



Songwriters'
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SAW E-Notes

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1. SAW NEWS

Logo Competition for SAW/MASC

A search is underway for a new artsy logo combining SAW & MASC. Come up with the winning design and WIN \$50, free SAW membership for one year, and one free MASC entry! Send your ideas or questions to president@SAW.org by April 30, 2009.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Songwriters Association of Washington Annual Meeting
Saturday June 6th 2009

Last year's annual meeting was such a huge success that we've decided to keep the same format and host another all day extravaganza! Details are still being firmed up, so stayed tuned. This year's meeting will be held at the Lab at Convergence in Alexandria and will include:

A songwriters workshop (at a special price) presented by well known artists
A silent auction of musical instruments and accessories

- Door prizes
- Free dinner and soft drinks (Free?) Free!
- A short business meeting and member vote to select 2009 SAW Board of Directors
- An open mic to finish off the evening with some great music. Don't forget to bring your instruments

If you attended last year, you already know that you don't want to miss out on this year's festivities. If you missed the fun last year or you're a new SAW member.....

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2. SAW EVENTS: At a Glance—April 2009

Interested in being a part of one of the SAW events below? Just click the email address next to the event and request a slot! For detailed information about the events go to the SAW Calendar at: www.saw.org

4/8 (Wed)—SAW JJ Muldoons Open Mike (Gaithersburg, MD); patty@pattyreese.com
4/8 (Wed)—SAW Austin Grille Showcase (Centreville, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
4/9 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum; mistergoad@aol.com
4/10 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike (Rockville, MD); michelle.murray6@verizon.net
4/11 (Sat)—SAW Second Saturday Open Mike (Alexandria, VA); jimjohnson@verizon.net
4/13 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
4/13 (Mon)—SAW Jammin' Java Open Mike (Vienna, VA); ron@jamminjava.com
4/16 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA) www.bangkokblues.com
4/16 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mike (Brunswick, MD) www.beansinthebelfry.com
4/19 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital; jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
4/20 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
4/20 (Mon)—SAW Jammin' Java Open Mike (Vienna, VA); ron@jamminjava.com
4/22 (Wed)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
4/22 (Wed)—SAW Austin Grille Showcase (Centreville, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
4/23 (Thurs)—SAW New Deal Café Open Mike (Greenbelt, MD); dsweave@gmail.com
4/25 (Fri)—Sounds of Hope Open Mic at Potter's House in D.C. (Washington, D.C.); soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com
4/25 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange (Alexandria, VA)—Guest Artist: Scott McKnight; SongXchange@comcast.net
4/26 (Sun)—SAW Song Circle @ Jim Johnson's Home
4/26 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.); jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
4/27 (Mon)—Jammin' Java/Special Young Artists Showcase (Vienna, VA) CANCELLED

3. SAW EVENTS: Updates

JJ MULDOON'S SAW SHOWCASE

JJ Muldoons; 16143 Shady Grove Road; Gaithersburg, MD 20877; 301-258-8866

Hosted by Patty Reese the 2nd Wed. of every month

Good News! Our Songwriter's Showcase will now have its own room! No more load bar noise! The showcase will be located in JJ Muldoon's dining room which is through the door on the left when you enter the bar. This month will feature Nashville songwriter's Jack Bond and Dulcie Taylor. They will be accompanying each other playing songs they have written individually and together. They are top notch songwriters, singers and musicians—a show not to be missed! Also, the return of wonderful stories in song by T Edwin Doss, creative keyboard techy tunes by Ambient Bob, and the smooth jazz gospel sounds of Just Breathe. And of course a short set by your host, Patty Reese. Come dine in a new "music listening" room and get inspired!

Wed. April 8th's line-up

Jack Bond <http://www.myspace.com/jonesongsjackbond>

Dulcie Taylor <http://www.myspace.com/dulcietaylor>

Ambient Bob www.Ambientbob.com

T. Edwin Doss <http://www.myspace.com/tedwindoss>

Just Breathe <http://www.myspace.com/justbreathemusic>

If you would like to be considered to perform at the SAW JJ Muldoon's Showcase please send info and MP3/website to patty@pattyreese.com

4. OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

"MUSIC CONFERENCE" PANEL DISCUSSION

Sat. April 25th, 1 - 4 p.m.

