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# TRIO NEWS

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The Latest Information on THE CALIFORNIA TRIO

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## THE CALIFORNIA TRIO IS BACK!!!

### THE GROUP RETURNS TO RUTA'S ON FEBRUARY 27!!

**THE CALIFORNIA TRIO** is back in the Orange County area after a lengthy road tour that took them as far away as San Francisco and Vail, Colorado. Curiously refreshed after their grueling performance schedule the last few months, **THE TRIO** is anxious to begin playing the local circuit once again. A **TRIO** spokesperson commented, "The people were warm, the beer was cold and we had a great time but it's good to be home!".

They will be appearing at **Rutabegorz** on **Saturday night, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm**. Ruta's is located at the corner of Main and C Streets in old downtown Tustin. They feature a varied menu of great food and drink in a unique atmosphere. Come and welcome **THE TRIO** home at downtown Tustin's place-to-be on Saturday nights!!

**THE TRIO** will be at **Don Jose's** in Fullerton on **Saturday night, March 13<sup>th</sup>** and on **Saturday night, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm**. Don Jose's is located east off the 57 Freeway just south of Yorba Linda Boulevard on Placentia Avenue. Join us in the warm, friendly and festive confines of the cantina! Tell 'em **THE TRIO** sent you and see what it gets ya!!

One last note... Due to the inordinate number of requests for "Tom Dooley" while on tour, the group has temporarily dropped the song from its playlist.

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### ACCORDION DAMAGED!!

In late January, vandals broke into the Seattle warehouse where the Rivoli "Little Maestro", considered by many to be the Holy Grail of accordions, had been sequestered since its acquisition by **THE CALIFORNIA TRIO**. The rare and coveted instrument suffered a broken strap but otherwise is apparently unscathed. A silent alarm alerted authorities but the vandals managed to escape just as police arrived.

The instrument had long been rumored to be in the Seattle area but until the break-in that had not been confirmed. The "Little Maestro" has been removed to an undisclosed location and accordion restorationists have already been commissioned to restore the instrument to its original condition.

A passerby recalls seeing a fleeing van with the long outlawed "Play an accordion, go to jail" bumper sticker but the vehicle had not been located as of press time. The police investigation is ongoing and authorities are soliciting any information that might lead to the capture of the criminals. **THE CALIFORNIA TRIO** was unavailable for comment.

### STRIKE CONTINUES!!

The wildcat strike that hit the **TRIO NEWS** in late August continues with no apparent end in sight. Bitter former employees are still maintaining a picket line around company headquarters and now have the support of the International Brotherhood of Newsletter Workers.

Although **TRIO NEWS** circulation figures have dropped sharply in the last few months due to missed publication dates and erratic delivery, management has stated that it will close down the paper before giving in.