

Café El Patio

Café El Patio opened in the basement of 119 Yorkville Avenue on April 16th, 1964, managed by Manuel Sahquillo. At first a Spanish restaurant it morphed very soon after, along with much of the Village music scene, into rock, R&B and Blues. Mike Burak and Tony Fernandez are named as the owners of both El Patio and the Flick by Joe Lewis in the Telegram's *After Four* section, June 1, 1967; the latter opening nearby at 90 Yorkville on Dec 9, 1966.

Over the next ten years Café El Patio hosted many of the best groups from Toronto and beyond. Luke Gibson and Mike McKenna, later together in *Luke and The Apostles*, appeared early in their professional careers at El Patio. David Clayton Thomas, The Sparrows, The Paupers, The Lords of London, The Stitch in Tyme, The Ugly Ducklings, The Private Collection, A Passing Fancy, The Spasstiks and the Dynamics to name a few, could all be found at El Patio at some point. Beyond the well known groups many others appeared at El Patio, captured here for posterity.

Although the El Patio appeared regularly in the Toronto Business Directory until 1974, advertisements were gone by the middle of 1970 when this search ended.

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1964

April 16-19	Juan Serrano	<p>Star Apr 16th p.35 Gerry Barker's <i>In Town and Out</i>: "Drove up to the opening of a new Spanish restaurant in the new Village called El Patio being operated by former Gaslight waiter Manuel Sahquillo. This spot nestled beneath the French restaurant L'Aiglon on Yorkville will feature Spanish food and entertainment. The management picked a flamenco guitarist Juan Serrano to open and he managed to hush the jammed room long enough to play three numbers."</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juan_Serrano_(flamenco)</p>
May 9	Juan Serrano	Tely May 9 th p.23 "... stays on"
May 16	Juan Serrano	<p>Tely May 16th What's Going On column, P.2 "Last time tonight".</p> <p>Confirmed Star May 13th p 43 and May 16th p 28</p> <p>The music changes quickly, now embracing mainly R&B. The El Patio tests advertizing but not for long and spotty when it does. It's been suggested that because they paid musicians so poorly, they didn't want to attract the attention of the Toronto Musicians Union.</p>
Jun 26-27	Continental Trio	Star Jun 27 th p24 in Dave Caplan's "Toronto in the Summer" column: "El Patio goes in for dancing to records on weekdays and the Continental Trio on Fridays and Saturdays ... open till 3 am. No admission charge. Mike McKenna and Luke Gibson?"
Sep 25	Jeff Jefferson and the Victors	The Varsity, Oct 2 nd p.19 El Patio is described by the columnist in a rather down the nose way, as a place "... <i>that attracts high school students who come in hordes to watch and whistle.</i> "

1965

Apr 10	Daddy Long Legs and the Count Four	Tely Apr 10 th What's Going On column ".... play rhythm and blues from 9 pm to 3 am"
Apr 11, 14, 15	David Clayton Thomas	Tely Apr 10 th What's Going On column "closed Monday and Tuesday"
Apr 17	Daddy Long Legs and the Count Four	Tely Apr 17 th What's Going On column ".... play rhythm and blues from 9 pm to 3 am"
Apr 18, 21, 22	David Clayton Thomas	Tely Apr 17 th What's Going On column " closed Monday and Tuesday
Nov 28-Dec 2	The Sparrows	Tely Nov 25 th After Four classified
Dec 3, 4 and 5 (Sunday matinee at 2:30)	The Blends	Tely Dec 2 nd After Four classified
Dec 5 (Sunday evening)	The Paupers	Tely Dec 2 nd After Four classified
Dec 10	The Fiends	Tely Dec 9 th After Four classified
Dec 11, 12 (two shows Sunday; matinee and evening)	The Sparrows	Tely Dec 9 th After Four classified

Again another break in at least the Tely reports of this establishment

Star Jul 4th p D43 in a news article Michael Burak owner of El Patio opposes a City of Toronto bylaw that would put a 2-year moratorium on more coffee houses in the Yorkville area

1966

Jan 3	The Paupers	G&M Jan 3 rd p 15 reference to the Paupers at El Patio in Bruce Lawson's article on a particular dancer G&M Dec 21 st 1967 p 24 - an article by Marilyn Beker referencing the Paupers playing the El Patio two years earlier
Jan 20- 22	The Last Words	
Feb 11- 13	The Mynah Byrds	Tely Feb 10 th After Four Classified
Feb 18- 19	The Gemini Four	Tely Feb 17 th After Four Classified
Feb 25- 26	The Paupers	Tely Feb 24 th After Four Classified
Mar 25- 26	The Dimensions	Tely Mar 23 rd After Four Classified “ ... for your dancing pleasure”

Is this about the time Bernie Finkelstein picked them up and started their move to stardom?



