



What is the Gateway?

The Gateway is a group of men and women who choose to experience Widespread Panic shows without the use of drugs or alcohol. The Gateway-WSP Yahoo Group was created to provide a vehicle of communication for like-minded Widespread Panic fans.

The Gateway is not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, the Panic or The Wharf Rats. The Gateway has absolutely no opinion on the issue of drugs and alcohol, and neither condemns nor condones it. Our simple purpose is to provide support and information to those who seek the comfort and camaraderie of other clean and sober people at shows. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stay substance-free at shows. Though The Gateway consists primarily of those recovering from addiction, we are open to anyone who wishes to remain clean and sober at shows.

In September 2001, after the Twin Towers fell, I was diagnosed with HCV, and the doctors put me on this regime of a combo drug therapy, that made me lose most of my hair, and made me so sick for a year I pleaded to God to take me home. When I got well enough to use again, my addictions picked up where they left off, with a fury that only *you* can understand. I was spiritually dead again. I saw an old friend one day, who invited me back to the rooms, and in total desperation, I begged for help, and found people like me who had really changed their lives and were free. My love for Panic never died, and I discovered The Gateway. I cannot ever express to you the gratitude that I feel toward the people at the tables. They are absolutely the most beautiful people in the world. They accepted me, and I began to go to the shows making more friends each time. I've had the privilege to work the tables at Raleigh and Birmingham, and will be at Macon and back to the BJJC this fall. I thank everyone that has made all this possible, to be able to dance and sing, and truly be happy, knowing there is a safe place of love and compassion at the table with the yellow balloons is like being rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed.

Thank Gateway, forever loved,

Gratefulmikee

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Fall Tour Dates

September 14,15,16	Radio City Music Hall <u>New York City, NY</u>	October 9,10,11	House Of Blues <u>Lake Buena Vista, FL</u>
September 19	Memorial Auditorium <u>Burlington, VT</u>	October 13	North Charleston Coliseum <u>Charleston, SC</u>
September 20	Verizon Wireless Arena <u>Manchester, NH</u>	October 14	BJCC <u>Birmingham, AL</u>
September 22	Agganis Arena <u>Boston, MA</u>	October 15	Memorial Auditorium <u>Chattanooga, TN</u>
September 23	Chevrolet Theater <u>Wallingford, CT</u>	October 17	The Centre <u>Evansville, IN</u>
September 24	Tower Theater <u>Upper Darby, PA</u>	October 18	IU Auditorium <u>Bloomington, IN</u>
September 26,27	Charlottesville Pavilion <u>Charlottesville, VA</u>	October 20	State Theatre <u>Detroit, MI</u>
September 29,30	Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre <u>Charlotte, NC</u>	October 21	Riverside Theater <u>Milwaukee, WI</u>
October 1	Rupp Arena <u>Lexington, KY</u>	October 22	Northrop Memorial Auditorium <u>Minneapolis, MN</u>
October 3	Taft Theatre <u>Cincinnati, OH</u>	October 24	Stephens Auditorium <u>Ames, IA</u>
October 4	Palace Theatre <u>Columbus, OH</u>	October 25	Elmen Center <u>Sioux Falls, SD</u>
October 6	Municipal Auditorium <u>Nashville, TN</u>	October 26	Omaha Music Hall <u>Omaha, NE</u>
October 7	Macon Centreplex <u>Macon, GA</u>	October 29	Vegoose <u>Las Vegas, NV</u>
		October 30	MGM Grand <u>Las Vegas, NV</u>
		November 2,3,4	The Backyard

Well it works great. Today, standing with dozens of my fellow recovering Spreadheads, joining arms in prayer, combining my love of music with the privilege of service has been an experience beyond my wildest dreams. To anyone who is unsure, as I was, that they could enjoy music without getting drunk or high, my answer is absolutely. To anyone, who, as I was, is worried about being around what, for me, is poison, and not being tempted or afraid, today I live free from those fears and temptations. Thanks to 12 steps and thanks to the Gateway, I really get to have the best of both worlds. It is an amazing and ever greatening (yes it's a word, I just made it up) happening. It's no theory...it's a fact, Jack.

Come join us and bask in the light!!'

-flarcus, Gateway Member

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