October Cover Artist Quinn K. Thompson

Our cover artist this month comes from the Pacific Northwest. Quinn K. Thompson is a prolific Quinn K. Thompson. Quinn is a legend of the Seattle music scene, known for his songwriting, guitar playing, and his unique blend of rock and roll. He has released several albums and has been featured on many compilations. His music is characterized by its raw energy and soulful delivery.

How long have you been making art and what was the original medium? I’ve been making art since I was young. I started playing the guitar when I was around 12 and have been playing ever since. I started making art when I was around 10 and have been doing it ever since.

When did you begin working with alternative surfaces, like painting refrigerators or doors? I’ve been working with alternative surfaces for a long time. I started painting on refrigerators and doors when I was a kid. I was always interested in art and I wanted to find a way to incorporate it into my everyday life. I started painting on refrigerators and doors because they were available and I could use them to express myself.

Where do you find inspiration for your art? I find inspiration for my art in the world around me. I’m inspired by the people I surround myself with, the music I listen to, the places I’ve been, and the experiences I’ve had. I also find inspiration in the things I see in my everyday life. I try to incorporate these elements into my art in a way that is unique and personal.

Do you have any art shows coming up? I’m working on a new album called “Ghosts” and I’ll be releasing it later this year. I’m also planning a tour to support the album. I’ll be playing some shows in the Pacific Northwest and I’m looking forward to hitting the road and connecting with my fans.

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Bill Mitchell’s Colorful Cast of Characters

Anacortes has a new coloring book inspired by the artwork of Bill Mitchell and the Anacortes Mural Project. The book is designed to create interest in Bill’s artwork while raising money to help preserve the murals that grace the walls of our town.

The Anacortes Mural Project is a collection of over 150 murals and wood cutout figures sited on buildings in Anacortes. Bill created the first in 1984 and continued until his passing in 2019. The murals depict people and events in Anacortes’ history as well as some with more fantastical inspirations. The murals were donated by Bill’s family to the City of Anacortes on his passing with the Anacortes Museum and the Anacortes Museum Foundation assuming long term stewardship.

The book contains a color front and back cover that includes details about the Anacortes Mural Project and Bill Mitchell’s favorite definition of an artist. Inside are 23 comic-style illustrations from throughout Bill’s life that are perfect for coloring and decoration. The images were chosen by Bill’s brother, Mark Mitchell, and Chris Terrell of How It Works, from an archive of innumerable illustrations, to show the broad range of topics Bill was interested in.

The book is produced by How It Works and can be purchased at Little Tugs Children’s Boutique, The Red Snapper Gift Store, Secret Cove Restaurant, Watermark Book Company, Marine Supply and Hardware/Alley Cat Antiques, Bob’s Chowder Bar & BBQ Salmon, and How It Works. It can also be ordered online at northwest-image.square.site. The books are priced at $20.00 with half going to fund the upkeep of the Anacortes Mural Project and the other half covering the costs of production and design.
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**Share Your Local Music Knowledge!**

AMP’s radio plays 1000’s of songs by Anacortes connected artists 24/7. Now we are ready to add all the details. The AMP archive of Bands, Venues, Shows, Compilations, Events, and Platers is just getting started! We are compiling photos, videos, and music, along with details of each artist/band. We need help from the community to build out this amazing resource. If you have a show/project you’d like included, just fill out our Archive Questionnaire!

**Call for Band Bios**

Show Chime is looking for volunteer contributors to help us cover the local music scene. Land your skills and passion and collect all your favorite shows, artists you love and help us grow this beloved publication. Write your own bio or become a regular contributor. Have ideas about what we should cover? Contact us at theshowchime@gmail.com to start the conversation.

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The Business

The Business cultures Anacortes and the world with its selection of fiercely independent new music. They offer music subscriptions, curate local shows, and offer label operations and mail-order fulfillment for many self-releasing artists and bands. Located at 216 Commercial and thenacortes.com.

The UNKNOWN: Recording Studio

It’s an amazing place to record music. It sounds huge because it is. Huge. Our great collection of equipment and instruments plus the skills and familiarity with the space have made consistent great albums for people from all over the world who have traveled here to record. Email Rich at: rick@fonteefount.com

**Music Resources**

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**Kennedy Music**

Kennedy Keys provides instruments, supplies, lessons, rentals, repairs, and venue space for performances, private parties, and events. Check their website at www.kennedymusica.com/locations/anacortes/ for updates on their operating schedule.

**Manieri Jazz & Swing Collection**

The Manieri Jazz & Swing Collection specializes in American music and jazz. Spon- sored by the Manieri endowment, the entire collection is accessible for check-out with your library membership. All materials can now be checked out with curbside pickup. Visit the library website for more information and for jazz streaming services.

**Picture This Sound**

**Serenaders at Elk’s Hall**

The Goff brothers and their 8-piece Serenaders band are shown at the Elk’s Ballroom at 69th and Q. The band is, left to right in front Brian McCallum or Bill McCullum, Bruce Goff, Joe Dwelley, Harold Schilllos. Back row: Glenn Strong on Bass, drummer unknown, Jack Goff on piano, Jack was Police Chief from 1944 to 1958 and was later a County Sheriff, guitarist player unknown.

The 7-20-1939 ANACORTES AMERICAN reported, “Fisherman dances. Goff brothers open fisherman dances this Friday at Eagles ballroom, a well-known local 8-piece band. The Goff Brothers wish to announce that they played for last year’s fisherman’s dances and they invite all their old friends and new ones to join them this Friday evening for the grand opening dance.”

The 1937 city directory listed Jack Goff as a “musician”. Bruce Goff stated, “My dad bought me the sax in 1935. He played old-time fiddle at a lot of dances.” His name was Burt Goff and he was chief of millwrights at Morrison MILL.” according to an interview with Theresa Trebon in February 2023. Bruce Goff insisted that the Serenaders played throughout Skagit County and later played music on cross-Isles that sailed to eastern Asia.

This series of historical music photos is brought to you by the Anacortes Museum. More than 40,000 photographs from the Anacortes County and later played music on cruise ships that sailed to eastern Asia.

In the tradition of the great personal advice column, Show Chime presents Chime Chat with Cherry. Do you have a question you want to ask Cherry? Are you wondering who you can turn to? Cherry doesn't just dish out advice, she peers deeply into your soul to find the answers within you. She also specializes in naming Bands, Boats, and babies. Write to Cherry at theshowchime@gmail.com

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