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SAW NEWS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Check out the SAW website for a listing of SAW Wammie Nominees!

SAW BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

If you would like to nominate someone or be considered for the SAW Board of Directors or to serve on a committee, please email president@saw.org with the person's name, contact information, and a brief explanation of areas of interest/expertise as regards SAW. We will be having our annual meeting soon (date yet to be determined!) and will send an email update with more details. *Please submit all nominations/suggestions by January 15 2008.*

MASC WINNERS' SHOWCASE JANUARY 21 at IMT

We're wrapping up all the paperwork for the 24th annual Mid-Atlantic Song Contest and are well on our way to the 25th. Please Join us for a special MASC Winners Performance Showcase at the Institute of Musical Traditions (IMT) in Silver Spring, MD on January 21. We're so pleased about this joint effort with IMT, which also serves as a fundraiser for

SAW. Most importantly, it is the first event celebrating our winners outside of the MASC Gala on this special 25th anniversary year of the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest. We will be sending an email update with more details soon, but mark your calendars now to attend this very special event!

Performance Workshop

Have you determined who you are on stage? What led you to perform or whether performance is your thing? You've got questions, we've got more questions, and some answers to boot! Please come out on Feb. 9th to pick the brain of Bernie Muller-Thym, formerly of the national performance-driven act, *Da Vinci's Notebook*. He has also been artist-in-residence at the Kennedy Center, made appearances on Comedy Central, The Today Show, PBS, and has been heard on countless other radio stations and stages across America--and even YouTube!

Bernie has 20-plus years experience in all levels of performing and he'll ask you the questions that will lead you to a better performance. So, if you're looking to shake your performance jitters or are hoping to determine whether or not goth make-up is right for you, night after night after night, this workshop is for you! Bring yourself, your guitar, a song, some gumption and the willingness to fail (but eventually succeed!), to this workshop.

Cost: \$30 (SAW/WAMA/BSA/NSAI members) in advance; \$35 at the door

\$40 non-members in advance; \$45 at the door

Special offer for non-SAW members: Become a new SAW member with your workshop registration and pay only \$60 for a one year SAW membership and your workshop registration (new members only).

Date: Saturday, February 9th

Time: 12:30-4:00 pm

Place: The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria VA. (Take the Shirlington exit off of I-395 and follow the signs to Quaker Lane, then take the second left on Crestwood Drive. The Lab is the first building on the left (large brick building), with the entrance facing Crestwood Drive)

There is an online workshop registration form at www.saw.org. Or you can email berndaddie@yahoo.com for more information or to reserve your slot. Walk-in registrations will be accepted, but space is limited.



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. **Always be sure to check the SAW website for any updates or date changes for these events.**

JANUARY 2008

1/8 (Tues)—Tuesday Troubadours

1/7 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase

1/11 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike

1/12 (Sat)—Open Mike at the Lab
1/14 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
1/15 (Tues)—Tuesday Troubadours
1/16 (Wed)—SAW Studio Sessions (NEW!)
1/17 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night
1/18 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike
1/20 (Sun)—SAW Song Circle
1/21 (Mon)—IMT MASC Winners Showcase
1/21 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
1/22 (Tues)—Tuesday Troubadours
1/24 (Tues)—SAW Greenbelt Open Mike
1/25 (Fri)—SAW/Oneness School Songwriter Showcase
1/26 (Sat)—SAW/Red Rocks Showcase
1/26 (Sat)—SAW Songwriters Xchange
1/26 (Sat)—SAW Cameron Perks Open Mike
1/28 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
1/29 (Tues)—Tuesday Troubadours

FEBRUARY 2008

2/1 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike
2/4 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
2/5 (Tues)—Tuesday Troubadours
2/8 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike
2/9 (Sat)—Open Mike at the Lab
2/11 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
2/12 (Tues)—Tuesday Troubadours
2/14 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum
2/15 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike
2/17 (Sun) —SAW Song Circle
2/18 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
2/19 (Tues)—Tuesday Troubadours
2/20 (Wed)—SAW Studio Sessions
2/21 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night
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2/29 (Fri)—SAW/Oneness School Songwriter Showcase



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

SAW OPEN MIKES

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 at this intimate, comfortable venue, contact Mark Austin at mark@markaustinguitar.com

SAW Greenbelt Open Mike at New Deal Café

Every 4th Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m.

At the New Deal Café (www.newdealcafe.com), 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD. Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Originals strongly encouraged. For more information call (301) 474-5642. The New Deal Cafe has a good sound system and a stage to showcase your material. Serving beer, wine and a selection of entrees and snacks, it offers everything you and your friends need for a great evening of music and fun. Your SAW hosts, Julie Kehrl and Keith Thorne do everything they can to ensure you have a fun and fulfilling evening.