Apr 8-9	The Paupers	Tely Apr 7 th After Four Classified
Apr 15-16	The Paupers	Tely Apr 14 th After Four Classified
Apr 29, 30	The Paytons	Tely Apr 28 th After Four Classified
May 13, 14	The Whskey Sours (Fri) The Sparrows (Sat)	Tely May 12 th After Four Classified
May 20, 21	The Dimensions (Fri) The Diplomats (Sat)	Tely May 19 th After Four Classified
May 27-28	The Last Words	Tely May 26 th After Four Classified
Jun 3, 4	The Stitch 'n' Tyme	Tely Jun 2 nd After Four Classified
Jun 10, 11	The Stitch 'n' Tyme	Tely Jun 9 th After Four Classified

Jun 16-18	The Dimensions	Tely Jun 16 th After Four Classified
Jun 20-25	The Paupers	Tely Jun 16 th After Four Classified
July 1, 2	The Dimensions	Tely Jun 30 th After Four Classified
Jul 7-10	The Paupers	Tely Jun 30 th and Jul 7 th After Four Classified
Jul 11-17	The Last Words	Tely Jul 7 th After Four Classified: "starting Monday"
Jul 18-24	The Dimensions The Paupers (Sun)	Tely Jul 14 th and 21 st After Four Classified
Jul 25-30	The Stampeders (from Calgary)	Tely Jul 21 st After Four Classified
Jul 31- Aug 6	The Last Words	Tely Jul 28 th After Four Classified
Aug 8	The Mynah Birds	Tely Aug 4 th After Four Classified
Aug 12-14	A Passing Fancy (formerly The Dimensions) The Stitch 'n' Tyme (starting Mon 15 th)	Tely Aug 11 th After Four Classified
Aug 18 - 21	The Stitch 'n' Tyme (Thurs, Fri) Just Us (Sat, Sun)	Tely Aug 18 th After Four Classified
Aug 22-27	The Secrets (starting Mon 22 nd)	Tely Aug 18 th After Four Classified
Aug 28	The Other Side (Sun)	Tely Aug 25 th After Four Section

Aug 29 - Sep 3	The 5 Rising Sons	Tely Aug 25 th After Four Section
Sep 4-5	The Last Words (Sun) The Stitch 'n' Tyme (Mon)	Tely Sep 1 st After Four Section
Sep 8-11	The Creeps (Tues - Sun)	Tely Sep 1 st and 8 th After Four Sections
Sept 15-18	The Creeps	Tely Sep 15 th After Four classified
Sep 22- 25	The Stitch 'n' Tyme (Thurs, Sat, Sun) The Lords of London (Fri)	Tely Sep 22 nd After Four classified
Sep 29 - Oct 2	The Stitch 'n' Tyme (Thurs, Sat, Sun), The 5 Rising Sons (Fri)	Tely Sept 29 th After Four Classified
Oct 6, 10	The Stitch 'n' Tyme	Tely Oct 6 th After Four Classified
Oct 7-9	The Stampeders	Tely Oct 6 th After Four Classified ... <i>by popular demand from The West</i>
Oct 13, 16	The Stitch 'n' Tyme	Tely Oct 13 th After Four Classified
Oct 14,15	The Torquays	Tely Oct 13 th After Four Classified
Oct 20, 22, 23	The Stitch 'n' Tyme	Tely Oct 20 th After Four Classified with “?? Friday ??”
Oct 27-30	The Stitch 'n' Tyme	Tely Oct 27 th After Four Classified

Nov 3-5	The Creeps	Tely Nov 3 rd After Four Classified
Nov 6	The Stitch 'n' Tyme	Tely Nov 3 rd After Four Classified
Nov 10-13	The Stitch 'n' Tyme	Tely Nov 10 th After Four Classified
Nov 18	The Knack	
Nov 27	Bobby Kris and the Imperials	
Dec 9		The opening of co-owned The Flick at 90 Yorkville
Dec 6-10	The Last Words	
Dec 15 (week of)	The Stitch 'n' Tyme and The Private Collection	Tely Dec 15 th After Four Classified - El Patio and newly opened The Flick advertise together; presenting "this week", The Stitch 'n' Tyme and The Private Collection ("dancing every nite") without specifying which
Dec 16-17	The Last Words	
Dec 27-30	The Last Words	
Dec 31	The Stitch 'n' Tyme and The Private Collection	Tely Dec 29 th After Four Classified - El Patio and The Flick again jointly advertising their New Years Eve Dances

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Jan 5 (week of)	The Private Collection	Tely Jan 5 th After Four Classified - now clarifying who played in which location
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Jan 12 (week of)	The Private Collection	Tely Jan 12 th After Four Classified
Jan 20,21 and 22 (Sunday matinee)	The Private Collection (Fri, Sat) The Tripp (Sun)	Tely Jan 19 th After Four Classified
Feb 3-5	The Private Collection (Fri, Sat) The Tripp (Sun matinee)	Tely Feb 2 nd After Four Classified
Feb 10-11	The Private Collection	Tely Feb 9 th After Four Classified
Feb 17-18	The Private Collection	Tely Feb 16 th After Four Classified
Feb 24-25	Lords of London (Fri) The Private Collection (Sat)	Tely Feb 23 rd After Four Classified
Mar 3-4	The Rising Sons	Tely Mar 2 nd After Four Classified
Mar 10-11	The Private Collection	Tely Mar 9 th After Four Classified
Mar 17-18	The Blues Set	Tely Mar 16 th After Four Classified
Mar 23 (week of)	The Wild Fyre	Tely Mar 23 rd After Four Classified

The advertising is not distinct through this time. The bands could be playing all week, probably were (the words “all week” appear from time to time) but advertising usually focuses on the weekends following the Thursday press time

Mar 27
(week of)

**The Private
Collection**

Tely Mar 23rd and Mar 30th After Four Classified

Apr 3
(week of)

**The Private
Collection**

Tely Apr 6th After Four Classified

Apr 13
(week of)

**The Private
Collection**

Tely Apr 13th After Four Classified (could have been all week but only Fri and Sat, since those would still be ahead)

Apr 20
(week of)

**The Private
Collection**

Tely Apr 20th After Four Classified - again for advertising purposes mentioning only Fri - Sun, per this display ad.



