

Songwriters'
Association
of Washington

SAW E-Notes



June 2009



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1. SAW NEWS

THIS SATURDAY!!!

The Songwriters Association of Washington Annual Meeting and Community Day Celebration!
Saturday June 6th 2009

The Lab at Convergence, Alexandria, VA
1819 North Quaker Lane
Alexandria, VA 22302

2-4 pm Kennedys workshop
4-6 Speed Networking
6-7 Dinner
7-8 Annual meeting/prize drawings, silent auction winners announced
8-11 Open mic

You really should come on out for this fun and informative day! There will be a chance to win **Guitar Center Gift Certificates** as well as other items and you can eat dinner **for free** from the Macaroni Grill **just for being a SAW member!!** Feel free to bring guests (there will be an \$8 charge for non-SAW members for dinner). All we ask is that you let us know you are coming—by Friday night at the latest!! If you cannot locate your invite, please respond to president@saw.org with how many people will be attending and what activities you plan to attend. The schedule and brief description of the day's events follows.

There will also be a **Silent Auction**—go to www.saw.org for a detailed list of some of the great stuff that's currently available.

We are accepting advance bids on all Silent Auction items until 11 pm, Friday, June 5th. The Silent Auction will end near the close of the SAW Community Day events on Saturday, June 6th. You do not have to be present to win.

To place a bid on an item before June 6th, send your Name, the Item description and Item Number, your email, your phone number, and the amount of your bid to:
Loralyn Coles at loralyn@mindspring.com.

If you are coming to the event and want to bring along something for the Auction, we will gladly list it for sale that day.

We start the day off at 2 pm with a workshop with the legendary Kennedys <http://www.kennedysmusic.com>. This promises to be an inspirational workshop focusing on writing from dreams...Pete and Maura Kennedy are world-touring musicians/songwriters who have much to share from their extensive experiences. **Some spaces are still available (go to www.saw.org to register), and walk-ins will be accepted on a limited basis.**

SPEED NETWORKING

Our "tableists" for this fun event will include **Brice Dean, Music Operations Coordinator for Discovery Channel, Mike Schreiber, President of WAMA, Fred Cannon, Sr. VP of Govt. Relations for BMI, Charlie Jensen, Executive Director of The Writer's Center** in Bethesda, **Eileen Joyner of Oasis CD Manufacturing**, and several SAW board members. It will be moderated by **Blake Althen** of Human Factor (www.humanfactor.net), who is the author of "Brand, Buzz & Success--Your Guide to the New Music Industry." **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR CD FOR A CHANCE TO HAVE IT "KINDLY CRITIQUED" BY THE GROUP.** Time limitations will not permit everyone's CD to be critiqued, but yours may be among those chosen in a random drawing. This is a great chance to meet everyone in the room!

SONG CHALLENGE -- offering those who choose to participate a chance to show off their songwriting prowess.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD -- be part of the decision-making process.

OPEN MIC -- your chance to be heard and/or hear all sorts of great music.

Feel free to email president@saw.org with any questions. Hope to see you on Saturday!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON
announces

The 26th Mid-Atlantic Song Contest

GRAND PRIZE WINNER \$1000 cash + more

Second Prize \$500 cash + more

Third Prize \$250 cash + more

Category Golds \$100 cash + more

Best Song by Young Artist (21 & under!) \$100

Awarding gold & silver prizes in these categories

Acoustic & Folk ★ Adult Contemporary
Rock/Alternative ★ Pop ★ Country/Bluegrass ★ Vocal Jazz & Blues
Open ★ Children's ★ Gospel/Inspirational/Christian
R&B/Hip Hop/Urban ★ Instrumental (all genres)

KICKOFF DATE: JUNE 15, 2009

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE July 15, 2009

FINAL POSTMARK DEADLINE: Sept. 15, 2009

SPECIAL PRIZE: SAW Memberships. Winners drawn from all entries submitted by July 15th

enter online at
www.saw.org
Sonicbids!

See complete rules at www.saw.org
OR on official entry form

	SAW Member Rates	Non-Member Rates
1 - 5 Songs	\$20 per song	\$24 per song
6 - 10 Songs	\$18 per song	\$22 per song
11 - 15 Songs	\$15 per song	\$18 per song

Dust off or polish up your songs and send them in to the 26th Annual Mid-Atlantic Song Contest—you'll be glad you did!

