



NEWS FROM ONE OF JAYNE'S GANG!



**ASPIRION/NORTHWIND RECORDS
MIKE AIKEN HELPS RADIO STATIONS CHART
A NEW COURSE!**

For Immediate Release-September 30th

Aspirion/Northwind recording artist Mike Aiken is bringing a bit of the beach inland as he embarks on a swing through the Midwest. Starting on October 18th, with an appearance at the historic Akron Opera House in Akron, Ohio this singer/sailor/songwriter will take his unique blend of country roots rock with a Caribbean flair to cities and towns in America's Heartland.

Along the way, Mike will be visiting radio stations to help them steer a course to exotic places near and far by giving them one of a kind nautical charts. "Mike, who lives the life most artists just sing about," has been described as a modern day troubadour, making his home aboard his sailboat. He's used the one of a kind signed nautical charts to sail all over the world with his wife Amy on his 42 foot cutter "Ocean Girl".

"My single "Find Me" is making its way up the radio charts right now," says Aiken. "Since I'm going on a swing through the midwest and I can't get there by boat, I thought I'd bring a bit of the beach and boat life with me. By giving my radio friends my nautical charts, it should make it easier for them to go coastal, wherever that coast may be. Plus it will be fun to see them try and read a different type of chart."

"Find Me," is off Mike's new CD **Hula Girl Highway**. Written by Aiken, the up-tempo melody and light hearted lyrics will make you want to chuck it all, get out of dodge, and go coastal. And with the nautical charts going coastal should be a little easier.

Not many people get to live life on their terms. But that is exactly what Mike Aiken has been able to do combining his three greatest passions in life, music, sailing and adventure. With **Hula Girl Highway**, Mike's sophomore record for Aspirion/Northwind Records, he continues to cement his place as an authentic voice of a wayfaring lifestyle that most of us will only just dream about.

A modern-day troubadour, Mike's sailed the waters less traveled entertaining people from Canada to the Caribbean and beyond. 2007 saw the release of his Aspirion/Northwind debut **Just Add Salt**.

A believer in giving back, his philanthropic activities include being a sponsor of the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race benefiting the area's environmental interests, as well as founder of the "Aiken and Friends Music Festival" which helps fund music education



What People Have Said About Mike and his Music!

"Aiken's tropical music is reminiscent of the young Jimmy Buffett, when the Parrothead thing was new, fresh and not yet a parody of itself."

Mike Regenstreif -Montreal Gazette

"Aiken is a great storyteller in his own right."

Robert Lindquist, Singer Magazine

"Mike is something of a floating John Prine crossed with Ry Cooder."

Charles Doane, Sail Magazine

"Play this on a hot summer day with a long cool drink in your hand and allow the music to take you on a musical cruise around the world."

David Knowles, Maverick Magazine ****

Upcoming Notable Mike Aiken Events:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 - AIKEN & FRIENDS FEST - Get your tickets today! The Smithfield Music's Aiken & Friends Fest is booked and the lineup is excellent! Featuring Paul Thorn, Mike Aiken,





Canadian artists Twilight Hotel, Linda McRae, Regional favorite Page Wilson & Reckless Abandon and more.

This year's festival has something for everyone. The outdoor stages are free. Spend the day and treat yourself to an amazing evening show at the Smithfield Little Theater. Visit www.AikenAndFriendsFest.com for all the details and to purchase tickets.

MARCH 2009 - AIKEN & FRIENDS CRUISE The 2009 Aiken & Friends Cruise is booking fast! Spend a week with Mike and Amy aboard the 105 foot Tall Ship Schooner Alliance in the San Blas Islands off Panama. The Songwriting workshop and Adventure cruise includes sailing, diving, unexplored beaches, Kuna Indians etc. The first week is sold out but there are still cabins available for March 2-9, 2009. For more information www.mikeaikenmusic.com

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