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SAW NEWS & SPECIAL EVENTS

MASC DEADLINE APPROACHES—September 15, 2008

LAST CHANCE to submit your songs to the 25th Mid-Atlantic Song Contest. Don't let September 15th come and go and later wish you'd been a part of the action...**YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T ENTER!!!** Submit your songs any of these three ways, but do so before the big **DEADLINE: Monday, September 15, 2008.** Good luck!

- Via the SAW Web site until the 11:59 p.m. deadline on September 15, 2008
- Via Sonicbids
<http://www.sonicbids.com/25thAnnualMidAtlanticSongContest>
- Via Mail. They must be postmarked by September 15 and **MUST** be received by September 30 to be considered. We are not liable for damage/loss occurring in shipment. Hard copy applications are available at www.saw.org or email us at masc@saw.org.

HELLO GOODBYE AND THANKS!

We would like to thank Paige Powell for her time, effort and dedication as our Membership Administrator over the past several years. She started our current Members Directory and has done a great job for SAW. Paige is leaving the position in very good hands, though. We welcome Cindi Slaughter as our new Membership Administrator. Give her a little time to get on her feet and then feel free to bombard her with your membership/directory requests and questions at membership@saw.org.



SAW EVENTS: At a Glance

Here is a quick list of upcoming SAW events. **Please check the Web site, www.saw.org, for detailed and up-to-date information.**

SEPTEMBER 2008

9/11 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum
9/12 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike
9/13 (Sat)—Open Mike at the Lab
9/15 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
*****9/15 (Mon)—25th MID-ATLANTIC SONG CONTEST FINAL DEADLINE*****
9/18 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night
9/19 (Fri)—SAW Oneness Showcase (7:30-Dave Perolman, 8:00-Flo Anito, 8:30-Cletus Kennelly, 9:00-John Thayer / nomad, 9:30-Least Common Denominator, 10:00 ilyAIMY)
9/21 (Sun)—SAW Song Circle (Jim Clark's house)
9/22 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
9/23 (Tues)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night
9/25 (Thurs)—SAW "NEW" New Deal Café Open Mike
9/26 (Fri)—SAW Fourth Friday Montgomery County Music Showcase
9/27(Sat)—SAW Cameron Perks Open Mike
9/27 (Sat)—SAW Songwriters Exchange (Guest host: Eric Weinberg)

OCTOBER 2008

10/3 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike
10/6 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
10/9 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum
10/10 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike
10/11 (Sat)—SAW WORKSHOP: Press Kits – Promoting Yourself “Accurately and Awesomely” hosted by Ruthie Logsdon
10/11 (Sat)—Open Mike at the Lab
10/13 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
10/16 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night
10/17 (Fri)—SAW Oneness Showcase (Artists: 7:30-Jason Ager; 8:00-Pete and Alex; 8:30-Brian Franke; 9:00-Joe Shade; 9:30-Jeremy Johnson;10:00-Melissa Branin)
10/19 (Sun)—SAW Song Circle (SEE BELOW – HOST NEEDED!!!)**
10/20 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
10/23(Thurs)—SAW "NEW" New Deal Café Open Mike
10/24 (Fri)—SAW Fourth Friday Montgomery County Music Showcase
10/25(Sat)—SAW Cameron Perks Open Mike
1025 (Sat)—SAW Songwriters Exchange

10/27 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Showcase
10/28 (Tues)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night

** We are looking for a host for an October Song Circle. Any SAW member with an interest in hosting please contact Jim Johnson (jimjohnson@verizon.net) or Jim Clark (clarkjamesd@hotmail.com).



SAW EVENTS: Updates & More

SAW WORKSHOP: PRESS KITS—Promoting Yourself "Accurately and Awesomely" Through Your Press Kit

Saturday, October 11, 2008, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Lab at Convergence—1819 Crestwood Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302 (Corner of N. Quaker Lane and Crestwood Drive)

Cost: \$25 (advance), \$35 (at the door)

Hosted by Ruthie Logsdon, graphic designer and partner in pixidesign, specializing in promotion for the independent artist. Ruthie is lead singer and songwriter for Azalea City Recording Artists Ruthie and the Wranglers and has over 20 years of do-it-yourself promotion and design experience.

Whether you are starting your press kit from scratch or just want some feedback on your current promotional package, you will learn how to recognize and highlight your most important accolades and represent your best self. Get tips on how to help your press kit go from typical to tremendous with a few minor adjustments. See examples of other marketing ideas that won't break the bank!

Discussion Topics

How to get a great photo, what to include in a kit, how to create a bio and how to stand out among other artists

The workshop will include a press kit presentation, lively discussion, critique session (bring your presskits for feedback) and Q and A. Email education@saw.org with any questions.

Please check www.saw.org for changes to time or location.

SAW WORKSHOP: "Lyric and Creative Writing: An afternoon with singer/songwriter Andrew McKnight"

Saturday, October 11, 2008, 1 – 4 p.m. at the Round Hill Art Center

Cost: \$25 (advance), \$35 (at the door)

Co-sponsored by Round Hill Arts Center and Songwriters Association of Washington

FOR INFO AND TO REGISTER: www.roundhillarts.org or 540-338- 5050



OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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

Must be submitted on a MONTHLY BASIS.