Apr 28-29

**The Spasstiks
(Fri) The Private
Collection (Sat)**

Tely Apr 27th After Four Classified

May 5-6

**The Private
Collection (Fri),
The Gass
Company (Sat)**

Tely May 4th After Four Classified

May 12-13	Spring Garden Road (Fri, Sat)	Tely May 11 th After Four Classified
May 19-21	The Private Collection (Fri), Who & The Blazes (Sat)	Tely May 18 th After Four Classified
May 26-27	Spring Garden Road (Fri, Sat)	Tely May 25 th After Four Classified
Jun 2-3	The Rising Sons (Fri) The Private Collection (Sat)	Tely Jun 1 st After Four Classified
Jun 9-10	The Private Collection	Tely Jun 8 th After Four Classified
Jun 16-17	The Private Collection	Tely Jun 15 th After Four Classified, but “open all week”
Jun 22-25 (and all next week)	The Private Collection	Tely Jun 22 nd After Four Classified, (and all next week indicates a longer weekly schedule)
Jun 23	Mr Paul & The Blues Council	
Jun 26- July 1	The Private Collection	Tely Jun 29 th After Four Classified, (again indicating an every or most days of the week gig)

Jul 6-12	The Private Collection Thurs, Sat, Sun) The Beaver Patrol The Private Collection (Fri, Mon- Wed)	Tely Jul 6 th After Four Classified (confirming live music every day of the week)
Jul 13-19	The Private Collection Thurs, Sat, Sun) The Beaver Patrol The Private Collection (Fri, Mon- Wed)	Tely Jul 13 th After Four Classified (not specifically saying so but probably the same time slots)
Jul 20-26	Same again this week	Tely Jul 20 th After Four Classified (not specifically saying so but probably the same time slots)
Jul 27-29	The Rising Sons	Tely Jul 27 th After Four Classified
Jul 30-Aug 2	A Passing fancy	Tely Jul 27 th After Four Classified
Aug 3-6	The Private Collection	Tely Jul 27 th After Four Classified and Tely Aug 3 rd After Four Classified
Aug 7-9	The Ugly Ducklings	Tely Aug 3 rd After Four Classified
Aug 17-20	The Private Collection	Tely Aug 17 th After Four Classified
Aug 21 & 23	The Ugly Ducklings	Tely Aug 17 th After Four Classified

Aug 22	The Bedtime Story	Tely Aug 17 th After Four Classified
Aug 24-25	The Private Collection	Tely Aug 24 th After Four Classified
Aug 26-27	Spring Garden Road	Tely Aug 24 th After Four Classified
Aug 28-30	The Riffkin	Tely Aug 24 th After Four Classified
Sep 1-2	The Private Collection	Tely Aug 31 st After Four Classified
Sep 3	Spring Garden Road	Tely Aug 31 st After Four Classified
Sep 4-7(?)	The Bedtime Story	Tely Aug 31 st After Four Classified
Sep 7-8	The Riffkin	Tely Sep 7 th After Four Classified
Sep 9-10	Spring Garden Road	Tely Sep 7 th After Four Classified
Sep 14	Spring Garden Road	Tely Sep 14 th After Four Classified
Sep 15-16	The Private Collection	Tely Sep 14 th After Four Classified
Sep 17	The Riffkin	Tely Sep 14 th After Four Classified
Sep 21	Spring Garden Road	Tely Sep 21 st After Four Classified
Sep 22	The Red Henry Group	Tely Sep 21 st After Four Classified

Sep 23	The Private Collection	Tely Sep 21 st After Four Classified
Sep 24	The Riffkin	Tely Sep 21 st After Four Classified
Sep 28	Spring Garden Road	Tely Sep 28 th After Four Classified
Sep 29	The Spectrums	Tely Sep 28 th After Four Classified
Sep 30	The Beaver Patrol	Tely Sep 28 th After Four Classified
Oct 1	The Private Collection	Tely Sep 28 th After Four Classified
Oct 5	Spring Garden Road	Tely Oct 5 th After Four Classified
Oct 6	The Private Collection	Tely Oct 5 th After Four Classified
Oct 7-8	The Riffkin	Tely Oct 5 th After Four Classified
Oct 12,15	The Quiet Jungle	Tely Oct 12 th After Four Classified
Oct 13-14	The Private Collection	Tely Oct 12 th After Four Classified
Oct 20-21	The Riffkin	Tely Oct 19 th After Four Classified
Oct 27-28	The Private Collection	Tely Oct 26 th After Four Classified
Oct 29	The Beaver Patrol	Tely Oct 26 th After Four Classified

