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NOTE FROM THE SAW PRESIDENT

Greetings!

I'd just like to thank all the SAW Board members who work so hard to keep our organization running smoothly—through their efforts, they make life a little better for us all.

I will be journeying out west during the month of August. I hope to return refreshed, relaxed, and ready to rock'n'roll.... Enjoy the rest of your summertime!

Best regards,

Jean

(You can e-mail me at: president@saw.org)



SAW NEWS

MASC DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1st BY 11:59 P.M.

The final deadline for MASC submissions is August 1st at 11:59 p.m.—just as the clock is turning over to August 2nd. We've streamlined the remote judging and hope to have it all completed by mid to late October. We would very much like to hear what you think about the entry process this year, and if there were any issues with either of the online entry platforms. We're looking forward to the Gala taking place late in the year on a date to be determined. You should receive notification of your entry status by mid November.

THREE WAYS TO ENTER the 24th MID-ATLANTIC SONG CONTEST. We encourage you to enter online via the MASC Web site at www.saw.org or Sonicbids or alternatively regular USPS mail. REMEMBER: NEW this year, due to popular demand, past honorable mention status entries may be re-submitted to try for the Grand Prize. Sorry, we are no longer accepting entries on cassettes.

We wish you great success in both the contest and your career!

Siobhan Quinn
Contest Director

SAW NOTES PRINT NEWSLETTER/MAGAZINE

NEW DEADLINE: Monday, September 10, 2007

SAW would like to produce a print newsletter to be made up of items that YOU want to see. What questions do you have about songwriting? What type of tips do you seek—from songwriting basics to getting that first gig, we want to know what YOU would like to see in the first print edition of *SAW Notes* for 2007! Recommendations for interviews (or interviews you would like to conduct and write up) or any type of songwriting/music biz-related articles are welcome. This is YOUR newsletter.

Is anyone up for being the “Dear Abby” of the songwriting world? If so, let us know!

If you have classifieds or member notes, please send your info in and it will be posted in both the e-newsletter and print version.

The print version of the newsletter will be published twice a year. Please e-mail your ideas and requests to Aisha at sawnotes@saw.org



SAW EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Take out your calendars and jot down these dates! Go to www.saw.org for updates and more information on any of the following events.

AUGUST 2007

No SAW Springfield Open Mic, Oneness School Showcase, or Song Circle in August.

8/1 (Wed)—MID-ATLANTIC SONG CONTEST DEADLINE

8/3 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike (see update below!!)

8/5 (Sun)—SAW West Market Showcase

8/6 (Mon)—SAW/BSA Brewer's Alley Music Showcase

8/13 (Mon)—SAW/BSA Brewer's Alley Music Showcase

8/16 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night

8/18 (Sat)—SAW “No Mic Acoustic” Showcase
8/20 (Mon)—SAW/BSA Brewer’s Alley Music Showcase
8/23 (Thurs)—SAW Greenbelt Open Mike
8/25 (Sat)—SAW Songwriters Exchange
8/25 (Sat)—SAW Red Rocks Showcase
8/25 (Sat)—SAW Cameron Perks Open Mike
8/27 (Mon)—SAW/BSA Brewer’s Alley Music Showcase

SEPTEMBER 2007

9/2 (Sun)—SAW West Market Showcase
9/3 (Mon)—SAW/BSA Brewer’s Alley Music Showcase
9/7 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike
9/8 (Sat)—SAW Springfield Open Mike
9/10 (Mon)—SAW/BSA Brewer’s Alley Music Showcase
9/15 (Sat)—SAW “No Mic Acoustic” Showcase
9/17 (Mon)—SAW/BSA Brewer’s Alley Music Showcase
9/20 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night
9/21 (Fri)—SAW/Oneness School Songwriter Showcase
9/22 (Sat)—SAW Songwriters Exchange
9/23 (Sun)—SAW Song Circle @ Andrew Coupe’s Home
9/24 (Mon)—SAW/BSA Brewer’s Alley Music Showcase
9/27 (Thurs)—SAW Greenbelt Open Mike
9/29 (Sat)—SAW Red Rocks Showcase
9/29 (Sat)—SAW Cameron Perks Open Mike



SAW EVENTS

The information provided below is a brief synopsis of selected SAW events. For more detailed information please visit our Web site at www.saw.org

WELCOME BACK: SAW Springfield Open Mike

No August Springfield Open Mike

Every *SECOND* Saturday, 7:30 – 10:45 p.m.