2. SAW EVENTS: At a Glance—June 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

- 6/5 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike (Rockville, MD); michelle.murray6@verizon.net
6/6 (Sat)—SAW's Annual All-Day-Into-the-Night Fiesta and Meeting
6/6 (Sat)—SAW WORKSHOP: Dreaming the Song; www.kennedysmusic.com
6/6 (Sat)—SAW Second Saturday Open Mike (Alexandria, VA); jimjohnson@verizon.net
6/8 (Mon)—SAW Jammin' Java Open Mike (Vienna, VA); ron@jamminjava.com
6/8 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
6/10 (Wed)—SAW JJ Muldoons Open Mike (Gaithersburg, MD); patty@pattyreese.com
6/10 (Wed)—SAW Songwriter Showcase at ArtOMatic; pomeranj@hotmail.com
6/11 (Thurs)—Music at the Athenaeum (Alexandria, VA) mistergoad@aol.com
6/13 (Sat)—SAW Open Mike at the COFFiHOUSE; michelle.murray6@verizon.net
6/14 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital; jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
6/15 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
6/18 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA) mistergoad@aol.com
6/18 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mike (Brunswick, MD) tomy@tomywright.com
6/18 (Thurs)—SAW Songwriter Showcase at ArtOMatic; pomeranj@hotmail.com
6/20 (Sat)—SAW Panel Discussion: Recoding with a Producer; michelle.murray6@verizon.net
6/22 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
6/24 (Wed)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
6/26 (Fri)—Sounds of Hope Open Mike at Potter's House in D.C. (Washington, D.C.);
soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com
6/27 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange; Featured artist: Nina Sichel, melodiesbypaige@earthlink.net
6/28 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.);
jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
6/29 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
7/1 (Wed)—SAW Songwriter Showcase at ArtOMatic; pomeranj@hotmail.com
7/2 (Fri)—SAW Young Artist Showcase @ ARTOMATIC; margot@margotmacdonald.com
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3. SAW EVENTS: Updates

SAW WORKSHOP: "Dreaming the Song"

Date: Saturday, June 6th (kicking off SAW's Annual All-Day-Into-the-Night Fiesta and Meeting)

Time: 2 – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$30 for SAW Members; \$35 WAMA/BMI/BSA/NSAI Members; \$40 general admission

Place: Lab at Convergence, 1819 Crestwood Drive, Alexandria, VA

Presented by Pete and Maura Kennedy, www.kennedymusic.com

To order tickets online go to: <http://saw.org/html/workshops.asp> and click on Order Workshop Tickets at the top of the page.

The Kennedys latest CD is entitled "Better Dreams", a project inspired by their dreams. In this workshop, they will show you how to harvest ideas from the rich crop of imagery that flows freely while you're dreaming. Lucid dreaming, keeping a dream journal, and turning the notes in your journal into songs are all techniques that will be explored. Maura will illustrate how she has written songs from dreams and will give a variety of techniques for weaving dream ideas into song. Pete will show students how to use a template for turning a notebook into their own "toolbox" of songwriting resources. Over ten CDs, Pete and Maura have mined their vein of songwriting creativity, and now they will share their process with you. So bring your favorite pen, dreams and notebook and prepare to enter a whole new avenue for writing songs!

Pete Kennedy has been playing in a duo with his wife, Maura, since 1993, touring all over the US, with forays to the British Isles. Prior to that, they were both members of Nanci Griffith's Blue Moon Orchestra. Pete played with Nanci from 1991 through 1993, and did lead guitar work on her Grammy-winning CD, "Other Voices, Other Rooms", on Warner Brothers. Before joining Nanci's band, he toured the US with Mary-Chapin Carpenter, and did "legit" gigs with the National Symphony, and in the pit orchestras for touring Broadway shows, including "Cats", "Evita", and "42nd Street". One of his favorite ongoing gigs was as a house musician at the Birchmere, where he played with songwriters like Kate Wolf, Tom Paxton, John Stewart, and Bob Gibson. Pete and Maura have been the recipients of dozens of WAMMIE awards, including Song of the Year, Artist of the Year, and Musician of the Year.

Maura Kennedy was born Maura Boudreau in Syracuse NY, home of a fantastic live, original music scene when she was a teenager. She played in many different bands, on different instruments while she was in her formative years: bass guitar in punk and heavy metal bands, keyboards and acoustic guitar in a British Folk Rock band, guitar and mandolin in a roots-rock band. She found her true calling with her now husband, Pete Kennedy back in 1993, when she joined Pete as part of Nanci Griffith's backup band on a 2 month world tour. The duo have been traveling, writing and recording ever since. Maura is currently hard at work on her first solo CD, having written, recorded and posted a new song every month for the past 14 months.

The COFFiHOUSE and the Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) Present Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

A SAW Members' Showcase that Includes OPEN MIC Opportunities as Well!