Nov 2-3	The Riffkin	Tely Nov 2 nd After Four Classified
Nov 4	The Private Collection	Tely Nov 2 nd After Four Classified
Nov 5	The Spectrums	Tely Nov 2 nd After Four Classified
Nov 9	The Quiet Jungle	Tely Nov 9 th After Four Classified
Nov 10	The Beaver Patrol	Tely Nov 9 th After Four Classified
Nov 11-12	Spring Garden Road	Tely Nov 9 th After Four Classified
Nov 16, 19	The Riffkin	Tely Nov 16 th After Four Classified
Nov 17-18	The Beaver Patrol	Tely Nov 16 th After Four Classified
Nov 23–26	The Outcast	Tely Nov 23 rd After Four Classified
Nov 30- Dec 30	The Riffkin (Thurs, Fri, Sun) The Beaver Patrol (Sat)	Tely Nov 30 th After Four Classified
Dec 7-10	The Last Words	Tely Dec 7 th After Four Classified
Dec 14	The Quiet Jungle	Tely Dec 14 th After Four Classified
Dec 15	Mondo Plus Four	Tely Dec 14 th After Four Classified
Dec 16-17	The Last Words	Tely Dec 14 th After Four Classified
Dec 21-22	The Fringe	Tely Dec 21 st After Four Classified
Dec 23-26	A Passing Fancy	Tely Dec 21 st After Four Classified

Dec 27-31	The Last Words	Tely Dec 21 st After Four Classified
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Jan 4-7	The Last Words	Tely Jan 4 th After Four Classified
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Jan 12-14	The Beaver Patrol (Fri) The Riffkin (Sat & Sun)	Tely Jan 11 th After Four Classified
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Jan 19-20	The Five D (Fri) The Riffkin (Sat)	Tely Jan 18 th After Four Classified
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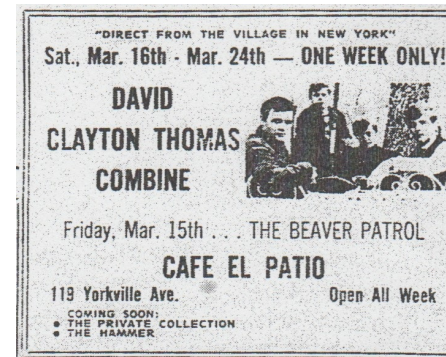
Jan 26-27	A Passing Fancy	Tely Jan 25 th After Four Classified display ad
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Feb 1-4	The Ugly Ducklings	Tely Feb 1 st After Four Classified
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Feb 9-11	The Beaver Patrol (Fri) Livingstone's Journey (Sat) The Ugly Ducklings (Sun)	Tely Feb 8 th After Four Classified
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Feb 16-18	A Passing Fancy (Fri, Sat) The Five Shy (Sun)	Tely Feb 15 th After Four Classified
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Feb 23-25	The Riffkin (Fri) The Beaver Patrol (Sat) The Ugly Ducklings (Sun)	Tely Feb 22 nd After Four Classified
Mar 1-3	The Raja (formerly The Three to One)	Tely Feb 29 th After Four Classified
Mar 8, 10	The Five D	G&M Mar 8 th p 11 "The Weekend" column Tely Mar 7 th After Four Classified
Mar 9	The Beaver Patrol (Sat)	Tely Mar 7 th After Four Classified
Mar 14-17 or	The Five D or	G&M Mar 15 th p 15 "The Weekend" column; however from
Mar 16-24	David Clayton Thomas with the The Beaver Patrol (Fri the 15 th) A Passing Fancy (Sun the 24 th)	Tely Mar 14 th and 21 st After Four Classified



Mar 28-31	The Private Collection (Thurs & Sun) A Passing Fancy (Fri and Sat)	Tely Mar 28 th , After Four Classified
Apr 4-7	The Private Collection (Thurs, Sat & Sun) The Raja (Fri)	Tely Apr 4 th , After Four Classified
Apr 11-14	The Private Collection	Tely Apr 11 th , After Four Classified
Apr 18-21	The Private Collection (Thurs, Sun) The Hammer (Fri, Sat)	Tely Apr 18 th , After Four Classified
Apr 25-28	The Hammer (Thurs, Sat, Sun) The Beaver Patrol (Fri)	Tely Apr 25 th , After Four Classified
May 2-5	The Private Collection (Thurs, Sat, Sun) Sunday's Calendar formerly the Beaver Patrol) (Fri)	Tely May 2 nd , After Four Classified

May 9-12	The Private Collection (Thurs, Sat, Sun) The Playhouse (Fri)	Tely May 9 th , After Four Classified
May 17-19	A Passing Fancy (Fri, Sun) Sunday's Calendar (Sat)	Tely May 16 th , After Four Classified
May 24-26	Sunday's Calendar (Fri) Taxi (Sat, Sun)	Tely May 23 rd , After Four Classified Photo: Taxi in 1968...in front of the Gardiner, from Jorma Larton (FB) "Like Private Collection: all the band members were from Sudbury."
May 31-Jun 2	A Passing Fancy (Fri and Sun) Taxi (Sat)	Tely May 30 th , After Four Classified
Jun 6-9	The Private Collection (Thurs til Sun)	Tely Jun 6 th , After Four Classified
Jun 13-16	A Passing Fancy (Thurs, Sat) The Cat (Fri, Sun)	Tely Jun 13 th , After Four Classified



