

Joel Sparks: Selected writing

DINING & NIGHTLIFE

Freelance writer, *The Onion*:

“Rocking the Docs: Your guide through SilverDocs 2008”

“Hook Brings It Back” – Interview with Chef Barton Seaver

Capsule dining reviews: Dino, Jackie’s, Le Paradou, Minibar at Café Atlantico

Freelance writer, *Washington Life Magazine*:

“Spike Lee Speaks Out at the American Film Institute”

Freelance writer, *The Washington Times*:

Party Lines society column:

“Best Buddies Celebrate at Shriver Estate” – October 2007

“Curtain Rises on Long-Awaited Bethesda Theatre” – October 2007

“Goals Accomplished at Smithsonian Polo Match” – September 2007

“NFL Gala honors players for off-field behavior” – April 2007

Music review: Velvet Revolver, *Libertad* – July 2007

Contributing writer, *DC STYLE Magazine*:

“Spring Harvest: Restaurant Openings You Shouldn’t Miss” – Web special, 2007

“Anthony Bourdain on *How I Learned to Cook*” – Special interview, 2006

“DC’s Ten Hottest Chefs” – Cover article, Winter 2006

“Sonic Secrets: DC’s specialty record stores stock hard-to-find music” – Winter 2006

“Be Your Own Brewmaster” – Winter 2006

“Listen Locally: Washington bands to watch” – Spring 2006

“Live Dives: Where to get your rock up close and personal” – Spring 2006

“Places We Drink: Domku” – Spring 2006

Dining Guide restaurant reviews:

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Dino

Fogo de Chao

Gallery

Le Paradou

Minibar at Café Atlantico

The Red & the Black

Vegetate

Viridian

Zengo

ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Freelance writer, Cenarios Public Relations, 2003-2007

Freelance writer, 3I Ltd., 2005

Contract web author, National Institutes of Health, 2001-2005

Senior Consultant, Reingold Public Relations, 2002-2003

Freelance writer, Fahey-Davidson Advertising, 1999-2002

TECHNOLOGY

“Toppling the Information Monopolies” — Keynote for James Burke of *Connections*, 1999

Government Computer News Magazine, hardware and software reviews

Inside Mac Games, video game articles

“Securing the Mac” — iDefense.com (VeriSign),

MUSIC

Mr. Joel's DC Shows List – Bimonthly list of recommended small-club concerts to see in the DC area, June 2002 through present. <http://originalcopy.com/shows>

Contributing Editor, *On Tap Magazine*, 2005-2007. Selected articles:

Mr. Joel's Music Picks – December 2004 to present
Four Play: Local artists that should be on your radar – December 2006 to present
Venue Spotlight – January 2006 to January 2007
“A Dam Good Time: The District's Awake! Music Festival” – October 2007
Neighborhood Focus: Silver Spring – July 2007
“Slick with a Brush: A Rock n Roll Survivor Turns Visual Artist” (Grace Slick) – January 2007
“Mountain of Fun: Local TV Show Celebrates Rock's Next Generation” – January 2007
“The Homes of Rock: House concerts in DC” – August 2006
“Women of DC Music” – Profiles of Jenny Toomey, Alice Despard, Beth Baldwin and Amy Domingues, July 2006
Interview: The Old Ceremony – January 2006
Interview: Andrew Bird – November 2005 (music issue)
Interview: Karl Straub – November 2005
Interview: Pagoda – November 2005
Quickie: The Evens – November 2005
Quickie: Exit Clov – November 2005
On the Spot with OK Go – August 2005

Creator and booking agent, concert series at the Quarry House Tavern, 2006 – 2007:

The Chance	Opake
Kid Goat	The Oxymorons
The Grandsons	Plastic Shores
Greenland	The Rhodes Tavern Troubadours
The Invisible Men	Spoils of Northwest
Jazz Defenders	Spottiswoode & His Enemies
JP McDermott & Western Bop	The Starlingtons
Karl Straub Combo	The Tasty Habits
Michael Jantz & the Davenports	The Timothy Bracken Complex

CD reviews for DC-area music website *BigTawn.net*, 2004 – 2006:

Adam Green	Dressy Bessy	New Pornographers
Ryan Adams	Eisley	Pedro the Lion
Ambulance LTD	The Evens	Robert Pollard
Ash	Fischerspooner	Josh Rouse
Bellflur	Guided By Voices	Teenage Fanclub
Richard Butler	Heavy Trash	The Wedding Present
The Charlatans UK	John Wayne Shot Me	Hank Williams III
Vic Chesnutt	Daniel Johnston	Brian Wilson
Coldplay	Sonya Kitchel	Yo La Tengo
The Constantines	Lemon Jelly	Youth Group
Decahedron	Monopoli	
Destroyer	Morrissey	
Dresden Dolls	New Order	