

Songwriters'
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of Washington

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1. SAW News

SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE AT THE SMITHSONIAN

Produced by The Smithsonian Associates, SAW, BMI
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Come see 12 of the best songwriters in the DC area perform their music. Keith Killgo (former drummer for Blackbyrds – “Walkin’ In Rhythm”) will interview guest artist Lamont Dozier, legendary Motown songwriter for The Supremes, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, Michael Jackson, and Marvin Gaye. Lamont Dozier will perform.

People’s Choice Award: “People’s Choice” award will go to the “Best Adult” and “Best Young Artist” songs of the Showcase as voted by the audience.

Date: October 27, 2009

Place: Baird Auditorium, National Museum of Natural History, (14th & Constitution NW, DC)

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

On-line purchase:

<http://residentassociates.org/ticketing/tickets/reserve.aspx?performanceNumber=218735>. Click on the "purchase tickets" button and then register as "First Time Visitor" (at the FAR right of the screen).

SAW members and other supporting organizations (WAMA, BSA, NSAI and DC Cabaret Network) receive the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program member rate of \$15--use SAW promotion code of 181573 and click co-sponsor promotion to purchase up to 4 tickets. Students \$10, General public \$20. No handling charge.

Telephone purchase: Call 202-633-3030 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (\$3 nonrefundable handling fee).

Questions? Contact Lynne Revo-Cohen: lrevocohen@aol.com

Has Your SAW Membership Lapsed? New Benefit to being a SAW Member!

SAW will be joining Folk Alliance this month, which will mean that all of our members will be non-voting Folk Alliance members as well. Visit the FA website to learn more about the benefits you'll receive. www.folkalliance.org. We need to send them a membership list when we join, so if your membership has lapsed, be sure to renew by October 15th. You can renew online at our website, www.saw.org, or send a check to:

Songwriters' Association of Washington
4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW, PMB 106-137
Washington, DC 20016

SAW Goes to NERFA!

It's official--SAW will be having a guerilla showcase room, hosted by Ron Goad with Thursday night guest host, Joel Pomerantz, at the North East Regional Folk Alliance (NERFA), being held Nov. 12 - 15th in Kerhonksen, NY. (www.nerfa.org). We have already submitted our showcase schedule to NERFA for the program book to meet the publishing deadline, but if you decide at the last minute to attend, we'll still try to give you a time slot. Contact Ron Goad at mistergoad@gmail.com.

The talented SAW Members & MASC Winners who will be lighting up our Showcase Room are:

Jean Bayou	Todd Crowley	David La Fleur	Doug Rainoff
Doug Brouder	Alex Culbreth	Ruthie Logsdon	Richard Ruane
Braeded Chord	Frank Dieter	Angelo M	Sally Spring
Dan Cohn	T. Edwin Doss	Margot MacDonald	Lisa Taylor
Loralyn Coles	Ron Goad	Andrew McKnight	Steve Warner
Karen Collins	Bob Gramann	Zoe Mulford	
Todd Coyle	Alexander Gunn	Karyn Oliver	
Sol Creech	Michael Ketover	Joel Pomerantz	

NEW! Fan SAW on FACEBOOK

Post your SAW Photos, Videos, Links; share SAW Event Invites with your Friends!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Songwriters-Association-of-Washington/138967007697>

Friend SAW on MYSPACE

Tag photos; leave Comments; subscribe to Blog.

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

2. SAW EVENTS: At a Glance—OCTOBER 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 Community Events" page at http://www.saw.org/html/saw_community_events.asp

NEW! 10/7 (Wed)—SAW Open Mic at Gaffney's Restaurant (Bethesda, MD); tblood@tomblood.net

10/8 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum (Alexandria, VA); mistergoad@aol.com

10/8 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com

10/9 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); michelle.murray6@verizon.net

10/10 (Sat)—SAW Second Saturday Open Mic in Alexandria (Alexandria, VA); RTVeale@gmail.com

10/11(Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.);

jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net

10/12(Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com

10/12 (Mon)—SAW Open Mic at Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA); mistergoad@aol.com

NEW! 10/14 (Wed)—SAW Open Mic at Gaffney's Restaurant (Bethesda, MD); tblood@tomblood.net

10/14 (Wed)—SAW Songwriter's Showcase at JJ Muldoons (Gaithersburg, MD); patty@pattyreese.com

10/15 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com

10/15 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mic (Brunswick, MD); tomy@tomywright.com

10/15 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com

10/19 (Mon)—SAW Open Mic at Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA); mistergoad@aol.com

10/19 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
NEW! 10/21 (Wed)—SAW Open Mic at Gaffney's Restaurant (Bethesda, MD); tblood@tomblood.net
10/21 (Wed)—SAW Board Meeting
10/22 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
10/22 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic @ The New Deal Café (Greenbelt, MD); hollyfield1@comcast.net
10/24 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange; melodiesbypaige@earthlink.net
10/25 (Sun)—SAW Song Circle @ Michelle Murray's Home; michelle.murray6@verizon.net
10/25 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.);
jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
10/26 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
10/26 (Mon)—SAW Open Mic at Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
NEW! 10/28 (Wed)—SAW Open Mic at Gaffney's Restaurant (Bethesda, MD); tblood@tomblood.net
10/28 (Wed)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
10/29 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
10/30 (Fri)—SAW Sounds of Hope at Potter's House (Washington, D.C.);
soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com