Jun 20-23	Kensington Market	Tely Jun 20 th , After Four Classified
Jun 27-30	Kensington Market	Tely Jun 27 th , After Four Classified
Jul 1-3	The Private Collection	Tely Jun 27 th , After Four Classified
Jul 4-7	The Private Collection (Thurs, Sat, Sun)	And Tely Jul 4 th , After Four Classified
Jul 13 article		G&M Jul 13 th p 21 in an article by Blaik Kirby in an article <i>titled "Yorkville: the in-ghetto enters phase IV": "Today only five (rooms with live entertainment) survive; three of them The Flick, El Patio and the Night Owl feature teen groups and teen sounds"</i>
Jul 11-16	Taxi (Thurs, Fri) Kensington Market (Sat - Tues)	Tely Jul 11 th , After Four Classified
Jul 18-24	A Passing Fancy ("all week")	Tely Jul 18 th , After Four Classified
Jul 25-31	The Drive (Thurs) Kensington Market (Fri-Sun) A Passing Fancy (Mon-Wed)	Tely Jul 25 th , After Four Classified
Aug 1-4	A Passing Fancy	Tely Aug 1 st , After Four Classified

Aug 5-9	Kensington Market	Tely Aug 1 st and 8 th , After Four Classified
Aug 10-11	A Passing Fancy	Tely Aug 8 th , After Four Classified
Aug 15-18	The Ugly Ducklings (Thurs, Fri, Sun) Kensington Market (Sat)	Tely Aug 15 th , After Four Classified
Aug 23-25	The Chosen Few (Fri) McKenna, Mendelson Mainline (Sat, Sun)	Tely Aug 22 nd , After Four Classified
Aug 31-Sep 4	The Influence (Sat, Sun) The Mail Bagg (Mon - Wed)	Tely Aug 31 st , After Four Classified The After Four section shifts today from Thursdays to Saturday; unlikely good news for those advertising music; splits the weekend offerings between two weekend editions; no one ad providing full weekend coverage - but probably sold more lines of type
Sep 5-8	McKenna, Mendelson Mainline (Thurs - Sun)	Tely Aug 31 st , After Four Classified
Sept 9-11	The Humble Sponge (Mon-Wed)	Tely Sep 7 th , After Four Classified
Sept 12-15	A Passing Fancy (Thurs, Fri)	Tely Sep 7 th , After Four Classified

Sep 14-18	Lords of London (Sat- Wed)	Tely Sep 14 th , After Four Classified
Sep 19-20	Lady Buckle	Tely Sep 14 th , After Four Classified
Sep 21-22	Humble Sponge	Tely Sep 21 st , After Four Classified
Sept 23-26, 29	A Passing Fancy	Tely Sep 21 st , After Four Classified
Sep 28	The Five Shy	Tely Sep 28 th , After Four Classified
Oct 3-6	Edward Bear	Tely Sep 28 th , After Four Classified
Oct 10-11	A Passing Fancy	Tely Sep 28 th , After Four Classified
Oct 12-14	The Mail Bag	Tely Oct 5 th , 12 th , After Four Classifieds
Oct 17-18	St. Petersburg Philharmonic	Tely Oct 12 th , After Four Classified
Oct 19-21	The Ugly Ducklings	Tely Oct 12 th , After Four Classified
Oct 22-27	McKenna, Mendelson Mainline (Tues - Sun	Tely Oct 19 th , After Four Classified
Oct 28-30	Central Nervous System	Tely Oct 26 th , After Four Classified
Oct 31 - Nov 3	The Five Shy	Tely Oct 26 th , After Four Classified
Nov 4-6	A Passing Fancy	Tely Nov 2 nd , After Four Classified

Nov 7-10	Humble Sponge (Thurs, Fri) Leigh Ashford (Sat, Sun)	Tely Nov 2 nd , After Four Classified
Nov 9, 11	The Five Shy	Tely Nov 9 th , After Four Classified
Nov 11-13	The Central Nervous System	Tely Nov 9 th , After Four Classified
Nov 15-16	The Ugly Ducklings	Tely Nov 9 th , After Four Classified
Nov 17-20	Edward Bear	Tely Nov 16 th , After Four Classified
Nov 23-27	Nucleus (Sat) Ladytbuckle (Sun to Wed)	Tely Nov 23 rd , After Four Classified (Nucleus - evolved from Lords of London)
Nov 30 - Dec1	A Passing Fancy	Tely Nov 30 th , After Four Classified
Dec 7-9	Male Bag	Tely Dec 7 th , After Four Classified (or Mail?)
Dec 10-15	Modern Rock Quartet	Tely Dec 7 th and 14 th , After Four Classified
Dec 21	Nucleus	Tely Dec 21 st , After Four Classified
Dec 22-25	A Passing Fancy	Tely Dec 21 st , After Four Classified
Dec 26-29	The Paupers (Thurs, Fri, Sun) A Passing Fancy (Sat)	Tely Dec 21 st , After Four Classified
Dec 28	Nucleus	Tely Dec 21 st , After Four Classified
Dec 29-Jan 1	The Paupers	Tely Dec 28 th , After Four Classified