Levine School of Music, Kunen Theater, 2801 Upton Street NW, Washington, DC 20008

\$15 WAMA members, \$20 SAW/BSA/NARAS members, \$30 non-members

Panelists:

- Michael Jaworek, Talent Buyer for the Birchmere
- Tom Carrico, Studio One Artists Management, former manager for Mary Chapin Carpenter
- Jim Thorpe, Dewey Beach Conference Panel Coordinator/Talent Scout
- Siobhan Quinn, Musician & Workshop Presenter

Music Conferences can be incredibly helpful to a musician's career and a lot of fun, but they can also be overwhelming. Come and learn: what Music Conferences can do for you, how to best prepare before you go, what presenters are looking for, and what networking tools to use while you're there. Whether you've never attended a Music Conference before or you have, but been lost in the crowd, you will gain some valuable insights at this panel workshop. To order tickets: www.wamadc.com/wama/seminars.html

GREG LUKENS & BILL WOLF RECORDING WORKSHOP: "Managing Your Dynamics"

Thurs. May 14th, time: evening, TBA

Washington Professional Systems, 11242 Grandview Ave, Wheaton, MD 20904

limited to 30

\$25 WAMA members, \$30 SAW, BMI & NARAS members, \$35 non-members

Greg Lukens, Vice President of Washington Professional Systems, will be hosting a second recording workshop, this time with Wammie winning Mastering Engineer, Bill Wolf, as a co-presenter. The topic is "Managing Your Dynamics" - from your finger on the fader to using compressors, limiters, and gates.

Please note that this is not a workshop for beginners.

To order tickets: www.wamadc.com/wama/seminars.html

"RECORDING WITH A PRODUCER" PANEL DISCUSSION

Sat. June 20, 2009; 2 - 5 p.m.

Levine School of Music, Kunen Theater, 2801 Upton Street NW, Washington, DC 20008

\$15 WAMA members, \$20 SAW/BSA/NARAS members, \$30 non-members

Panelists:

- Marco Delmar of Recording Arts - multiple Wammie winning Producer of the Year
- Bob Dawson of Bias Studio - multiple Wammie winner for Engineer & Studio
- John Jennings - multiple Wammie winning Producer and musician
- Blake Althen of Human Factor - Top Producer for TV & Film placement
- Scott Spelbring of Dragonfly Recording Studios - Top Producer for Welbilt and Superbeing

Recording your music in a studio is an important investment in your career, whether it's final form is a CD or a downloadable MP3. We've gathered together some of the best Music Producers in the DC area to discuss:

1. what does a producer do, and why you should work with one
2. what you should do to prepare before you start recording
3. time management - ways to make your studio time more productive and save money
4. what is "comping" and why you should care and much more.

If you're planning on recording your music for the first time, or if you want to take your recording project up to the next level, then you shouldn't miss this opportunity.

To order tickets: www.wamadc.com/wama/seminars.html

SAW BOARD MEMBER MICHELLE MURRAY HOSTS ONLINE RADIO SHOW FEATURING SAW SONGWRITERS AND PRESENTERS

The Open Stage, an online radio show on BlogTalkRadio hosted by SAW Board Member Michelle Murray, features the best of the Washington D.C./Baltimore area singer/songwriters, including members of the Songwriter's Association of Washington. Each show will feature an interview and music from a different songwriter, and we'll talk about song inspiration, the songwriting process, and of course, tracks from artists' CDs and upcoming shows to attend. In the coming months, Michelle will feature many

talented musicians, including Les Thompson (a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) John Jennings, Teporah, Ron Goad, and Daryl Davis.

Past shows have featured the Grammy-winning duo of Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Jon Carroll, Laura Baron, Dulcie Taylor, Andrew McKnight, Jean Bayou, and Tom Dews. This live, online radio show is broadcast on Blogtalkradio.com and all shows will be archived in a podcast library. You can listen to all archived shows and get updates on upcoming shows by visiting Michelle's show page at:

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/The-Open-Stage>.

