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March 6, 2018

Farewell Show for Scott Thorn at [Epicure](#)



Mark your calendar for this one! SAW regular, Scott Thorn is leaving us. The Navy needs him to move to San Diego. This is his farewell show.

And if you can't be at the Epicure Café in person, you can join us online. Jay Keating and Steve Pendlebury along with others in the SAW AV Club will be live-streaming the show. Also, Dan 'the Multitasker' Magnolia will be shooting photos when he's not on stage performing.

Thanks to Ron Goad for hosting this and all the showcases and musical events at the SAW Variety Showcases, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of each month.

Southeast Regional Folk Alliance: May 16 - 20 in Montreat, NC



The [South Eastern Regional Folk Alliance](#) will be held at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina (near Asheville) May 16-20, 2018. While DC songwriters have been traveling to NERFA for years, SERFA is a newer regional alliance conference which celebrated its 10th anniversary last year. SERFA is also the most intimate gathering among the regional folk alliances, drawing around 250 attendees.

Participants are treated to packed days of music business seminars, inspiring talks from musical mentors, official showcases of musical acts from across the country and some international artists, and busy evenings of overlapping guerrilla showcases throughout the conference center. To find out more about the conference and to register, go to SERFA.org. While on the site, make sure to sign up for the SERFA Google listserv, where showcase opportunities and other inquiries are posted.

Grace Notes ***Songwriters on songwriting - Gleanings from Grace Matuszeski***

Turn Your Radio On (1999) by Ace Collins provides the compelling stories behind dozens of gospel songs, which are more central to American popular music than you might realize. For example, this book includes “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” and “Amazing Grace.” Some gospel songs have been radio hits like “Oh, Happy Day” and “I Saw the Light.” Recording “The Great Speckled Bird” jumped-started Roy Acuff’s career and recording gospel songs won Elvis Presley all three of his Grammys. However, the most moving part of the book is recognizing how many Gospel standards were written by anonymous slaves.

Upcoming Open Mics & Showcases

- [Black Squirrel Open Mic](#)
03/06/2018 8:00 PM
Black Squirrel Music, 2670 Avenir Place, Vienna, Virginia 22180
- [Mariachis Taco Jam/Open Mic \(every Tues\)](#)
03/06/2018 8:00 PM
9428 Battle St (26.77 mi) Manassas, Virginia 20110
- [SAW Open Mic at Island Pride Oasis](#)
03/07/2018 7:30 PM
Island Pride Oasis, 617 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- [Fat Tuesday's Jam/Open Mic \(every Wednesday\)](#)
03/07/2018 9:30 PM
10673 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22032
- [Songwriters' Showcases at Brewer's Alley \(2nd Monday\)](#)
03/12/2018 7:30 PM
124 North Market Street (route 355) Frederick, MD
- [Black Squirrel Open Mic](#)
03/13/2018 8:00 PM
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- [SAW Open Mic at Island Pride Oasis](#)
03/14/2018 7:30 PM
Island Pride Oasis, 617 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- [SAW Variety Showcases at The Epicure Cafe, Fairfax](#)
03/14/2018 7:30 PM
11104 Lee Highway (route 29) Fairfax VA
- [Fat Tuesday's Jam/Open Mic \(every Wednesday\)](#)
03/14/2018 9:30 PM
10673 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22032
- [Open Mic, Beans in the Belfry \(3rd Thursday\)](#)
03/15/2018 7:00 PM
Beans in the Belfry, 122 W. Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD
- [Friday Nights Live Music Open Mic \(3rd Friday\)](#)
03/16/2018 7:30 PM
The Church at Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland St., Arlington, VA 22201



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