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Jan 2-5	The Five Shy	Tely Dec 28 th , Jan 4 th , After Four Classified
Jan 9-12	A Passing fancy	Tely Jan 4 th , After Four Classified
Jan 11-12	Male Bagg	Tely Jan 11 th , After Four Classified
Jan 16-19	Humble Sponge (Thurs, Fri) A Passing Fancy (Sat, Sun)	Tely Jan 16 th , After Four Classified (After Four now back on Thursdays)
Jan 23-29	N.I.S. (Thurs, Fri) A Passing Fancy (Sat, Sun) The Ginger Group (Mon -Wed)	Tely Jan 23 rd , After Four Classified (NIS = Not Intentionally Straight)
Jan 30 - Feb 5	Leigh Ashford (Thurs, Fri) Nucleus (Sat, Sun), The Leather (Mon - Wed)	Tely Jan 30 th , After Four Classified
Feb 6-7	The Five Shy	Tely Feb 6 th , After Four Classified

Feb 8

The Dynamics

Personal communication: from Lynn Wilkins: *My girlfriends and I would make regular trips on the TTC, from the suburbs to see the bands in Yorkville, our favourites being The Sparrow, The Stitch 'n Tyme, The Last Words and many more. We were 4 teens with the dream of having our own kick-ass rock and roll All Girl Band - the first in Toronto. We were called The Dynamics and played from 1965 through to 1970, at dances and clubs in all the usual Ontario towns in 'The Circuit', as it was called. Our gig at the El Patio was on Saturday Feb, 8 What a thrill it was to play at our favourite coffee house.*

Tely Feb 6th, After Four Classified

Feb 8
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The Dynamics

From left to right: Gail Paterson - bass & vocals, Lynn Hancox - keyboards & lead vocals, Naida Stein (RIP) - drums & vocals, Linda Allard - Leader - guitar & vocals. Picture circa 1967.



Feb 10-12

The Hartfield

Tely Feb 6th, After Four Classified

Feb 13-19	A Passing Fancy (Thurs, Fri) Nucleus (Sat, Sun) The Fone Booth (Mon-Wed)	Tely Feb 13 th , After Four Classified <i>El Patio: the only Yorkville Coffee House offering the best in live entertainment 7 days a week"</i>
Feb 20-26	The Ginger Group (Thurs, Fri) Buckstone Hardware (Sat, Sun) Bread and Wine (Mon-Wed)	Tely Feb 20 th , After Four Classified
Feb 27-Mar 5	Humble Sponge (Thurs, Fri) Nucleus (Sat, Sun) Crazy Horse (Mon-Wed)	Tely Feb 27 th , After Four Classified
Mar 6-12	Crazy Horse (Thurs) Wizard's Hand (Fri) A Passing Fancy (Sat, Sun) The Drum (Mon-Wed)	Tely Mar 6 th , After Four Classified
Mar 13	The Drum (Thurs) Nucleus (Fri-Sun) Edward Bear (Mon-Tues) The Drum (Wed-Thurs)	Tely Mar 13 th , After Four Classified

Mar 21-27	A Passing Fancy (Fri- Sun) The Bo- Street Runners (Mon-Thurs)	Tely Mar 20 th , After Four Classified (or Bow?)
Mar 28-Apr 3	Nucleus (Fri-Sun) The Drum (Mon- Thurs)	Tely Mar 27 th , After Four Classified
Apr 4-10	Sunday's Calendar (Fri) The Five Shy (Sat, Sun) Edward Bear (Mon-Thurs)	Tely Apr 3 ^d , After Four Classified
Apr 11-16	The Five Shy (Fri- Sat) The Bo- Street Runners (Sun) Edward Bear (Mon-Wed)	Tely Apr 10 th , After Four Classified
Apr 16-24	Buckstone Hardware (Thurs- Fri) The Drum (Sat-Sun) Sherman and Peabody (Mon- Thurs)	Tely Apr 17 th , After Four Classified
Apr 25-30	Leather (Fri) Male Bagg (Sat, Sun) Queen City Express (Mon- Wed)	Tely Apr 24 th , After Four Classified

May 1-7	A Passing Fancy (Thurs, Fri) Buckstone Hardware (Sat. Sun) Queen City Express (Mon-Wed)	Tely May 1 st , After Four Classified (including a display ad)
May 8-14	Spuff formerly Male Bagg (Thurs, Fri) Leigh Ashford (Sat, Sun) It's All Meat (Mon-Wed)	Tely May 8 th , After Four Classified
May 15-21	The Five Shy (Thurs-Sun) Fluid Daze (Mon-Wed)	Tely May 15 th , After Four Classified
May 22-28	Spuff (Thurs, Fri) Nucleus (Sat. Sun) Westfauster (Mon-Wed)	Tely May 22 nd , After Four Classified
May 29-Jun 4	The Drum (Thurs, Fri) Edward Bear (Sat - Mon) The GNU (Tues, Wed)	Tely May 29 th , After Four Classified The GNU: <i>"Evolved from the Ugly Ducklings"</i>
Jun 5-11	Sunday's Calendar (Thurs, Fri) The Dynamics (Sat. Sun) N.I.S. (Mon-Wed)	Tely Jun 5 th , After Four Classified