5. MEMBER NOTES

Adam Swink, 2007 MASC Young Artist Winner and 2008 MASC winner of 3 honorable mentions is a semifinalist in the Teen Category of the International Songwriting Competition for his song "Save Me."

Adam will be graduating in May from James Madison High School in Vienna and will attend Belmont University in Nashville majoring in Music Business. You can hear his songs on itunes or at www.myspace.com/adamswink.

Margot MacDonald is set to release her new album, WALLS. The CD Release Show will be held at Jammin' Java on Fri, April 24 @ 9 pm! www.margotmacdonald.com

6. CLASSIFIEDS

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In search of **SINGER/SONGWRITER PERFORMERS** and small acoustic bands for three upcoming ArtOMatic SAW Showcases on June 10 (Wed), June 18 (Thurs), and July 1 (Wed). Original songs encouraged. For more information please contact Joel at pomeranj@hotmail.com or 240-383-9732.

7. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SAW SERVES

SAW Serves, SAW's volunteer bureau, would like to invite you to sign up for volunteer performance opportunities, or let us know of any charities/events seeking performers. Send an email to president@saw.org.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (DC)

Benefit concert/performance opportunities in the atrium or at many of the different outpatient centers. To play at the Atrium at the main Children's Hospital (in DC), contact: Dana Morgan, 202-484-1976, or by email at damorgan@cnmc.org.

For outpatient centers (multiple centers in DC, VA, and MD), contact: Heather Stemas, 202-884-3255. Outpatient Centers are generally open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SAW SERVES AT NATIONAL REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

On June 1, 2008, Jeff Silberberg of Olney, MD began hosting Live Music Sunday at NRH in the ground floor cafeteria of the National Rehabilitation Hospital, 102 Irving Street, NW, Washington, DC. Showcases are held once a month on Sunday afternoon, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. In September 2008 he began also hosting showcases once a month in the second floor cafeteria of Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital, 9909 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD. Adventist Rehab showcases are Sunday afternoon, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Musicians interested in performing at either venue can contact Jeff Silberberg at jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net or 301-775-6468. This activity is in conjunction with the Songwriter's Association of Washington (SAW) and SAW Serves.

GUITARS NOT GUNS

Guitars Not Guns has an ongoing need for volunteers. Classes normally run on weekdays for an hour some time between 4 & 6 pm. Not all volunteer positions require teaching guitar. If you or someone you know is able to volunteer for this very worthy cause, please contact Skip Chaples, President of the Virginia Chapter of Guitars Not Guns, at fchaples@cox.net for more details.

The NEW DC Chapter of Guitars Not Guns is making progress in its establishment and will be welcoming volunteers. You will be helping to enrich the lives of many foster care children and at risk youth in the DC area. Donations will also be accepted. Contact Gregg Hammond at greggsguitarlessons@yahoo.com to help make a difference.

8. MASC SPONSORS

BMI: Music Licensing, www.bmi.com

CF MARTIN & COMPANY: The Music Guitar Company, www.martinguitar.com

MARY CLIFF & Traditions Radio Show on WAMU, <http://marycliff.net>

FOLK ALLIANCE, www.folk.org

JAMMIN' JAVA: Concert Venue, www.jamminjava.com

OASIS CD MANUFACTURING, www.oasiscd.com

OMEGA RECORDING STUDIOS, www.omegastudios.com

SONGWRITER'S MARKET, www.songwritersmarket.com

TAXI: The World's Leading Independent A&R Company, www.taxi.com

STAIRWAY EAST STUDIOS, <http://www.stairwayeast.com/>

NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Friday, April 24, 2009 by 5 p.m.

SEND US YOUR NEWS!! This newsletter will be as good as SAW members want to make it. If you have something to share, please send it in!

To make sure your item, event, member note, or classified is included in the next issue of SAW Notes send your information to me RIGHT AWAY. I will make sure that it gets in. But the absolute final deadline is the one listed above. Please e-mail your submissions for the next e-newsletter to Aisha Mahy at sawnotes@saw.org