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NEW HOBO MYSTERY PREHISTORIC BIRDBONE FLUTE FOUND IN GERMANY

A prehistoric birdbone flute was uncovered in a German cave. It is believed that the flute is the oldest handcrafted musical instrument in existence.

A team of archaeologists assembled the flute from twelve pieces of griffon vulture bone scattered in a small plot of Hohle Fels cave in southern Germany.

The flute is eight and a half inches long with five holes and a notched end. Age estimates run as old as 35,000 years.

The discovery of the flute is considered to be absolute proof that a society of humans, both complex and creative, existed at that time, and were making music with handmade instruments.

Neanderthals would be included in that society, because they also existed around that time.

It is interesting to note also that at the time of the Hobo Band trip to Europe, one of the mem-

bers (a flautist) reported having lost his instrument while exploring a similar cave in southern Germany.

All that is known about the individual who lost the flute is that he was very old and usually played out of tune with a very limited range, and had a very bad temper, which may have led to the instrument's breakage.

No one in the band remembers his name, or even what he looked like except that he was very old. Whether or not he returned from the tour with the band is also a mystery. It is believed that the flautist was probably German and filled in the flute section for some of the concerts performed by the band.

One would have to assume that the parallels between the discovery of the flute and the German tour, which occurred in different time frames were entirely coincidental.

Hmmmm...

Schedule of Events

New concert and parade dates are posted as they are contracted.

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Event Details</i>
Date: August 4, 2009 (Tuesday) Concert starts 7:00pm	Pitman Parks & Recreation Commission Concert Series Youth Bands I & II Sunset Auditorium, Pitman, NJ	Duration: 1.5 hr. Concert
Date: August 6, 2009 (Thursday) Concert starts 7:00pm	Pitman Parks & Recreation Commission Concert Series Youth Band III & Hobo Band Sunset Auditorium, Pitman, NJ	Duration: 1.5 hr. Concert
Date: August 7, 2009 (Friday) No Rain Date Downbeat: 7pm	Salem County Fair Concert Salem County Fairground, US Route 40, Pilesgrove, NJ (near Cowtown, NJ)	Duration: 1 hour & 15 minutes (bear to right after entering through main entrance - follow roadway to stage area)
Date: August 13, 2009 (Thursday) Step Off: 10:15am No Rain Date	Ocean City (NJ) Baby Parade Line-up: Between 5th & 6th on The Boardwalk Ends: Between 12th & 14th on the Boardwalk	Duration: Approx 7-8 blocks Free Parking for band members at 5th and the Beach (enter on 6th Street)
Date: August 17, 2009 (Monday) Concert starts 7 p.m.	Camp Sun n' Fun Concert Location: ARC center, Rt.322 & Tuckahoe Road (Rt.555), Williamstown, NJ	Duration: 1 hr. Concert Under the pavilion...always a fun job; light refreshments after the concert.
Date: August 22, 2009 (Saturday) Time: 8pm No Rain Date	Cape May Concert Location: Victorian Bandstand, (Rotary Park) Lafayette Street, City of Cape May, NJ	Duration: Approx 1.25 hour Van Transportation provided from Hobo Band Hall to Cape May (TBA)
Date: August 29, 2009 (Saturday) Rain Date: TBA?? Step Off: 11:00am	City of Cape May 400th Anniversary Parade Line-up: Pittsburgh & Beach Ave., Cape May Ends: Patterson & Beach Avenue, Cape May	Duration: Approx. 1.75 mile Van transportation from Hobo Hall - TBA
Date: September 2, 2009 (Wednesday) Downbeat 7 p.m.	Shady Lane Nursing Home Concert 256 County House Rd., Clarksboro, NJ	Duration: 1.25-hr. concert
Date: September 10, 2009 (Thursday) Concert starts 7:30pm	Pitman Parks & Recreation Commission Concert Series Harvest Night Sunset Auditorium, Pitman, NJ	Duration: 1.5 hr. Concert
Date: September 12, 2009 (Saturday) Step Off: 11:00am Rain date September 13 (Sunday) 1pm	Pennsville Septemberfest Parade Line-Up: Rt. 49 (Broadway) - Pennsville Acme Shopping Center End: Rt. 49 near Riverview Beach Park vicinity	Duration: Approx 1.3 mile
Date: October 25, 2009 (Sunday) No Rain Date Line-up: 2:00 pm Step Off: 3:00pm	City of Cape May Halloween Parade Starts forming at Lyle Lane (behind the Gazebo) Ends: Washington Street (near Physick Estate)	Van transportation from Hobo Hall - TBA
Date: December TBA, 2009 (Sunday) Concert starts 2pm	Pitman Parks & Recreation Commission Concert Series Holiday Concert Location TBA , Pitman, NJ	Duration: 1.5 hr. Concert

OTHER STUFF

The Sad, Sad Story ...

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinarian. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and proceeded to examine the bird.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm sorry, your duck, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. The duck is quite dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room.

He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom.

The dog looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook its head. The vet patted

the dog on the head and took it out of the room.

A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

Turning to his computer terminal, he hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he then handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill.

"\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead?"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have only been \$20. But you requested additional tests."

"What additional tests?" she asked, tearfully.

"Why, the Lab Report and the Cat Scan..."

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August Birthdays

Gandy, JeanAugust 11

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Wagner, SteveAugust 23

CALLING ALL WIND PLAYERS / DRUMMERS

The Original Hobo Band rehearses
every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at
Hobo Hall, Lambs Rd. & Holly Ave.
(next to Carolina Blue Restaurant).
Come on over and sit in.