3. SAW EVENTS: Updates

NEW! SAW Open Mic in Bethesda

There is a new Open Mic on Wednesdays at Gaffney's Restaurant in Bethesda (7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814. Signups start at 7:30 p.m. Great venue, great food, great crowd, minimum of 3 songs. For more information contact Tom Blood at tblood@tomblood.net

3. OTHER EVENTS

Song Critique Workshop with Gretchen Peters October 9 & 10, 2009

Reserve a space now to get songwriting insights from Nashville hit songwriter Gretchen Peters, writer of such hits as: "Independence Day" (Martina McBride), "My Baby Loves Me" (Martina McBride), "The Secret of Life" (Faith Hill), and "You Don't Even Know Who I Am" (Patty Loveless)

The weekend will include:

A full-day workshop and song critique session on Saturday, October 10th and two concerts, Friday, October 9th & Saturday, October 10th

Space is going to be very limited, so please book a space before all are sold out.

All Day Workshop

Date: Saturday, October 10th

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Home of Doug Stanglin in Rosslyn, VA, just over the Potomac River from Washington, DC

Agenda:

9-9:30 meet and greet coffee/breakfast

9:30-12:30 lecture/Q&A

12:30-1:30 lunch

1:30-4 song critiques (1 per participant)

Concerts:

Friday, October 9th (Time: to be announced)

House concert in Clarksville, MD

Saturday, October 10th

Concert in Fairfax, County, Virginia: (Time and place: to be announced)

Costs

Workshop Cost

Member rate: \$40 (includes members of NSAI, SAW, WAMA and Baltimore Songwriters Association), non-member rate: \$45

Concert Cost

\$15 per ticket for workshop participants/\$20 for nonparticipants (you may purchase multiple tickets for the concert(s) if you are planning to attend with a guest. Also, you do not have to be a member of any of the participating organizations in order to attend the concerts)

To Reserve A Space:

Make checks out to "NSAI DC Chapter". Send them to: Don Micallef, 13967 Shalestone Dr., Clifton, VA 20124

Please indicate which concert, if any, you will be attending. We will be providing more details shortly, including the workshop topics and location of the Saturday concert. If you have any questions, contact Don Micallef at donjmicallef@aol.com. Remember – space will be very limited for all of these events as they will all be taking place at people's homes. So book now.

4. MEMBER NOTES

Aisha Raine Performs at the Baltimore Music Conference

Alt Rock singer/songwriter Aisha Raine will be performing with her full band on the final day of the Baltimore Music Conference (Oct 14 – 17, 2009). Raine will appear on the Mobtown stage at Rash Field on the Inner Harbor on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Set time is approximately 5:00 p.m. For more information on the conference, and to purchase tickets, check out Aisha's site at www.aisharaine.com.

AISHA RAINE ON TWITTER: If you have a Twitter account, why not add Aisha?
www.twitter.com/aisharaine.

The Freddie Long Band Releases Follow-Up To Wammie Nominated Debut Album

The Freddie Long Band recently released 'Shotgun With The Devil,' the 17-track follow-up to their Wammie-nominated debut album 'Strangers and Friends.' The hooky and driving sophomore album features expanded production and instrumentation with classic, soulful influences and Stax/Motown-style horn arrangements, drawing comparisons to Van Morrison, Billy Joel, and early Jackson 5.

'Shotgun With The Devil' is now available at <http://www.freddiealong.com/store>. To stream the album in its entirety, download (free) full-length tracks, or purchase high-quality digital versions of the album or individual songs, visit <http://www.freddiealong.com/music>.

Roger Tomhave and Friends Release Two CDs At Once

Roger Tomhave and Friends have simultaneously released 2 CDs of original music and a songbook. Produced by Aaron Percy, CDs Now I Begin and Let There Be Light feature the songwriting team of Roger Tomhave and Daniel David Johnson, with songs about relationships -- relationships with important people, special places, and with the Divine.

Available at gigs now, soon on CD Baby and <http://www.soulpajamas.com>

Lynn Hollyfield & Grace Griffith Perform Together at The Torpedo Factory Oct 22nd

Thursday, 7-9 p.m.

Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA

www.torpedofactory.org/spotlight

Lynn Hollyfield with Grace Griffith

Admission free.

Grace Griffith and Lynn Hollyfield are both gifted musicians. Together Lynn and Grace create a sweet acoustic sound with repertoire that runs the gamut from traditional British Isle ballads to original songs of experiences, with just enough humor to top it off.

Grace and Lynn celebrate the interconnectedness of life and nature through their music that touches and lifts the human spirit. From original songs penned by Hollyfield and other contemporary writers to old ballads in the folk tradition collected by Griffith, they weave lovely harmonies for a delightful evening of music. For more info visit www.lynnhollyfield.com or www.seamaid.org.

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

Wednesday, October 28th 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