



# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

August 23, 2022

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## Larry Farber – for Love of Music

by **Suzanne Bledsoe**

Larry Farber, proud Charlotte native, talented musician, and accomplished band promoter and manager regaled us with stories of his encounters and adventures with celebrated artists during his 40+ years in the musical entertainment business. Larry has so many great stories to share, all memorialized in his recently published book, *Noted Memories* (more on this later).

Larry realized at a young age that his talent and love for music would play a large part in his future. In high school and college (UNC-Chapel Hill), he played in and traveled with bands (notably The Rivas and the Catalinas.) He has founded, organized, and managed a variety of musical events, many still ongoing (Alive After Five, Music with Friends, Middle C Jazz Club, to name a few) and, through his association with East Coast Entertainment, provided musical entertainment for any and every type of event.

Larry is passionate in his belief that music is a healing and unifying force that brings people together for shared enjoyment, solace, and just plain fun. He is grateful to have had the opportunity to live and share his passion, so much so that after his retirement in 2019 from East Coast Entertainment and the arrival of three grandchildren in a relatively short period of time, he wrote a book to preserve and share memories of his encounters with accomplished musicians. To name a few, he has traveled to Egypt with Kool and the Gang, had dinner with Bonnie Raitt, saved the day (and the events) for James Taylor and Aretha Franklin, arranged pop-

in visits for Maurice Williams and Darryl Hall, brokered a date for Freddy Couples with Sheryl Crow and spent time with Tony Bennet. And that is just the tip of the iceberg!

Larry is focusing much of his time these days on the management of Triple C Jazz Club, where he brings in world-class musical talent—not just Jazz—to an intimate and warm, welcoming setting, with good food and drink. And he still runs Music with Friends, with three events a year and a nearly full membership list. All in Charlotte!

After hearing Larry's story, I have added two to-dos to my list—a trip to Park Road Books to secure my copy of ***Noted Memories*** and a date with my husband, who has a birthday coming up, to Triple C Jazz Club. I hope you'll do the same!

\*A recording of the program is available here: <https://vimeo.com/742387129>  
The speaker's introduction begins at 21:25 minutes.