

## Mama's Black Sheep



Hello Everyone,

WOW! Summer has flown by and we can hardly believe it's already September. Many thanks to those of you who made it out to our August shows. We had a great time catching up with our New England peeps and OBX & Rehoboth Beach crews, as well as meeting lots of new fans/friends. September will be busy for us as well, see details on all of the upcoming shows at the bottom of this message.

We have so many exciting things going on right now that we thought it would be most effective just to make you a list of bullet points! Here goes:

**-'OCEAN'** : Our new single has been out for almost a month now. Many thanks to those of you who have already downloaded the song, made additional donations to the four non-profits we are raising funds for, and have shared the info with your friends. It's our goal to hit 3000 downloads (which translates into \$15,000 in funds) by the end of our Winter Tour in STX on Feb 29th, 2020. We have a long way still to go! If you have \$5 and 5 minutes, we're asking that you please [visit the webpage](#) and learn about the organizations we are supporting through sales of the song. You get the song, and four non-profits doing vitally important work get some much needed support. Thank you so much!

**-NEW YEARS EVE:** Many of you have asked us what's happening for NYE 2020. Like two years ago, we've decided to put this decision in *YOUR HANDS!* We are considering another NYE party at The Sheraton BWI where we did our NYE2018 party. We learned some lessons from the last time around, and will be making some improvements based on your feedback. But in order for this party to become a reality we need to sell seventy-five Early Bird Tickets (\$85) by Saturday October 19th. If we don't hit our goal by October 19th we will issue refunds for all tickets purchased (minus a small \$2 processing fee). Soooo....it's all up to you! Learn more and get your tickets [HERE!!!](#)

**-KIDS BOOK:** We've been working hard behind the scenes to create an illustrated kids book with sing-a-long CD for our song "The Sheep Save Christmas"! We plan to have the books ready for sale this fall before the Holidays. They will retail around \$15, and a CD Single of "The Sheep Save Christmas" is included inside the front cover. We are currently trying to decide how many to order so we are not grossly over or under stocked. If you're interested and you'd like to weigh in, you can simply reply to this email with how many copies you might be interested in [OR](#) feel free to participate in our online [facebook poll](#). (please only do email [OR](#) the facebook poll....not both...so we don't count you twice!)

**-FALL MERCH:** It's nearly fall merch order time! If you've been waiting for a special MBS shirt (kids sizes, onesies, sweatshirts, 3XL+, etc) or hat that we normally do not stock, now is the time to get your requests into us before our fall orders are placed. You can simply reply to this email if you're interested in something in particular.

On a more personal note, we're sending thoughts and prayers out to the victims and families affected by the recent shootings in Texas and Ohio. Also to the victims and the thousands of people affected by Hurricane Dorian which is still approaching some of our most visited areas in NC. We hope everyone is staying safe. These events are a sad reminder that life (and our planet) is so very fragile. Please take care of yourselves, and each other. When times get difficult we find there's nothing like good friends, food, cold drinks and live music to soothe the soul and lift the spirit.

Hope to see y'all soon,

Ashland & Laura

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### **SEPTEMBER SHOWS:**

**Friday & Saturday 9/6 & 9/7 | [THE POND](#) | Rehoboth Beach, DE**

We're back for our monthly visit to The Pond!! Join us for dinner and a show on Friday from 6-9pm and Saturday from 5:30-8:30pm. On Saturday our dear friends [SWEET LEDA](#) will be playing the late show after us which is always a super fun night for all. Come a little early for the best seats...should be a busy weekend!

[Join/Share Friday event on Facebook](#)

[Join/Share Saturday event on Facebook](#)

#### Thursday 9/12 | [Sanctuary Vineyard](#) | Jarvisburg, NC

Join us for our first time at Sanctuary Vineyard in Jarvisburg, NC! Show is from 5:30-8:30pm. Hope to see y'all there!!!!

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#### Friday 9/13 | [Tap Shack](#) | Duck, NC

Join us back at The Tap Shack behind Coastal Cravings in Duck! The Tap Shack is a cool outdoor space hosting some of the area's finest live music! Beer, wine and soda are available at the outdoor bar. (take out food can be ordered inside the restaurant) Join us from 6:30-9:30pm. There's lots of open space, so bring the kids and your own chair if you'd like!

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#### Saturday 9/14 | [OBX PrideFEST](#) | Manteo, NC

We're thrilled to be coming back to OBX PrideFest 2019! (Our set will be sometime around 2:30pm) This family-friendly LGBTQ music festival is the main event on Saturday afternoon, September 14th from 1 to 6 pm. This FREE afternoon of bands, craft beers and wines, local restaurants, vendors and entertainers is located beside the Roanoke Island Maritime Museum on the waterfront in downtown Manteo.

*(Please note: there will be NO COOLERS PERMITTED at this event! Please bring cash or card and support our local beverage vendors! OBX Pride will also be selling a variety of canned beers and wines. You must bring photo ID to drink alcohol.)*

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#### Saturday 9/14 | [The Blue Point](#) | Duck, NC

Join us at The Blue Point in Duck for a night of music, food, friends, and fun!!! The Blue Point is a lovely restaurant with an amazing menu, and a breathtaking view of the sound. Live music from 6:30-9:30pm! See y'all there!!!

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#### Fri & Sat 9/20-21 | [Private Events](#) | NC

We'll be playing private events in NC this weekend. Did you know we're available for all kinds of private parties and events? Did you know we can provide DJ service along with live music?

Learn more on our [PRIVATE EVENTS](#) page! You can also reply to this message if you're interested in booking us for your event!

#### Friday 9/27 | [Nick's Fish House](#) | Baltimore, MD

Baltimore!!! Come join us for a Friday night at Nick's Fish House! Nick's is a great restaurant and live music space which boasts Baltimore's only sail-up dock bar! They have an excellent menu with lots of fresh seafood and much more. Nick's is conveniently located at 2600 Insulator Dr. in Baltimore MD and has plenty of free onsite parking. Nick's Fish House is always family friendly so bring the kids too! Join us out on the deck from 6-10pm.

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#### Saturday 9/28 | [Arden Music Fest 2019](#) | Inwood, WV

We're back for this super fun mini-women's music fest in WV! This event is at a private residence and is by invitation only. If you would like to learn more or attend please send an email to Mary at [vavball@hotmail.com](mailto:vavball@hotmail.com) for more information. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

#### More Upcoming Shows - SAVE THE DATES:

10/4 - [Lost Rhino Retreat](#) | Ashburn, VA

10/5 - [MBS Trio \(W/Christine on Bass\) at Nick's Fish House](#) | Baltimore, MD

10/10 - [Las Vegas PRIDE Concert!!!!](#) | Las Vegas, NV

10/12 - [Indigenous Solutions House Concert!](#) | Santa Fe, NM

10/17-19 - OBX Shows!

10/25-26 - The Pond for Sea Witch Weekend | Rehoboth Beach, DE

11/2 - L.O.A.F. presents MBS at St. Peter UCC | Houston, TX

11/7 - SPECIAL EVENT \*\*Laura and Helen will be playing as part of the [SONiA & disappear fear](#) full band show at The Gordon Center in Owings Mills MD!\*\*\* [Get Tickets](#)

11/14-17 - We'll be in Clearwater/St. Pete/Gulfport Florida with Christine Havrilla!

See our [online calendar](#) and [Facebook](#) for more info and more dates!

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