All Original Music (the best music you've never heard!) or Public Domain Music

Hosted by Dana Austin and Frank Kayser

Open Mic Signup 6:00 – 7:30 PM

7:00-7:30 Harley String Band -- <http://www.HarleyStringBand.com>

7:30-8:00 Cindi Slaughter -- <http://www.myspace.com/CindiSlaughter>

8:00-8:10 ==> Randomly drawn open mic performer #1 (notified at 7:30)

8:10-8:20 Karen Karma

8:30-9:00 Legend of Lummy Hallin

9:00-9:10 ==> Randomly drawn open mic performer #2 (notified at 8:30)

9:10-9:30 Dana Austin -- <http://www.DanaAustinMusic.com>

9:30-10:00 Kevin Dudley -- <http://www.myspace.com/kevindudley59>

10:00-???? ==> 10-Minute open mic sets in sign-up order

The fine print: Non-SAW Open Mic Performers are encouraged to join! We'll sign you up online (<http://www.SAW.org>) during the show; bring your Visa/MC. Dual membership with WAMA (Washington

Area Music Association) is discounted! FREE RAW AUDIO AND VIDEO AVAILABLE. Bring a SD or SDHC card for audio; bring a DVM60/90 (not HD) for video.

Limited supply of both available at cost. Hosts enhance house backline with multi-DI 16-channel mixing, an Alesis QS8.1 keyboard, and our house percussionist (if you'd like percussion with your set -- no hard feelings if not!), the incomparable Charlie Caldwell. COFFiHOUSE is located at 8433 Lee Hwy Merrifield, VA 22031; <http://www.coffihouse.com>. Upcoming COFFiHOUSE/SAW showcases: July 11th, then First Saturdays each month.

SAW Presents: Strathmore Artists-In-Residence

Thurs, July 2 on the ARTOMATIC Cabaret Stage

This special SAW showcase is an amazing ensemble of the DC area's finest young musical talents: 6 pm **Victoria Vox** www.victoriavox.com (AIR 2009-10) infectious ukulele-driven pop, 6:30 **Herb & Hanson** www.herbandhanson.com (AIR 2008-09) awe-inspiring new roots music, 7:15 **Christylez Bacon** www.christylez.com (AIR 2007-08) exciting progressive hip hop, 8 pm **Margot MacDonald** www.margotmacdonald.com (AIR 2008-09) acoustic rock with soaring vocals, and 8:45 **Trustfall** www.myspace.com/trustfallband (AIR 2009-10) fresh harmonic modern rock. *SAW Presents: Strathmore Artists-In-Residence* is an Artomatic exclusive performance: a unique opportunity to enjoy these emerging stars assembled for one evening on one stage!

Upcoming Showcases at BangkokBlues.com

3rd Thursdays & 4th Wednesdays 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Cover Charge: \$2

Each variety show is a unique way to hear and meet so many fine musicians and fans!

Table reservations recommended 703 534 0095 <http://bangkokblues.com>

Performers: note that this venue provides bass amp, drum set, and more. Many showcase performers arrange future paying gigs here.

Thurs June 18

Freddie Long, Terry Turner, Linda Nelson, Karen Collins, Miss Jess, Dana Austin, Ambient Bob

Wed June 24

Nero, Christiana Trenum, Steve "Meteor" Smith & Pete Delvitto, Isabella Perelman, Todd C Walker, Tom Dews, The Harley String Band

Thurs July 16 special event

Donna Frost on tour from Nashville, Kevin Dudley, Kate Millman

Wed July 22

Melissa Winn, Allan Harrington's Big Enough Jazz Band, Chris Collat (tentative), Renee McCullough

Brewer's Alley Showcases—Mondays 7:30 p.m.

Excellent local talents and some acclaimed regionally and nationally touring songwriters.

The only regularly scheduled showcases affiliated w/ SAW-BSA-BMI.

Take elevator to 2nd floor. Dinner is served till 9:00; abbreviated menu afterwards. Full bar.

7:30 a talented pianist is scheduled to perform instrumentally or w/ vocals to start each show.

8:00 Rod Deacey and poet John Holly perform; also, I schedule several local and/or touring songwriters to perform 3 songs apiece.

9:00 Featured Performer/act: Your generous donation goes to featured performer/act 35-45 minutes

Suggested donation \$6-10.

Featured acts are selected by Rod Deacey----roddc@xecu.net.

Musicians: Even when you're not performing, come with friends to enjoy the evening.

Excellent musicians hang out here each Monday.

