## Entertainment

# Bruno's beefs up weekend programs

Guitarist Eddie, Comedian Fromstein to appear this weekend

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This weekend Bruno's will rock to the sounds of Mark Eddie, acoustic guitarist, and roll with laughter to the zaniness of Stevie Ray Fromstein.

Beginning his musical career in high school, Mark Eddie formed a band called Astra that played at local dances. After high school, Eddie and his friends continued to play while attending Youngstown college. Astra released the single "All I Need Is Your Love" which reached number one in the Pittsburgh area. After college the band went on to other jobs, but Eddie continued in his musical career.

He plays a variety of instruments including piano, drums, mandolin, and bass guitar. Eddie prefers the guitar and, to be more specific, the acoustic guitar because although the electric guitar has amplifiers and speakers, "you can bang on the acoustic guitar and really bang out tunes."

Covering material by his heroes Sting, The Rolling Stones, Joe Jackson, and Elvis



Mark Eddie



Stevie Ray Fromstein

Costello, Eddie has played with Damn Yankees, Bad Company, Bachman Turner Overdrive and Jackson Browne.

He gets his inspiration to perform from the audience and his desire to make them forget about their troubles and problems. His wife Cindy, agent David Sedelmeier and his producer, Rick Witkowski, also push him to develop his skills and try harder.

Along with his stage shows, Eddie has done commercial work with Fox's Pizza, The Ford Motor Company, Kahn's Deli Meats, and others. The future seems bright for Mark Eddie, whose plans are to continue forging his own style, work on a record deal, to play and get crazy, and, most importantly, to follow his motto: "Have a good time all the time!"

On a bit of a zanier note, comedian Stevie Ray Fromstein has another motto. When asked to say something

that would make the readers not want to miss his show, he replied, "Sex for everyone, although it really is their decision!"

Growing up in Toronto, Fromstein got his sense of humor from his dad. He was a class clown throughout high school and majored in psychology at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. When he graduated, he decided to do what he wanted to do (comedy) instead of

pursuing a risk free job. His psychology background does come in handy, though. When pressured with a dilemma, he thinks "What would a rat do in a situation like this?"

Fromstein has performed in comedy clubs, on radio, for audiences of over 3000 people, and even on television. He has performed on "An Evening at the Improv," "MTV Half Hour Comedy Hour," and "Late Night With David Letterman." When asked about Letterman, Fromstein said he isn't the jerk he appears to be, but is really a nice guy.

But, his best experience in comedy was when he performed his famous "Levitation" skit. He brought a female audience member onto the stage and coaxed her into putting her hand down his pants...she did.

Fromstein's comedy has influences from Jack Benny, Steve Martin, and Bob Newhart. He describes it as easy going, pleasant and positive.

Mark Eddie will be performing on Friday, September 13 at Bruno's, and Stevie Ray Fromstein will be at Bruno's on Saturday, September 14.

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