



One-man-band GAVIN WEEKS, now appearing at the Grand Gardens Hotel, includes in his line-up songs by Paul McCartney, Neil Young, Crosby, Stills and Nash, America, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Bob Seger, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin.

One-man-band wants music that South Africa can believe in

by
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FREQUENTERS of the Grand Gardens Hotel are seeing exciting things happen with the return of one-man band Gavin Weeks to Port Elizabeth.

Gavin was last in Port Elizabeth at the beginning of the year when he spent February, March and April at the Phoenix Hotel's Stage Door.

This man, who plays music which he feels was composed by a musician who took time out to present it professionally, is a qualified accountant, game ranger and banker but finds more pleasure in making people happy with music.

Gavin was born and brought up in Germiston on the Reef and started playing in pubs 2½ years ago in his hometown, Prinrose.

He has a repertoire which includes the music of Bob Seger, Bruce Springsteen, Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Crosby, Stills and Nash, America, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin.

His forte lies in his Bob Seger, Bruce Springsteen and Led Zeppelin numbers.

Gavin plays acoustic and electric guitar and also uses bass pedals and a drum machine for his act.

He has done a few of his own compositions but says he is not quite happy with them as they still need arranging, which can only be done in a studio.

He plays everything by

Strong influences on his music are Paul McCartney and Roger Waters of Pink Floyd.

Gavin says that he would like music to be established here as something to believe in and a return of the Woodstock feeling and the "love, peace, harmony and flowers" era.

His sound is pure, undistorted and low-key — not too loud, not too soft — and he can play most of the songs requested.

Every Saturday afternoon groups and individuals playing in the city's pubs meet Gavin and one-man-band Mervyn Fuller at the Grand for a "free concert".

When Gavin leaves Port Elizabeth he will be going to Springs, Braamfontein, Maritzburg and then hopefully to Cape Town.

There is also a possibility that he and Mark Wilson — at present at the Marine Hotel — might form a duo when they fulfil their present contracts.

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