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Mal Thursday

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Surf 17 proudly welcomes MAL THURSDAY and "Florida Rocks Again". Mal was born November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. He spent his childhood five miles from the Canadian border in the frozen wastes of Upstate New York, relocating to Western Massachusetts in the early '80s for his college years.

His next decade and a half of post-graduate hangover included five years, two albums, and an EP as lead singer and organist with the Malarians; seven years and a couple of 45s fronting Mal Thursday and the Cheetahs; 15 years and 30-plus releases as CEO/Sole Proprietor of Chunk Records, with releases by Guided By Voices, Lyres, DMZ, Sebadoh, Silver Jews, Scud Mountain Boys, and New Radiant Storm King; and a celebrated run as host and programmer of the "Bay State Cabaret" at the Bay State Hotel in Northampton, Massachusetts, a legendary live music venue of the mid-'90s.

In 1987, "The Mal Thursday Show" debuted on WMUA-FM in Amherst, Mass., initiating an on-again, off-again career in radio and television, with stops at WRSI, WFCF, WSOS, WQXT, and WFBO.

In 2003, Thursday created and co-produced (with music historian Jeff Lemlich) the syndicated radio series 'Florida Rocks Again!' ? which later moved online, where it found an international audience as a podcast on the GaragePunk Pirate Radio Network. It is now returning again in 2013 to Florida on Surf 1700 AM in Flagler Beach.

'The Mal Thursday Show' was revived as a podcast in 2007, when Mal relocated to Austin, Texas. In 2010, 'Mal Thursday's Texas Tyme Machine,' the Texan variation on the regional approach established by 'Florida Rocks Again!' was spun off as its own show, as well as a floating concert series, presenting shows at such Austin venues as Antone's, Draft Pick, Doc's Backyard, Uncle Billy's, and The Highball.

Mal returned to the stage when the Malarians re-assembled for the "2010 Reunion Tour of Route 9," sharing the stage with Lyres, The Coffin Lids, and Eugene Mirman. He continued to rock upon his return to

Austin with the Texas Garage Project, an all-star show band, and as Paul Jones in Malfred Mal, a Manfred Mann tribute act.

2013 will see the release of Mal's first solo record, "Texas Crude," plus the re-reissue of the Malarians' 1986 'In The Cool Room' album, the 1988 "Know" EP and the 1989 live recording "Finished in This Town," the long-delayed release of the complete 1992 sessions from Mal Thursday and the Cheetahs, plus, the UK vinyl reissue of the Cheetahs' profane holiday classic "A Message to Santa Claus" on Dirty Water Records.

Mal lives in Austin, TX. He has a son, LBJ, and a daughter, Tuesday. We are honored to have Mal and his cool syndicated garage rock show that showcases bands or music artists that were or are from our Sunshine State here on Flagler's Surf 17 with "Florida Rocks Again!"

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