Jun 12-18	It's All Meat (Thurs, Fri) Nucleus (Sat) Humble Sponge (Sun-Wed)	Tely Jun 12 th , After Four Classified
Jun 19-25	Humble Sponge (Thurs, Fri) Edward Bear (Sat, Sun) Summer Festival (Mon-Wed)	Tely Jun 19 th , After Four Classified <i>After the Pop Festival (at Varsity Stadium) ... until 3:30 am.</i>
Jun 26-Jul 1	The GNU (Thurs, Fri) Sunday's Calendar (Sat) Polychromatic Experiment (Sun-Tues)	Tely Jun 26 th , After Four Classified
Jul 3-9	Sunday's Calendar (Thurs, Fri) Spuff (Sat, Sun) The 8th Day (Mon-Wed)	Tely Jul 3 rd , After Four Classified
Jul 11-16	Summer Festival (Fri-Sun) The Noes (Mon-Wed)	Tely Jul 10 th , After Four Classified
Jul 17-23	The GNU (Thurs, Fri) Spuff (Sat, Sun) Sherman and Peabody (Mon-Thurs)	Tely Jul 17 th , After Four Classified

Jul 24-30	Edward Bear (Fri) Summer Festival (Sat, Sun) Toast (Mon-Wed)	Tely Jul 24 th , After Four Classified
Jul 27-28	The Kensington Market	G&M Jul 26 th p 11 "The Weekend" column (Ritchie Yorke)
Jul 31-Aug 6	The GNU (Thurs-Sun) Sherman and Peabody (Mon-Wed)	Tely Jul 31 st , After Four Classified
Aug 7-13	Sherman and Peabody (Thurs, Fri) Spuff (Sat, Sun) Bucks tone Hardware (Mon-Wed)	Tely Aug 7 th , After Four Classified
Aug 14-20	Scarboro Fair (Thurs, Fri) The 8th Day (Sat, Sun) Altar Ego (Mon-Wed)	Tely Aug 14 th , After Four Classified
Aug 21-27	Spuff (Thurs-Sun) Sherman and Peabody (Mon-Wed)	Tely Aug 21 st , After Four Classified
Aug 28-31	The GNU (Thurs-Fri) Altar Ego (Sat, Sun)	Tely Aug 28 th , After Four Classified

Sep 6-8	McKenna Mendelson Mainline	G&M Sep 6 th p 10 “The Weekend” column (Ritchie Yorke)
Sep 4-11	Toast (Thurs), The Dynamics (Fri) Gulliver’s Travels (Sat, Sun), Dorian Mode) Mon - Thurs)	Tely Sep 4 th , After Four Classified
Sep 12	GNU (Fri) Toast (Sat, Sun)	Tely Sep 12 th , After Four Classified. Note the conflict between this and the next entry)
Sep 14-15	Time Being	G&M Sep 13 th p 12 “The Weekend” column (Ritchie Yorke) (formerly The Lords of London)
Sep 18-19	The Grass Company (Thurs), Toast (Fri)	Tely Sep 18 th , After Four Classified
Sep 20	Ladybuckle	G&M Sep 20 th p 14 “The Weekend” column (Ritchie Yorke) <i>“Interesting new male foursome headlines tonight.”</i> Ritchie Yorke followed with a very complimentary article Oct 1 st p15
Sep 22-24	GNU	Tely Sep 18 th , After Four Classified (as part of a Summer Festival)
Sep 25- Oct 1	Flapping (Fri , Sat) The GNU Sun to Wed)	Tely Sep 25 th , After Four Classified

Oct 2-8	Flapping (Thurs, Fri), Nucleus (Sat), Eros Babaloo (Sun - Wed)	Tely Oct 2 nd , After Four Classified
Oct 9–15	Altar Ego (Thurs, Fri) Manchild (Sat, Sun) Eros Babaloo (Mon - Wed)	Tely Oct 9 th , After Four Classified or G&M Oct 11 th p 12 “The Weekend” column (Ritchie Yorke): Mail Bag (11-15)
Oct 16-22	Thee Drumm (Thurs) Queen City Express (Fri), Flapping (Sat) Thee Drumm (Sun-Wed)	Tely Oct 16 th , After Four Classified
Oct 23-29	Flapping (Thurs, Fri) Leigh Ashford (Sat) Thee Drumm (Sun- Wed)	Tely Oct 23 rd , After Four Classified
Oct 30-Nov 5	Teen Age Dance Band (Thurs, Fri) Flapping (Sat), Thee Drumm (Sun to Wed)	Tely Oct 30 th , After Four Classified Flapping (Buzz Sherman’s new band)

