

Please join me on
Saturday, September 28 for Happy Hour, Dinner, and Karaoke
to celebrate my return to Oregon, 17 years in the making.

The Plan: Wine, beer and cocktails at 5pm, dinner about 6, and we head out around 8p for Karaoke.

The Venues: Happy Hour and Dinner at the historic farmhouse at the McMemamins [Cornelius Pass Roadhouse](http://www.mcmenamins.com/cornelius-pass-roadhouse), 4045 NW Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97214. www.mcmenamins.com/cornelius-pass-roadhouse



Karaoke will be at [Voicebox NW](http://www.voiceboxkaraoke.com), 2112 NW Hoyt St, Portland, 97210, at the corner of NW Hoyt and 21st Ave, where we will have a private room. Visit www.voiceboxkaraoke.com to check out their song library



Transportation: The Roadhouse is 20 mins west of downtown Portland, just south of US 26 on Cornelius Pass Rd, and Voicebox is in Northwest Portland. Because I would like to minimize people having to drive and as parking in NW PDX is tight, I suggest using Lyft or Uber to get to the roadhouse; I will order a few large Lyfts to get people from the roadhouse to Voicebox, and can also get ones to send you home. If you're only coming to the Roadhouse and skipping karaoke (but why would you?), there is parking at the Roadhouse.

Other Logistics

- * Dogs are unfortunately not allowed at our venue at the Roadhouse or karaoke.
- * Minors are welcome at the Roadhouse, but not at karaoke.
- * Dietary restrictions or preferences? Let me know when you RSVP.
- * Attire: Hey, it's Portland so it's casual, but please wear something fun (*it is a party....*), and there will be a place to change at the Roadhouse
- * Only able to attend part of the evening's festivities? No problem, just include in RSVP.



Out of Towners: September is a GREAT time to visit Portland - the weather is sunny and mild and all the kids are back in school. If you can, come for a long weekend and enjoy Portland or have some excursions (the coast on Saturday mid-day might be sweet if the weather is good). For lodging, I can suggest hotels or AirBNBs (or even arrange couch surfing), just let me know with your RSVP. If you are just staying in town, I suggest you pick a location where you can walk to things and not have a car - go like locals and walk, Lyft, TriMet, etc.



Why Karaoke?: Most of you know I love it and it's a fun way to spend time together. If you're nervous, know that it is actually quite a supportive activity - the goal is to have fun, not to be perfect (otherwise you'd have a record contract, right?) Even if you don't want to sing, please come along to enjoy the atmosphere (and drinks). We will have a private room, so you don't have to worry about strangers commenting on our singing (*but we ARE awesome*).

A Little History: Known simply as "The Roadhouse", the farmhouse was our local pub for me and my fellow graduate students during my time at OGI starting in September 1991; this seemed the perfect place to celebrate a return.

Built in the 1860s, seven generations of the Imbrie family lived in the farmhouse before it was sold to the McMemamin brothers and saved from development. It functioned as a pub for about 15 years, but has been an event space since the roadhouse expanded in 2001. The farmhouse will be closed **permanently** for events on September 30 for conversion to a B&B; we might just be the last people to order a beer at the Roadhouse!

Do I Need to RSVP? Help us make sure there is plenty of food, drink, and space for everyone - RSVP to party@orbev.com with # attending, if you're staying for karaoke, any dietary needs, and if you want tips on lodging or transportation.