UPDATE:

January 24 show is booked. Please email Julie & Keith at kthorne11@cox.net to reserve a date/time.

SAW Montgomery County Open Mike

Every FIRST, SECOND & THIRD Friday, 6 – 9:30 p.m.

Caribou Coffee; Olney Village Mart Center; 18101 Olney Village Mart Drive; Olney, MD 20832 Signups begin at 7 p.m., open mike starts at 7:30 pm. **Your original songs only!** Hosts: Michelle Murray/Jeff Silberberg, (first Fridays) AtThisPoint (second Fridays), TomyWright (third Fridays). For more information, e-mail: michelle.murray6@verizon.net. It's free, but tips are greatly appreciated.

SAW Open Mike at the Lab

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

The Springfield Open Mike has now moved to Alexandria! Our new location, the Lab at Convergence is a large, beautiful, acoustically-pleasing room with plenty of chairs and tables, a piano, a stage and a great sound system! The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria VA. (Take the Shirlington exit off of I-395 and follow the signs to Quaker Lane, then take the second left on Crestwood Drive. The Lab is the first building on the left (large brick building), with the entrance facing Crestwood Drive)

SAW SHOWCASES

SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night

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

Every 4th Tuesday 7:30 – 11 p.m. (times may vary)

Bangkok Blues Restaurant, 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.

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 who plays 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 for 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. This is a great room, great crowd—if you're in the Frederick area on a Monday night, stop by!

SAW Concerts at the Athenaeum (ath-en-NAY-yum)
Every *SECOND* Thursday, 7 p.m. (No show in January)
Cost: \$10

The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association (nvfaa.org); 201 Prince Street; Alexandria, VA 22314. A newly-refurbished, beautiful old building and great music that SAW will be filling it with! Hosted by Ron Goad.

Update:

February 14 – Siobhan Quinn & Michael Bowers

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 upon request! Check the SAW Web site (www.saw.org) for updates. For more information, e-mail Ron Goad or call (703) 266-7060.

Tuesday Troubadours
EVERY Tuesday night, 8:30 p.m.

Austin Grill; 36 Maryland Avenue, Unit A; Rockville, MD 20850; 301-838-4281. Hosted by Bob Sima and modeled after the classic Nashville "Singer Songwriters in the Round" format. Each Tuesday, Bob brings in 2 guest singer-songwriters to join him on stage for an evening of all original singer-songwriter material. The newest Austin Grill www.austingrill.com in Rockville has a \$50,000 sound system and a great lighted stage. It is one of the nicest venues in the area all set within the walls of a great Tex Mex restaurant with free parking all around.

The old saying goes, it ain't a good song unless you can successfully move the audience without a back-up band, studio wizardry and smoke and mirrors. So Bob hand picks the best of the best local and national/international talent to demonstrate that concept each week. They share songs, stories and sometimes a guitar lick in what turns out to be an often magical display of songcraft and entertainment. Some nights, there is a cameo set-which is a 3 song set for selected up and comers! You can email Bob at info@bobsima.com for more information.

SAW-West Market Concert Series

West Market Club: 1901 Logan Manor Drive, Reston, VA 20190
Don't miss our next show in this warm, comfy, cozy room:

OTHER SAW EVENTS

SAW Song Circle

Sunday, January 20, 2008 2-6 p.m. @ Andrew Coupe's home
Sunday, February 17, 2008, 2-6 p.m. @ Jim Johnson'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 are provided. Bring your instrument and songs to share. Bringing food/beverage is always appreciated, but not mandatory! This event is held monthly and the location rotates between the homes of Jim Johnson in Springfield, VA and Jim Clark in Vienna, VA, and Andrew Coupe in Silver Spring, MD.

There is a yahoo list for the Song Circle, which is used primarily for announcements. Members can either add their name to the list by sending e-mail to SAWSongCircle-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or remove their name from the list by sending e-mail to SAWSongCircle-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

SAW Songwriter Xchange

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

The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria VA. (Take the Shirlington exit off of I-395 and follow the signs to Quaker Lane, then take the second left on Crestwood Drive. The Lab is the first building on the left (big brick building), with the entrance facing Crestwood Drive)

Participants bring a song-in-the-works to share with the group for friendly, constructive feedback. Songwriters can either play their songs live (a piano is available, and there are always guitars around), or bring a recording to play on a boom box. You are encouraged to bring lyric sheets to distribute, too, which will be returned to you, often with helpful comments. Even if you get substantial co-writer-quality input on your song from the group, the copyright remains exclusively yours!

Each month a different guest artist hosts the first hour of the Xchange. The guest can lead a discussion about the songwriting process, offer a lesson, or actually write a song on the spot. Guest artists usually play three or four songs during their portion of the Xchange, and then help critique your songs-in-progress. There is no fee, but we pass a tip jar around for the guest artist.