Held at the Kings Park Community Room in the Kings Park Shopping Center, at Burke Lake Road at Braddock Road, Springfield/Burke. Hosted by Jim Johnson and Cary Whaley. Sign ups start at 6:30 p.m., open mike begins at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call Jim Johnson at (703) 913-7408.

WELCOME BACK: SAW Song Circle

No August Song Circle

Sunday, September 23, 2007, 2 – 6 p.m. @ Andrew Coupe’s home

Jim Clark: 2910 Swanee Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031 (703) 272-7676

Jim Johnson: 6424 Wainfleet Ct., Springfield, VA (703) 913-7408

Andrew Coupe: 14 Middlebridge Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20906 (301) 871-6305

Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your instrument and songs to share. Finger foods to share are always appreciated. This event is held monthly and the location will rotate between the homes of Jim Johnson in Springfield, VA and Jim Clark in Vienna, VA, and Andrew Coupe in Silver Spring, MD.

We've set up a yahoo list for the Song Circle, which we will use primarily for announcements. Members can either add their name to the list by sending e-mail to SAWSongCircle-subscribe@yahogroups.com or remove their name from the list by sending e-mail to SAWSongCircle-unsubscribe@yahogroups.com

WELCOME BACK: SAW/Oneness School Songwriter Showcase

No August Oneness Showcsae

Friday, September 21, 2007, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 6701 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Cost: Suggested donation of \$10; Contact: Joel Pomerantz, pomeranj@hotmail.com

Located at the Oneness School at the rear of St. John's Episcopal Church (West Street Side).

This is diagonal from the Fire Station and next to Pier One Imports. Parking available near Writer's Center, two blocks north, at the corner of Bradley Lane (Bradley Blvd). Refreshments will be available for sale in a relaxed coffeehouse atmosphere, with a wonderful Bose sound system-- Come and enjoy!

As the date approaches, check www.saw.org under "SAW Events" for a listing of who will be playing.

SAW/Red Rocks Showcase

Every Last Saturday, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Red Rocks Cafe & Tequila Bar; 13850 Braddock Road; Centreville, VA;

www.restaurant.com/redrocks. Hosted by Ron Goad. Sign up in advance via e-mail to

MisterGoad@aol.com. Use of music stands is encouraged and there are usually plenty of backup singers and/or players available! Check the SAW Web site (www.saw.org) for updates. For more information, e-mail Ron Goad or call (703) 266-7060.

SAW-West Market Concert Series

Every FIRST Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

West Market Club: 1901 Logan Manor Drive, Reston, VA 20190

Update:

—The August show features Miche Fambro & Sol Creech—Amazing Guitarists Night—this show is not to be missed!!

SAW "No Mic Acoustic" Showcase at Modern Times Coffeehouse

Every THIRD Saturday, 8 – 10:30 p.m.

Modern Times Café; 5015 Connecticut Avenue, NW; Washington, DC 20008

SAW members wishing to perform a 30 minute set should e-mail Michaelyugo@yahoo.com for booking information. No PA so be prepared to sing LOUD and proud!

SAW Cameron Perks Open Mike in Alexandria , VA

Every LAST Saturday, 7 – 9:30 p.m.

Sign-up begins at 6:45 for 15 minute slots. For questions, or to reserve a time slot for an upcoming open mike, contact Mark Austin at mark@markaustinguitar.com BOOKING:

Management is booking performances for live music on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for a booking, contact Julie at Julie@cameronperks.com for details.

