

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



May 8, 2018

MD Toolbox this Saturday

Eryn Michel is leading this Saturday's Toolbox. If you haven't been to one of the Toolbox sessions, you are missing out. It's a great opportunity to meet other songwriters and potential collaborators, hear what others are writing, and get some ideas and feedback about your songs. We're back in our regular room (1st floor meeting room of Rockville Library), which has a piano. If you're sharing a song, please be sure to bring 10 - 15 copies of the lyrics to help with the discussion.



SAW Community Day: Saturday, June 2nd - FREE but Please RSPV



SAW's annual open house is an informative, festive, musical menagerie of song circles, songwriter and performer classes, networking and educational opportunities in a relaxed but energetic atmosphere. This is SAW's yearly introduction to our members and potential members into the musical world we create and strive to make thrive in our area. Everyone is welcome but we ask that you [register](#). Please help us spread the word.

Some of the day's highlights:

- First Impressions panel with Dan Magnolia (a panel of venue bookers and experienced musicians critique your recording (anonymously) and give feedback)
- Screening of Documentary about [John Wort Hannam](#) (MASC Grand Prize winner);
- Performance workshop by Lani a'Kea and Danny Dean of the [Watch](#);
- Chord Grammer workshop by [Matt Holsen](#);
- Uke workshop with [Glen Hirabayashi](#);
- vocal exercises and harmonies workshop by Peter Schmitt, MCPS Chorus Director
- Painting Pictures with Words and Music with [Mike Ryan](#);
- showcase performances
- song circles;
- photo booth;
- food and fun!

Be part of [Make Music Day DC](#) - Musicians needed to perform



Make Music is a free celebration of music around the world on June 21st. Launched in 1982 in France as the *Fête de la Musique*, it is now held on the same day in more than 800 cities in 120 countries.

Completely different from a typical music festival, **Make Music** is open to anyone who wants to take part. Every kind of musician — young and old, amateur and professional, of every musical persuasion — pours onto streets, parks, plazas, and porches to share their music with friends, neighbors, and strangers.

[Make Music DC](#) is looking for musician from all genres, cultures, and abilities to perform as part of the festival on Thursday, June 21 and is also looking for businesses, organizations, and outdoor spaces to host music. If you are interested in participating, submit your artist/band info and request a performance location of your choice.

Upcoming Open Mics & Showcases

- [SAW Variety Showcases at The Epicure Cafe, Fairfax](#)
05/09/2018 7:30 PM
[11104 Lee Highway \(route 29\) Fairfax VA](#)
- [SAW Open Mic at Island Pride Oasis](#)
05/09/2018 7:30 PM
Island Pride Oasis, [617 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877](#)
- [Fat Tuesday's Jam/Open Mic \(every Wednesday\)](#)
05/09/2018 9:30 PM
[10673 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22032](#)
- [Original Songs Showcase at Cafe Sazon \(2nd Thurs\)](#)
05/10/2018 7:30 PM
Cafe Sazón [4704 Columbia Pike](#)

- [Songwriters' Showcases at Brewer's Alley \(2nd Monday\)](#)
05/14/2018 7:30 PM
[124 North Market Street \(route 355\) Frederick, MD](#)
- [Mariachis Taco Jam/Open Mic \(every Tues\)](#)
05/15/2018 8:00 PM
[9428 Battle St](#) (26.77 mi) Manassas, Virginia 20110
- [Black Squirrel Open Mic](#)
05/15/2018 8:00 PM
Black Squirrel Music, [2670 Avenir Place, Vienna, Virginia 22180](#)
- [SAW Open Mic at Island Pride Oasis](#)
05/16/2018 7:30 PM
Island Pride Oasis, [617 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877](#)
- [Fat Tuesday's Jam/Open Mic \(every Wednesday\)](#)
05/16/2018 9:30 PM
[10673 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22032](#)
- [Open Mic, Beans in the Belfry \(3rd Thursday\)](#)
05/17/2018 7:00 PM
Beans in the Belfry, [122 W. Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD](#)
- [Friday Nights Live Music Open Mic \(3rd Friday\)](#)
05/18/2018 7:30 PM
The Church at Clarendon, [1210 N. Highland St., Arlington, VA 22201](#)

Upcoming Workshops & Critiques

- [MD Songwriter's Toolbox Session \(2nd Saturday\)](#)
05/12/2018 12:30 PM
Rockville Memorial Library,
[21 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850](#)
- [SAW Community Day](#)
06/02/2018 12:00 PM
Bethesda United Methodist Church, [8300 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda MD 20814](#)



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