The coordinators for the Xchange are Dan Grove and Paige Powell and can be contacted at songxchange@comcast.net or melodiesbypaige@earthlink.net.

SAW Studio Sessions

Every THIRD Wednesday, 7 – 9 p.m.

Golden Sound Studio, 3843 Farragut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895; 301-962-1119
Hosted by Scott Harlan and Eric Weinberg, this event offers SAW members a new outlet for elevating their songwriting. Rather than playing for an audience, come share songs with your peers and with a producer/engineer in a professional recording studio environment. Four or five performers who sign up in advance will convene in the big tracking room, where there will be a combination of room mics set up to capture conversation, and performance-position microphones set up to capture the individual performer. We'll do two "rounds," where each person performs one song followed by an optional critique by the attendees. You will also have the option of taking a recording of the evening home with you if you provide a blank CD.

THE RULES:

- 1) No bands, and no extra/unnecessary accompaniment.
 - 2) Original songs only!!
 - 3) Performers will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
 - 4) There will be NO "punch-ins"/edits/re-takes. This is the equivalent of a live recording!
- You can email Scott at ScottHarlan@verizon.net to SIGN UP, and for more information.

SAW/Oneness School Songwriter Showcase

Friday, January 25, 2008, 7:30 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). 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.

Update:

Friday, January 25, 2008—
730 p.m.-Mike Conrad
800-Rhianna Larocque
830-Keegan Corby
900-"Turf" (acoustic configuration)
930-Doug Alan Wilcox
10-Spencer Bates

Friday, February 29, 2008—
730 p.m.-Sam Grow
800-David LaFleur
830-Peter and Alex
900-Alex Kim
930-Tommy Ray
10-Eric Weinberg



OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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

UPDATE: "Other News & Events" MUST be submitted on a monthly basis for inclusion.

None submitted for January 2008.



MEMBER NOTES

This section is open to any type of music announcement SAW members would like to make. Just send your message to sawnotes@saw.org a week before the end of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Gary Zoellner Makes His Way on MySpace

Gary Zoellner, a Falls Church, VA-based singer/songwriter announces his MySpace page: www.myspace.com/garyzoellner. He has been a SAW member for approximately four years, and he seeks opportunities to collaborate with fellow SAW members. He has been playing guitar, bass guitar, and a bit of keyboard, for over three decades. He began sustained efforts to develop

as a singer/songwriter in 2005, after having dabbled on and off for years. He is working to become a more "sense bound" lyricist. His influences include but are not limited to Beatles, Who, Led Zeppelin, Mark Knopfler/Dire Straights, Allman Brothers, Atlanta Rhythm Section, Van Morrison, Paul Simon, James Taylor, and the Eagles. His writing style is primarily rock and pop, with occasional forays into pop-jazz and pop-country. He has written one children's tune. His email address is garysz@verizon.net, and home phone is 703-534-8030.



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. **Classifieds MUST be submitted on a monthly basis for inclusion. If you have a print-ready ad, 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.**

SAW Members Only Special!

SAW Members receive 25% off their first session. For more information and to schedule a studio tour, please contact: Scott Harlan, Golden Sound Studio, (301) 962-1119, GoldenSoundStudio@gmail.com, www.GoldenSoundStudio.com

Music Recording Workshop

Golden Sound Studio (www.GoldenSoundStudio.com) is now registering for its Music Recording Workshop. This course is geared towards home studio owners, amateur live sound engineers, and musicians/producers who would simply like to improve their knowledge of and effectiveness using modern studio & sound electronics. It is not a scholastically accredited course; just hands-on training in a small group where you choose your level of involvement. The course consists of 6 classes, each 3 1/2 hours long, held on Sunday afternoons from Noon to 3:30 p.m. The cost of enrollment is \$300.00, and you will also receive a textbook. Our upcoming class series is scheduled for January 13 through February 17, 2008. Maximum 5 students per workshop.

To receive a curriculum & registration packet, please contact: Scott Harlan, Golden Sound Studio, (301) 962-1119, GoldenSoundStudio@gmail.com, www.GoldenSoundStudio.com



SAW'S MASC SPONSORS

Many, many thanks to our Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Sponsors. Listed here in alphabetical order, they are all very valuable and important to our ability to give such wonderful prizes. Please check out their websites!

BMI: Music Licensing
www.bmi.com

CF MARTIN & COMPANY (The Martin Guitar Company)
<http://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

MASTERWRITER: computer software for songwriters
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Oasis CD Manufacturing
www.oasiscd.com

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**NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Friday, January 25, 2007 @ 5 p.m.**

Please e-mail your submissions for the next e-newsletter to Aisha Mahy at sawnotes@saw.org