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Greetings from Chocolate Rice Smooth Jazz & R&B Band!

We hope you've been enjoying your summer so far! Chocolate Rice certainly has since July and early August have been busy times for the band, featuring gigs in Concord and San Mateo as well as laying down tracks in the studio. We continued our regular monthly appearance at the Old South BBQ and Desserts in Concord in late July, but also played for the first time at the outdoor Festa Italiana in San Mateo on July 26th. The weather was great and the groove was definitely flowing. Our next public appearance will again be at **Old South BBQ & Desserts** in Concord at 7pm on **August 22nd**. If you plan on being in the East Bay that day, by all means come for the food and stay for the music!



In the Studio

CR has been in the studio recording some cuts for our website and demo CD that better reflect the band's sound and capabilities. Special thanks to Gerry Blalock at Songwriters Workshop (www.songwritersworkshop.biz) for making himself and his studio available. Look for new studio recordings from the band on the site soon.



Holiday Parties

It's that time of year when companies and organizations begin to think about their holiday events. For those of you who might be involved in that process, please consider Chocolate Rice for your event. We have a unique blend of jazz that's perfectly suited for cocktail or dinner parties and can bring in guest artists to turn the event into a dance party afterwards. Drop us an email or phone call.

Upcoming Events

- Sat, August 22, 2009; Old South BBQ & Desserts (Concord)
- Sat, September 26, 2009; A Taste of Antioch (Antioch)
- Sat, October 17, 2009; Old South BBQ & Desserts (Concord)
- Sat, November 21, 2009; Old South BBQ & Desserts (Concord)

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Yours musically,

Chocolate Rice

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