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1. SAW News

COME JOIN US!!

Beat those winter blues and come on out and join your fellow SAW members in celebrating two very special events this month—(not to mention all of our other regularly scheduled goings-on!)

We would love for you to help us pack the house for the PREMIER of SAW's Emerging Artist Showcase at the HARD ROCK CAFÉ THIS THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 at 8 PM. Margot MacDonald & Friends will be sure to knock your socks off!

SAW's 26TH ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC SONG CONTEST GALA will be taking place on Sunday, January 24th starting at 5 pm at Jammin' Java in Vienna, VA. This event is always a lot of fun and a great chance to meet and talk with fellow songwriters from all genres, industry folk, SAW Board members and whoever else happens to be there. Everyone is invited to partake in a most enjoyable evening of eclectic songwriter performances, culminating in the announcement of the Grand Prize winner and runners-up. Get your tickets early before they sell out!

Details about both of these events appear below. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

FROM THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER

Young Singer-Songwriter Presents Showcase for Emerging Artists

Arlington-based singer-songwriter Margot MacDonald may just be 18 years old, but she has more experience—and, arguably, talent—than a lot of her peers. So it really isn't all that strange that someone who recently graduated from high school is organizing showcases for area emerging artists.

Full article here: <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/entertainment/Young-singer-songwriter-presents-showcase-for-emerging-artists-8722640-80732942.html>

The Songwriters' Association of Washington
Come Celebrate With Us!

The 26th Annual Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Awards Gala

Featuring performances by
our Gold prize-winning songwriters
Announcement of Grand Prize Winner
Runners-Up, Young Artist Prize and
Director's Prize



Sunday, January 24, 2010
Jammin' Java
227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna, Virginia

Starting at 5 pm

2. SAW EVENTS: At a Glance—JANUARY 2010

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 Community Events" page at http://www.saw.org/html/saw_community_events.asp

- 1/6 (Wed)—SAW Open Mic at Gaffney's Restaurant (Bethesda, MD); tblood@tomblood.net
1/7 (Thurs)—SAW Emerging Artists Showcase (Washington, D.C.); margot@margotmacdonald.com
1/7 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
1/8 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); michelle.murray6@verizon.net
1/9 (Sat)—SAW Second Saturday Open Mic in Alexandria (Alexandria, VA); RTVeale@gmail.com
1/10 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.);
jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
1/11 (Mon)—SAW Showcase at Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
1/11 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
1/13 (Wed)—SAW Songwriter's Showcase at JJ Muldoons (Gaithersburg, MD); patty@pattyreese.com
NEW! 1/13 (Wed)—SAW 'Open Acoustic' Night at Frederick Cellars (Frederick, MD),
todd@toddcwalker.com
1/14 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
NEW! 1/17 (Sun)—SAW Sunday Songwriters Songfest at Frederick Cellars (Frederick, MD),
todd@toddcwalker.com
1/18 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
1/20 (Wed)—SAW Board Meeting
1/20 (Wed)—SAW Open Mic at Gaffney's Restaurant (Bethesda, MD); tblood@tomblood.net
NEW! 1/20 (Wed)—SAW 'Open Acoustic' Night at Frederick Cellars (Frederick, MD),
todd@toddcwalker.com

1/21 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum (Alexandria, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
1/21 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
1/21 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mic (Brunswick, MD); tomy@tomywright.com
1/21 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
1/23 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange; melodiesbypaige@earthlink.net
1/24 (Sun)—Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Awards Gala @ Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA)
1/25 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
1/27 (Wed)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
1/27 (Wed)—SAW Open Mic at Gaffney's Restaurant (Bethesda, MD); tblood@tomblood.net
NEW! 1/27 (Wed)—SAW 'Open Acoustic' Night at Frederick Cellars (Frederick, MD),
todd@toddcwalker.com
1/28 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at the New Deal Café (Greenbelt, MD); lynn@lynnhollyfield.com or
dsweave@gmail.com
1/28 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
1/29 (Fri)—SAW Sounds of Hope at Potter's House (Washington, D.C.);
soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com
NEW! 1/31 (Sun)—SAW Sunday Songwriters Songfest at Frederick Cellars (Frederick, MD),
todd@toddcwalker.com

February Preview

2/1 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
2/1 (Mon)—SAW Songwriter Exchange with VOCAL (Vienna, VA)
2/3 (Wed)—SAW Open Mic at Gaffney's Restaurant (Bethesda, MD); tblood@tomblood.net
2/4 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
2/5 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); michelle.murray6@verizon.net

3. SAW EVENTS: Updates

Margot MacDonald & Friends at Hard Rock Café

Special SAW Emerging Artists Showcase
Thursday, January 7, 8 - 11 p.m.
Hard Rock Café, 999 E St. NW, Washington, D.C.
www.hardrock.com/dc
\$5 -- All Ages -- Metro Center/Gallery Place

Margot is joined by 5 exciting emerging artists on the DC music scene: René Moffatt, Flo Anito, Matt Waller, Molly Hagen, Naseem Khuri

Contact Margot with questions: margot@margotmacdonald.com

Songwriter Exchange with VOCAL

Monday, February 1st, Jammin' Java in Vienna, VOCAL comes to SAW!