SAW Montgomery County Open Mike

NEW DATE & TIME: FIRST Fridays ONLY, 6 – 9:30 p.m.

Mario's House of Steak and Cheese; 15209 Frederick Rd.; Rockville, MD 20850.

(240) 314-0200 (Across from Comcast on Route 355, just south of Gude Drive)

Original material preferred. 12 minutes or 3 songs per performance, whichever comes first. For more information, e-mail: michelle.murray6@verizon.net. It's free, but tips are greatly appreciated.

SAW Songwriter Exchange at Jammin' Java

Every FOURTH Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

227 Maple Ave. East; Vienna , VA. Get feedback on your songs-in-progress from an audience of friendly peers. Hosted by Dan Grove and Paige Powell, with monthly guest artists providing their unique insight into the songwriting process. Bring your original song with 8 or 10 lyric sheets, or just come sit in with us. For directions or more info call Paige at (703) 671-4131 or e-mail Dan at songxchange@comcast.net

Guest Artist: August 25—Paige Powell

NEW NAME: Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

Every Monday, 8 – 10:30 p.m.

Upstairs at Brewer's Alley Restaurant & Brewery, 124 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Telephone: 301-631-0089 Fax: 301-631-1874. www.brewers-alley.com

The Monday Showcase includes a featured act in the middle playing a 45-minute set, and up to 7 others playing 3-song guest sets. There is no cover charge, but a tip basket is passed, which goes to the featured act. Interested performers may sign up in advance for guest sets by contacting Ron Goad at Mistergoad@aol.com or by calling (703) 266-7060. Great room, great crowd—come check it out!

SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night

Every 3rd Thursday 7:30 – 11 p.m. (times may vary)

Bangkok Blues Restaurant (under new management); 926 W. Broad St. (Rt. 7 East); Falls Church, VA 22046; (703) 534-0095. Third Thursday of each month, with varying start times and musical acts. For more information, or to be considered for future music slots, contact Ron Goad at Mistergoad@aol.com or go to www.saw.org.

SAW Greenbelt Open Mike at New Deal Café

Every 4th Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m.

At the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD. Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Originals strongly encouraged. For more information call (301) 474-5642. Hosts: Julie Kehrlí & Keith Thorne.

Don't miss the SAW Open Mic at the New Deal Café. The July 26th Open Mic had all performance slots filled BEFORE the event. A standing-room only crowd filled the New Deal Café, with an audience described by one performer as "one of the most appreciative I've ever seen!"

The New Deal Cafe has a good sound system and a stage to showcase your material. Serving beer, wine and good food, it offers everything you and your audience need for a great evening of good music and fun. Your SAW hosts, Julie Kehrlí and Keith Thorne, do all they can to ensure you (and your friends) a fulfilling and fun evening.

To reserve your 15-minute time slot at the New Deal Cafe for Thursday, August 23, please e-mail Julie and Keith at kthorne11@cox.net. Don't wait—these slots are going fast!!



OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

SAW Members: send your news for inclusion in this section to Aisha at sawnotes@saw.org.

NewSong Academy Offers Registration Discount to SAW Members!

All SAW members are eligible for \$50 off the registration price of this year's NewSong Academy, being held **August 9-11** in historic Shepherdstown, WV, which one of the nation's finest workshops on performance, songwriting and career development. Workshops, song critiques and song circles. Camping, hotel and B&B accommodations available. This year's faculty include Susan Werner, Devon Sproule, Paul Reisler, Jason Blume and Craig Bickhardt. For more information, and to register, visit <http://www.newsongacademy.org> or e-mail academy@newsongfestival.com

Billy Bragg's Jail Guitar Doors Project to Make United States Debut Via Sponsorship by the DC Acoustic Underground and Prisons Foundation

On August 19th, at the 219 Restaurant, in Alexandria, VA, the DC Acoustic Underground and Prisons Foundation will cosponsor a benefit concert to raise funds to purchase acoustic guitars for the Montgomery County Corrections Facility.