Nov 6-12	Eros Babaloo (Thurs) Thee Drum (Fri) Edward Bear (Sat) Gut Bucket (Sun -Wed)	Tely Nov 6 th , After Four Classified Edward Bear (1 st Yorkville appearance in 3 months) G&M Nov 7 th p 12 "The Weekend" column (Ritchie Yorke)
Nov 20-22	Teen Age Dance Band (Thurs) Manchild (Fri, Sat)	Tely Nov 20 th , After Four Classified Manchild (formerly The Five Shy) Tely Nov 27 th , After Four Classified "Closed for renovations"
Dec 5- 6	Flapping (Fri) Edward Bear (Sat)	Tely Dec 4 th , After Four Classified
Dec 10-15	MRQ	G&M Dec 13 th p 13 "The Weekend" column (Ritchie Yorke) ... <i>Ottawa's popular underground group</i> ... the Modern Rock Quartet, an Ottawa jazz-rock group formed in 1968, comprising, drummer Robert Coulthart, lead vocalist John Martin, bass guitar player Doug Orr and keyboardist Peter Jermyn. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_MRQ
Dec 18-25	Scarboro Fair (Thurs, Fri) Edward Bear (Sat) Festival (Sun-Tues) Cathedral (Christmas Eve and Christmas)	Tely Dec 18 th , After Four Classified "Festival," "formerly Summer Festival"

Dec 26-31	Fear (Fri and Sun thru Tues) Leigh Ashford (Sat) Edward Bear (New Year's Eve)	Tely Dec 24 th , After Four Classified
Dec 31	Cathedral	Tely Dec 31 st , After Four Classified (did Edward Bear sub out?)

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Jan 1-2	Poor Souls	Tely Tely Dec 31 st , After Four Classified
Jan 8-11	Three Little Pigs (Thurs) Life and Creation (Fri, Sat) Cathedral (Sun)	Tely Jan 8 th , After Four Classified Life and Creation ("Top Rock n' Brass Group)
Jan 15-21	Teenage Dance Band (Thurs - Sat) System (Sun to Wed)	Tely Jan 15 th , After Four Classified
Jan 22-24, 28-29	Cathedral (Thurs, Fri), Zoom (Sat) Poor Souls (Wed, Thurs)	Tely Jan 22 nd , After Four Classified
Jan 30-31	Zoom (Fri-Sat)	Tely Jan 29 th , After Four Classified Advertisements get fitful
Mar 6-8	Cat	Tely Mar 5 th , After Four Classified

Mar 12-14	Huron and Washington (Thurs, Fri), Sweet Blindness (Sat)	Tely Mar 12 th , After Four Classified see: http://citizenfreak.com/artists/103874-sweet-blindness
Mar 26-29	Sweet Blindness (Thurs-Sat) Leather (Sun)	Tely Mar 26 th , After Four Classified
Apr 2-5, 6-8	Sweet Blindness (Thurs-Sat) Music Company	Tely Apr 2 nd After Four Classified (the ads get smaller and smaller)
Apr 9-12	Teenage Dance Band (Thurs-Sat)	Tely Apr 9 th After Four Classified
Apr 16-18	Blue Wheel (Thurs, Fri) Bloodstone (Sat)	Tely Apr 16 th After Four Classified
Apr 23-29	Charlotte (Thurs, Fri, Sun) Sweet Blindness (Sat) Abernathy Shagnaster (Mon-Wed)	Tely Apr 23 rd After Four Classified
Apr 30- May 6	Abernathy Shagnaster (Thurs) Poor Souls (Fri, Sat) Ivory Coast (Mon-Wed)	Tely Apr 30 th After Four Classified

May 7-10	Ivory Coast (Thurs) Teenage Dance Band (Fri) Bloodstone (Sat and Sun)	Tely May 7 th After Four Classified
May 15-17	Poor Souls (Fri - Sun)	Tely May 14 th After Four Classified
May 21-24	Huron Washington Band (Thurs, Fri) Sweet Blindness (Sat, Sun)	Tely May 21 st After Four Classified
May 28-31	Mornington Drive Thurs, Fri) Poor Souls (Sat, Sun)	Tely May 28 th After Four Classified
Jun 4-7	Eleanor Fox (Thurs, Fri) Poor Souls (Sat, Sun)	Tely Jun 4 th After Four Classified (or Elinor Fox from a Barrie Examiner May 1st, advertisement)
Jun 11-14	Mudflat	Tely Jun 11 th After Four Classified
Jun 18-21	Mudflat (Thurs, Fri) Steel River (Sat, Sun)	Tely Jun 18 th After Four Classified
Jun 25-Jul 1	Mudflat (Thurs, Fri) Nucleus (Sat, Sun) Sweet Blindness (Mon-Wed)	Tely Jun 25 th After Four Classified

Jul 2-5	Sweet Blindness (Thurs, Fri) Mornington Drive (Sat, Sun)	Tely Jul 2 nd After Four Classified
Jul 9-12	Mudflat	Tely Jul 9 th After Four Classified
Jul 16-19	Steel River	Tely Jul 16 th After Four Classified
Jul 30-Aug 2	Poor Souls	Tely Jul 30 th After Four Classified
Aug 20-23	Everyday People Thurs, Fri) Bloodstone (Sat, Sun	Tely Aug 20 th After Four Classified
Sep 3-6	Everyday People Thurs - Sun)	Tely Sep 3 rd After Four Classified
Sep 24-30	Houston (Thurs, Fri) Sweet Blindness (Sat, Sun) Smith- Goodhand Blues Band (Mon-Wed)	Tely Sep 24 th After Four Classified It looks like the El Patio was going 7 nights a week, at least for a while.

Data Collection

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