About the shows: <http://www.myspace.com/RodDeacey>

About the restaurant: <http://Brewers-Alley.com>

June 8: Dave Cipriani, <http://myspace.com/davecipriani>; pianist Jimbow and Dana Wells, Todd Coyle, Jan Nichols' Hootenanny Orchestra

June 15: Genevieve, <http://myspace.com/genevievesmusic>; pianist Colette Rohan and Doug Alan Wilcox, Karen Karma, Dave Chatel

June 22: Kate Klim, <http://myspace.com/kateklim>; pianist Ray Jozwiak and Freddie Long, Amy J Sullivan

June 29: Susan Souza, <http://myspace.com/susansouza>; pianist Colette Rohan

Jammin' Java for June

Coming up at JamminJava.com on Most Mondays (Note: June 15, 22 concert nights, no showcases. See JamminJava.com for more details)

Monday June 8

Jared Salvatore on tour recently performed a JJ showcase w/rockers Lansdowne;

<http://www.myspace.com/jaredsalvatore>

Matt Nakoa on tour; <http://www.myspace.com/mattnakoa>

The Bowmans—gifted world-touring twin sisters Claire & Sarah Bowman;

<http://myspace.com/thebowmans>

Genevieve—rare Virginia appearance; <http://www.genevieve-music.com>

Todd Walker; <http://myspace.com/toddcwalker>

Victoria Bracco; <http://myspace.com/victoriabracco>

Monday, June 29

Iris Ann Hirsch; <http://www.irisannahirsch.com>

Rob Augustine; <http://soundclick.com/robaugustine>

Steve "Meteor" Smith & Pete Delvitto; <http://cdbaby.com/cd/ssmeteors>

Kevin Dudley; <http://myspace.com/kevindudley>

TM Hanna; <http://birdphluph.com>

Kate Millman; <http://broadjam.com/katemillman>

Esmirelda; <http://cdbaby.com/cd/esmirelda>

Concerts at The Athenaeum in Old Town

2nd Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

201 South Prince Street (Prince & South Lee)

Alexandria, VA 22314

Tickets \$10 available online or at the door

The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association

<http://nvfaa.org> With thanks to SAW.org & BMI.com

June 11

Mark Austin; <http://myspace.com/MarkAustinGuitar>

opening will be TiffanyThompson; <http://TiffanyThompsonMusic.com>

4. OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

SAW Board Member Michelle Murray Hosts Online Radio Show Featuring SAW Songwriters, Performers 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 August Michelle will interview Les Thompson (a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band). Also coming up in the next few months, Teporah, John Jennings and the multi-talented Ron Goad. For specific dates and times, check the Open Stage Show Page: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/The-Open-Stage>.

Past shows have featured Grammy winner Daryl Davis, who has been keyboardist and bandleader for Chuck Berry for over a quarter of a century, 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 are 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>.

Guitars Not Guns to Hold Two Charity Raffles

Springfield, Virginia May 19, 2009 – Guitars Not Guns (www.guitarsnotguns.org), a charity organization that provides guitar lessons and mentoring to at risk youth and underprivileged youth has announced that the National Capital Area Affiliate will hold guitar raffles at two upcoming music festivals in Virginia.

On June 20, the Columbia Pike Blues Festival will be held in Arlington, Virginia. Saint Blues Guitar Workshop (www.saintblues.com) has donated a Mississippi Bluesmaster, valued at \$1,200 that will be raffled off. On June 27, the Del Ray Music Festival will be held in Alexandria, Virginia. Brazen Guitars (www.brazenguitars.com) has donated a Brazen Fantasy Standard, valued at \$750 that will be raffled off. Tickets for both raffles are available at the event or in advance at the Guitars Not Guns, National Capital Area Affiliate, web site (www.gngnca.org).

Winners do not need to be present and the guitar will be shipped to the winner, courtesy of Guitar Affair (www.guitaraffair.com), anywhere in the United States. Tickets cost \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10.

About Guitars Not Guns: Formed in 2000, Guitars Not Guns inspires at-risk and underprivileged youth to succeed by providing them music education opportunities. We are an all-volunteer, community based organization that provides these youth a positive alternative to the self-destructive behaviors of substance abuse, crime, truancy and gangs. GnG helps instill in them the confidence and character necessary for them to grow into productive members of society and responsible adults. We engage the youth's creative potential with a structured music program, taught by caring adults in a safe environment, and then couple that with our mentoring in music-related careers.

Contact: Skip Chaples, President, skip@guitarsnotguns.org; www.gngnca.org

5. CLASSIFIEDS

I am in search of a used Roland RC-50 Loop Station. Please contact Carol Gaylor: carol@gaylorandkatsu.com or 703.909.4893.

6. 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.

7. 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
STAIRWAY EAST STUDIOS, <http://www.stairwayeast.com/>

NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Friday, June 26, 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