July 18, 2007 (Washington, DC) - Inspired by the Jail Guitar Doors project founded by Singer/Songwriter Billy Bragg in the UK earlier this year, the Jail Guitar Doors Project aims to help in the rehabilitation of inmates through the transformative power of music. The benefit concert, to be held on Sunday, August 19th from 1 to 4 p.m., will raise money to fund the purchase of guitars which will be used as part of a pilot program to be run in the Crisis Intervention Unit at the Montgomery County Corrections Facility in Boyds, MD. Featured performers at the event will be local singer/songwriters Lea, Jim Dugan, Dennis Sobin, Michael Yugo and Joe Shade.

Musical instruments are being provided at cost for the project from Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center in Wheaton, MD. Admission will be \$6 payable at the time of the event.

For more information, contact Michael Yugo of DC Acoustic Underground at michaelyugo@yahoo.com, Joe Shade of Guitar Jail Doors at 703-856-2411 or via e-mail at joeyshade@gmail.com, or Dennis Sobin of Prisons Foundation at 202-393-1511 or via e-mail at Dennis@PrisonsFoundation.org

Monthly Songwriter's Jam

Every third Saturday, in collaboration with Picker's Supply Music Store, there will be a monthly "Songwriter's Jam" from 2 – 5 p.m. Area songwriters are invited to attend. These are not critique sessions; they are simply song sharing events that can help songwriters network and to gain additional performing experience in a friendly atmosphere. Advance notice not required; just show up ready to share some songs.

Where: Picker's Supply Concert Hall
902 Caroline St

Fredericksburg, VA
540-371-4669

For more information contact:

Frank Dieter

www.frankdieter.com

540-580-8002

Volunteer Opportunities with Guitars Not Guns

The Virginia Chapter of Guitars Not Guns, a national organization dedicated to teaching guitar to at-risk youth, has volunteer opportunities available at various locations for teaching and non-teaching staff. They are in need of class monitors, teachers, teaching assistants, partners, mentors and personnel for program development, fundraising, facilities, and business liaisons on an ongoing basis. This is a very worthwhile cause and a great group of people to get involved with. For more information, go to their Web site www.guitarsnotguns.org/Virginia.html or contact GNG President, Skip Chaples at Fchaples@cox.net.

MusiCares for Music People

MusiCares assists music professionals in times of personal, medical, financial and /or addictions crisis. For more info, visit www.grammy.com/musicares or call the following regional toll-free numbers: West: 1-800-687-4227; East: 1-877-303-6962; South: 1-877-626-2748; Addiction Recovery Help: 1-888-627-6271

SAVE INTERNET RADIO!!!

SaveNetRadio is a broad based coalition of large and small Webcasters, artists, labels and listeners that is opposing the recent Copyright Royalty Board's increase in Webcasting royalties.

If you would like to learn more about our coalition please go to our Web site at www.savenetradio.org. If you would like to join, please click on the musician button and fill in the information. You can help make a difference!!

Get a Gig at the Electronic Maid Community Living Room

Electric Maid, 268 Carroll Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012. Artists are invited to apply to play at the Electric Maid Community Living Room. Also, Electric Maid Community Living Room will be rentable now for band rehearsal space at reasonable rates and a new open mike and a new song exchange will be started soon at the Electric Maid. Contact Joel for details at pomeranj@yahoo.com or 240-383-9732.



CLASSIFIEDS

*Classified Ads are charged PER WORD. They are **FREE TO SAW MEMBERS** and \$0.25/word for non-members. Please send your classified ad to sawnotes@saw.org for inclusion in the next e-newsletter. **UPDATE: Classifieds MUST be submitted on a monthly basis for inclusion. If you have an ad ready, send it right away to make sure you are in the very next newsletter. It is your responsibility to resend the ad each month, for as long as you need it.***

No classifieds for August 2007.



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www.oasiscd.com

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