The songwriter group from Richmond, the Virginia Organization of Composers and Lyricists, will send up four of their fine writer/performers to play for us at the Showcase event hosted by Ron Goad. The lineup is as follows:

Dave Pollard—Award winning songwriter w/over thirty years of stage experience. Great guitar style, wonderful voice and "money" songs.

Darryl Ellyson—Darryl has shared the stage with artists such as Delbert McClinton and the New Ryders Of The Purple Sage. At 6'7" he has plenty of stage presence!

Norman Roscher—Founding member of "The Family Jewels Band" and "Dogs New Clothes", Norman has played at events from the White House lawn to the Governor's Mansion in Richmond.

Matt Marion—Appeared at the Dogwood Dell amphitheater as part of the 52nd Festival of the Arts in Richmond.

Come out and support our VOCAL guest performers! There is a \$2 cover. Note that this date is subject to being preempted, so check w/the venue prior to the show.

NOTE: On February 15th, SAW will send four performers to Richmond to complete the songwriter exchange.

3. OTHER EVENTS

Martini's Unplugged Open-Mic Tuesdays

When: Tuesdays from 8 p.m. – midnight

Where: Martini's Lounge (10553 Theodore Green Blvd. White Plains, MD 20695, P: 301-934-2220)

Price: Free

Open-Mic Format: Signups begin at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 3 songs or 15 minutes per person.

"Unplugged" All acoustic, acoustic/electric venue; with jam play encouraged between musicians. Originals are encouraged but you are not restricted to originals only; covers are allowed. Extra round of songs as time and lineup permits.

Martini's Lounge has a small stage and a house PA system with stage monitors and sound board. This open-mic is hosted by Randy Sena. For more information, you can contact him at martinisopenmic@comcast.net.

Grace Griffith & Lynn Hollyfield in Concert

Biography: Grace Griffith and Lynn Hollyfield are both gifted musicians. Grace, a veteran performer and recording artist has won multiple WAMMIEs (Washington Area Music Awards)-- named "Best Traditional Folk Vocalist" in February 2009. She was raised in Bryans Road and resides in Accokeek with her husband. Her noteworthy performing career has taken her to the U.S. West Coast, Scotland and Canada, and her recordings on the Blix Street Record label are played on radio stations as nearby as 105.9 (Smooth Jazz) and as far away as Taiwan. Grace is a respected interpreter of contemporary songwriters' works and a collector of traditional Appalachian, Irish and Scottish repertory. In more recent years Grace's performing career has been limited by the effects of Parkinson's Disease, so this concert is a bit of a rarity. Lynn hails originally from New York but migrated to settle in Accokeek with her husband and two daughters. She is a talented and prolific songwriter in addition to being a fine guitarist and mandolin player. Lynn will be known to some as half of the ersatz duo Hollyfield & Spruill, who released 2 CDs and with whom Lynn honed her distinctive singing style and, in particular, her remarkable ear for harmony. Lynn's self-penned songs stand up well if compared to the best among current folk songwriters, with an emotional intensity reminiscent of Sarah McLachlan or Roseanne Cash, set in melodies that easily catch a listener's attention and hold it in one's ear long after the song is done. Lynn is currently working on her first solo recording project which is scheduled for release in February 2010. Together Grace and Lynn create a sweet acoustic sound with repertoire that runs the gamut from traditional British Isles ballads to original songs of experience, with just enough humor to top it off.

4. MEMBER NOTES

SAW Member Michael Ketover's CD Release Party at The Red and The Black

When: Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Where: The Red and The Black, 1212 H St NE, Washington, D.C. 202-399-3201

www.redandblackbar.com

Details: Please join **Michael Ketover** and friends for his CD Release Party at The Red and The Black in DC on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. The CD is called "Simple Town." VJ Kapur will open. Michael plays acoustic hipster folk rock. VJ plays acoustic post-punk math rock. Doors open at 9pm. \$6 cover.

SAW member Scott Kurt and Memphis 59 performing at The Barns at Wolf Trap

Memphis 59, with singer/songwriter Scott Kurt, just released their new CD "Ragged But Right" and will be performing select songs from it on January 16, 2010 at The Barns at Wolf Trap. The show is titled "John Jennings & Friends" with DC area legend John Jennings (Mary Chapin Carpenter, Indigo Girls, Janis Ian) hosting. Jennings produced "Ragged But Right" and will be joining Memphis 59 on stage. The show starts at 7:30.

5. 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.

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.

6. 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

HUMAN FACTOR, www.humanfactor.net

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

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: February Issue

Friday, January 29th 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. **PRINT READY ONLY please!** 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