

Hello friends, hope you are all having a lovely summer and have a chance to enjoy friends and relax. Our summer newsletter (edition #1) includes updates and news about Texas Martha and the House of Twang's summer musical endeavors and a new project "Mountain High". We have already played a couple of fabulous concerts/festivals in Normandy, Paris, Bordeaux and Royan. The tour is heating up for me and the [Twang](#)... literally and figuratively - we're having Texas-like heat over here. We had an incredible night on the **PLAGE in Royan** on the **4th of July**. We played a wild 2 hours with lots of dancing, two encores and I even felt compelled to sing the American National Anthem.



(A really lovely venue on the ROYAN beach with sailboats all around. This photo does not really do justice to the amount of people there...a huge and lovely crowd, particularly after the sun went down.)

On the 11th of July, we are in La Roque d'Antheron for the 17th edition of the [Country Roque Festival](#). This fantastic, free (and the largest) country festival in the South of France is sponsored by the department of PACA, Radio Nostalgie and the passion of Raoul Amaya, a retired Air France pilot and musician himself. There will be lots of vintage cars, motos, pin ups, cowboys and girls, bikers, and rockers for two days of Rock and Country and everything in between. This is a beautiful, shaded location right on two rivers, the Durance and the Luberon...hope to see you there.

My next concert in the Aquitaine is in **St. Laurent des Vignes** (just next to Bergerac) on the 25th of July. I expect to see lots of my friends here for another very festive event. Patrick Cronenberg, a well-known photographer for National Geographic, will be there taking photos of the event and the band, for a new book that he is doing on the region of Bergerac. (<http://www.saintlaurentcity.fr/>) In July, August and September we are on the road all over France...from Provence to Normandy and everywhere in between. Heck we are even playing Eastern Europe – gigs in Lithuania and Riga, Latvia at the end of August (19th-22).

I am particularly thrilled about headlining the [Chateauroux Good Old Days Festival](#). "Good Old Days" is a celebration of the continuing friendship of Chateauroux, France and the United States. At one time the town supported the largest American NATO base and had a large American High School. Also, about 450 weddings were celebrated between American servicemen and Frenchwomen in City Hall. There is still great nostalgia and fondness for Americans in the village and a lasting friendship and many reunions continue. This ongoing friendship is aptly displayed in the FLAME OF FRIENDSHIP, a bronze sculpture, anonymously donated by an American. I am so pleased to be representing the USA by headlining the festival and we look forward to making new friends. You can read more about Chateauroux in the New York Times article from

2009. <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/27/world/europe/27france.html>



FLAME OF FRIENDSHIP

Mark your calendars now as Texas Martha fully expects to sell out these following shows: we are booked again at the Comptoir du Jazz on October 9th and the next night (Oct. 10th) for the first time at the Galway Pub in Saint Andre du Cubzac.

Also, you may know that I have started another more acoustic ROOTS project called “**Marty Fields and Mountain High**” playing more blues, folk and bluegrass. I just finished recording a 4 track demo and will be finishing that CD in September. (Here are a couple of the cuts - still unmixed or mastered just for you. ([Long Lonesome Road Blues](#) and one



of my new songs [Dead End](#).) I am busy writing several new songs for the new CD tentatively called “*Southern White Lies*”. I am thrilled that **Manu Bertrand** (dobro, banjo, mandolin, lap steel, pedal steel, guitar, and vocals) who is one of the best instrumentalists in Europe, joins me in this formation. He has played all the best venues in Europe and tours with Dick Rivers among other notables (including me) and has a great passion for American roots music. Also in this formation, is my go to bassman, Serge Samyn and later in the summer an extremely talented and well-known violinist from Paris, **Olivier Leclerc** will also be joining us in the new venture. We are gearing up for festivals in 2016 and are



already booked October 2nd in Saintes at the very nice [CITY JAZZY](#). We will be video recording this Live. City Jazzy is a very nice venue with excellent sound and also has packages for dinner and hotel in the lovely town of Saintes. Would love to see you there and highly suggest you call ahead to reserve since it only seats about 50. Maybe if we sell out early we will play two shows?

On a final note, the new CD “**Long Way From Home**” which so many of you have made possible has received numerous excellent reviews on at least 4 continents in various languages and getting lots of airplay world-wide. We made it to #17 on the international FAR chart and the CD is selling quite well at our concerts and festivals. I cannot possibly thank you enough for buying and supporting our music.



Contact me if you have any questions (thehouseoftwang@gmail.com) or know of any festivals or venues in your area where you would like to see us play. Check out more of our dates at texasmartha.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TexasTwang> and here <https://www.facebook.com/MartyFieldsandMountainHigh> . Certainly, we will be announcing some new dates soon and other exciting news. We are already taking bookings for 2016...about 6 festivals already. Thanks for the support and hope to see you in the road. **Keep on TWANGIN'!!!!!!**