we believe communities are our hope as the antidote to the division and hate that seems to be so sadly popular.

Bands Bullets:

- **Undular Bore**: (Experimental Electronic) New digital EP coming out this fall! Get an inside look at the instruments used as we release a series of clips where Troy explains and demos some of his vintage gear. Some out, more coming!
- **Dead Ringers**: (Doom Rock) Played last Saturday night at The JAMB in Oshkosh – it was a killer set! Check out MONUMENT on CD and DSPs to feel the groove they are delivering!
- **Son Reis Project**: (Jazz with Teeth) Playing 21 NOV at The JAMB in Oshkosh for the Sounds of Destruction festival! Live at the Junk Video and EP now streaming on all platforms.
- **Snailtooth**: (Doom Punk) Rumors are a new album is in the works. T.H.E. is now available on limited lathe-cut vinyl! Only 8 LP copies left in our on-line store.
- **The Beautiful Mothers**: Midwest tour complete (see report above). Next thing TBD…
- **Key of Evil:** Played last Saturday night at The Booby Trap and earned the nickname "Key of Excellence!" Their debut album recorded at TRS Studio, SIGNAL PROLIFERATION / LAST CALL TRANSMISSION is now in mastering. Confirmed to be released via Tsurumi Records!
- **TRS Recording Studio**:
    - The Business News in Green Bay published an **excellent article covering the TRS Studio and Studio Store**. Thank you Matthew Day for a really cool interview!

- **Kamikaze Relief fund** just released their EP recorded at TRS, SORROW HATE PAIN. Possibly the most important, powerful 15 minutes of punk rock released in the last few decades.
- **Smoke Free Home** reported their first full-length is now in mixing. It will be worth the wait! Catch them live on their Special Halloween Tour: 29 OCT at The Falcon Bowl in MKE, 30 OCT at The Reptile Palace (w/ Shoobie – fellow OSHKOMP alumni), and 31 OCT at The Appleton Beer Factory. Get ready by blasting SFH's ANIMALS AND BODY PARTS, a new compilation of songs since birth, including 5 songs recorded at TRS.
- **Peanut Butter** (aka Patrick Bauer) completed tracking a new EP. Release TBA! Experience his unique style live at The Dead Horse on 28 OCT & 29 OCT.
- **Hostile** finished the recording, mixing, and mastering of their new album at TRS. It is coming out soon… Release TBA!
- **Sharp Left Turn** completed recording a new full-length album. Release TBA!
- **TRS Studio Store is now open** – 586 N. Main St, Oshkosh – come visit!
  Winter hours start in November. Wed-Fri: noon – 6pm, Sat: 11a – 4pm

- **Support the Record Stores**: Look for our releases now available in great stores like Can Can Oshkosh, Eroding Winds, GB UFO, Madcity Music, Rushmor, Brideport Records, and available for order at any record store via Alliance.
- **TSU Singles Set - songs free for you to play and download**
  This month's **Singles Set 10-26** features a few tracks that inspire to reconsider the norm.
  {*if you are in the club, newsletters include the link to the free downloads… but you can* ***join now!***}

Coming Soon:

- TRS Recordings Volume Two
- **Key of Evil**'s debut album release date announcement
- **Undular Bore** follow up EP

Please encourage others who might find all this interesting to join our club/mailing list. They can sign up for the club too and read past news at: https://tsurumirecords.org/newsletter/

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