

The SAW Buzz: Cutting through the noise...a benefit of your SAW membership.



April 3, 2018

Rob Veale Roast - tomorrow at the Epicure



Ron Goad, host of the SAW Variety Showcases on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, has planned a very special event for the 1st Wednesday this month. Join us for a [SALUTE TO ROB VEALE](#) -- SAW was privileged to be led by president Rob Veale for the past three years. Soon he is moving, and you are invited to be part of this special ROB VEALE ROAST, an evening of music and stories starting with Paige Powell, Carol Gaylor, Patty Reese, Know1Else (Kelly Diamond & Jay Keating,

the new president), followed by Rob Veale himself. Then Loralyn Coles has a song for the occasion. Next, we'll start an late-night open mic, open to all who show up and sign up to share a song.

SAW Video Service Launches Soon

The SAW AV Club has not forgotten about those of you who signed up for video shoots a few months ago. It's taken longer than expected to organize this project, but we're almost ready to start booking recording sessions.

We are working to line up venues in Maryland, Northern Virginia and DC and will be contacting those who've already submitted requests to arrange a schedule. In the meantime, we welcome suggestions for small, quiet rooms that can accommodate bands and solo artists on weeknights or weekend days.

SAW is offering this service for members because we believe videos are the best way – other than performing in person – to introduce yourself to new fans and bookers locally and nationally. The better the video looks and sounds, the better impression you make. Instead of your friend's shaky iPhone footage shot from the back of a

murky club, we want you to have professionally recorded, multi-camera HD videos for an affordable price.

The AV Club has spent the last few months testing a system that lets us do live switching of video from four or more cameras, plus additional audio feeds, for recording and/or online streaming. We worked out the kinks while livestreaming the [MASC Awards](#) from Jammin Java in January and the [SAW Showcase](#) featuring Scott Thorn from the Epicure Café last month. Here are some examples from the MASC show by Director's Award winner [Heather Aubrey Lloyd](#), Gold Award winner [Laura Baron](#), and Silver Award winner [Susan Rowe](#) with Tiffany Shanta. These were done early in our testing, so the videos we make now will be even better.

[Please fill out this form to request a video shoot](#) if you or your band performing two songs. The cost is \$100 for individuals and \$150 for bands. If you have any questions about the SAW AV club, contact [Steve Pendlebury](#).

Song Circle in Takoma Park this Saturday, 3 - 6 pm

The monthly first Saturday FREE AND OPEN songwriter and singer circle will take place at the Electric Maid (268 Carroll Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012 between Seekers Church and Torchinsky's Funeral Home, across from the 7-11, less than one block from the Takoma Metro Station on the Red Line at 202-545-3980) this Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 3 to 6 PM. If folks want further details, please contact [Joel Pomerantz](#), circle leader.

Songwriters' Toolbox schedule for April

We have a new location and later start time for our [VA Toolbox](#) starting in April 28th: Grace Community Church at 1031 N Vermont Street in Arlington; 12:30 to 3:00. Please note that there will NOT be a DC or MD Toolbox in April. Stay tuned for information about May.

[Song Completion Workshop](#) with Jon Carroll: April 8th

[Jon Carroll](#) is an expert in the three Rs of songwriting, wRiting, Recording and Rhythmic. Jon has won a few grammys. He is a life-long musician and songwriter of note. He was a founding member of the Starland Vocal Band. Jon has been a part of Mary Chapin Carpenter's band forever. He wrote the Linda Rondstadt hit, "Get Closer" as well as others. He has toured with many great musicians, Rodney Crowell, Dixie Chicks, Peter Wolf & Eric Lindell, to name a few.

Jon, who used to live in our area while accomplishing all these things has relocated with his wife to New England. He will be in town the weekend of April 8th and will lead a workshop in song completion. From composing through arranging and recording your songs, Jon will give a shortened



version of his college course entitled **The Three Act Structure in Composing, Arranging & Producing Music.**

Join us at Grace Community Church at: [1031 N Vermont St, Arlington, VA 22201](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1031+N+Vermont+St,+Arlington,+VA+22201) on Sunday April 8th from 2-4:30pm. Register early as this is going to sell out!



MisSpent Uke: Workshop with Glen Hirabayashi of the Aloha Boys on April 28th

Glen Hirabayashi has been doing big things with this little instrument for decades. He will be at Victor Litz music on Saturday April 28th for a workshop on all things ukelele. Glen will take the group through some history, some practical applications and some exercises to improve your approach to this powerful instrument. For more information and to sign up, see the event page.

SAW Community Day: Saturday, June 2nd



Mark your calendar for our annual Community Day, Saturday June 2nd from noon to 7pm. SAW Community Day is all about and for songwriters, songwriting, and performing. Plan to join us for an amazing day of workshops, song circles, song and performance critiques, networking opportunities, food, and more! Community Day will be held at Bethesda United Methodist Church, 8300 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD.

Upcoming Open Mics & Showcases

- [Black Squirrel Open Mic](#)
04/03/2018 8:00 PM
Black Squirrel Music, 2670 Avenir Place, Vienna, Virginia 22180
- [Mariachis Taco Jam/Open Mic \(every Tues\)](#)
04/03/2018 8:00 PM
9428 Battle St (26.77 mi) Manassas, Virginia 20110
- [SAW Open Mic at Island Pride Oasis](#)
04/04/2018 7:30 PM
Island Pride Oasis, 617 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- [SAW Showcase: Salute to Rob Veale at The Epicure Cafe, Fairfax](#)
04/04/2018 7:30 PM
11104 Lee Highway (route 29) Fairfax VA
- [Acoustic Open Mic at Politics and Prose \(first Wednesdays\)](#)
04/04/2018 8:00 PM
5015 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008
- [Fat Tuesday's Jam/Open Mic \(every Wednesday\)](#)
04/04/2018 9:30 PM
10673 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22032
- [New Deal Open Mic \(1st Thurs\)](#)
04/05/2018 7:00 PM
New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD
- [Singer / Songwriter Showcase at Outta the Way Cafe](#)
04/05/2018 8:00 PM
17503 Redland Rd, Derwood, MD 20855
- [SAW Open Mic at Rockville Legion Hall \(1st Fri\)](#)
04/06/2018 8:00 PM
Am Legion Post 86, 2013 Viers Mill Road, Rockville, MD
- [SAW Workshop with Jon Carroll](#)
04/08/2018 2:00 PM
Grace Community Church 1031 N Vermont St, Arlington, VA 22201
- [Songwriters' Showcases at Brewer's Alley \(2nd Monday\)](#)

04/09/2018 7:30 PM
124 North Market Street (route 355) Frederick, MD

Upcoming Workshops & Critiques

- [SAW Workshop with Jon Carroll](#)

04/08/2018 2:00 PM

Grace Community Church 1031 N Vermont St, Arlington, VA 22201

- [VA Songwriters' Toolbox \(4th Saturdays\)](#)

04/28/2018 12:30 PM

Grace Community Church, 1031 N Vermont St, Arlington, VA 22201

- [Glen Hirabayashi's Ukulele Workshop](#)

04/28/2018 1:00 PM

Victor Litz Music 306 E Diamond Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 2087

Upcoming Song Circles

- [Song Circle at Electric Maid](#)

04/07/2018 3:00 PM

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