There are no items for the "Other News & Events" for September 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 ANY TIME before the end of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Laura Baron Releases Her "Soft Jazz to Earthy Blues to Contemporary Folk" CD, *Scenes From the Avenue*

D.C. singer/songwriter, and SAW member, Laura Baron released her new CD, *Scenes From the Avenue*. The CD was produced by Bobby Read at Small World Audio in Afton, VA. *Scenes* is a collection of Laura's original compositions which range from soft jazz to earthy blues to contemporary folk. Featured artists on the CD include Bobby Read, Jon D'earth, Sol Creech and Rusty Spiedel. The track "Winter Don't Own Me" won a Gold Award in the Jazz/Blues category in the 2007 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest. The songs "No Easy Way to Say Goodbye" and "Scenes from the Avenue" were both finalists.

Laura's CD release concert will be held on October 10, 2008 from 7 -10 p.m. at the Historic Blair Mansion Inn in Silver Spring. Special guests will include Marshall Keys and Srdjan Kolarevic. Visit www.laurabaronmusic.com for more info and to order advance tickets. Dinner and drinks will be available.

"She belts out the blues in a primal, earthy way. But don't be fooled. As often as not her voice is delicate, reed thin, pleading, vulnerable- breathtakingly beautiful "- Pam Rigaux, Frederick News Post

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND POETRY (not your typical poetry reading...) Lynn Hollyfield With Norm Thorne, Cliff Lynn & Rocky Jones With Amy Lynn Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Lynn Hollyfield is a singer-songwriter living her dreams by diving into a solo recording and venturing out with guitar in hand and songs in pocket. She will grace the evening with original songs and crisp guitar work.

... "a musician who sings and plays her way into your soul"...

... "her 'playing is strong and solid and right on time"...

... "her voice is lovely,"—Grace Griffith, Wammie Award Winning Singer/Musician

... "her singing is 'seraphic'"—Mike Joyce, Washington Post.

Cliff and Rocky are multimedia poets who have been stretching the limits of stage poetry since 2005—using items such as toy instruments, fictitious instruments, and more recently, laser pointers, a game show buzzer. Amy Lynn will accompany the poetic duo. (Come and see all these Lynns!!!)

Saturday: 8 p.m.; Sunday: 7 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$12; Members/Students \$10; Kids under twelve \$5

Directions: The Hard Bargain Farm Amphitheater is located in Accokeek, 2001 Bryan Point Road—just 10 miles south of the Washington Beltway. From the Washington Beltway, take Exit 3A-Route 210 S-Indian Head Hwy. Travel ~10 miles to Bryan Point Rd sign/exit on your right (next right after Farmington Rd). Take this exit/service road off Indian Head Hwy; turn left at first stop sign and right at next stop sign onto Bryan Point Road. Follow CONCERT signs to 2001 Bryan Pt Rd. In case of rain, follow signs to the community center on Bryan Pt Rd.

For more information visit our Web site www.fergusonfoundation.org or call 301-292-5665, 301-292-1139 or send an email to Doris Sharp at dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org or hollyfield1@comcast.net. Refreshments available

Proceeds benefit the environmental education program at Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center.

STRATHMORE'S ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE FOR SEPTEMBER: MARGOT MACDONALD

Strathmore transforms talent and careers through its prestigious Artist-In-Residence program. Local emerging artists, all with bright futures in music, are invited to partner with seasoned working artists. The talented young musicians create vivid, organic and energetic performances to present at the Mansion at Strathmore. Graduates of the program include Laura Burhenn, LEA and Frédéric Yonnet. Strathmore is excited to present rocker Margot MacDonald as the Artist-In-Residence in September. The singer-songwriter released her debut album, *Rising*, at only age 12, and her sophomore album, *Torn*, at 15. Margot was the first winner of the "Young Artist Award" from the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest and the recipient of the 2007 "New Artist of the Year" Washington Area Music Award. Now 17, Margot is working on a new release and touring nationally. The September 10 Artist-In-Residence performance will showcase Margot's softer side with an all-acoustic show at Strathmore. Guest musicians will include Jennifer Cutting, Jon Carroll, Dan Cohn and Sydney Delmar. On September 24th Margot will rock out the Mansion! This all-electric show with her band— KC Hatton, Ken Barnum and Nik Hughes— will include the world premiere of a new song commissioned by Strathmore. The other 2008-09 Strathmore Artists-In-Residence are Jaime Salazar, Tosin Aribisala, Herb & Hanson, Tracy Anne Smith and John Kocur. Jennifer Cutting, Jon Carroll and Bob Israel will serve as mentors. www.strathmore.org

SOL RELEASES NEW CD *Freedom*

Sol's new CD release :Freedom is officially out! The title track received Honorable Mention in Open Category in 2007 MASC.

Freedom features the core musical unit of Sol on guitar and vocals, King George on drums, and Jake D on bass. Also guest appearances by Tim Smith (of Squirrel Nut Zippers, Hobex, and the Countdown Quartet), as well as members of Virginia's up-and-coming reggae groups, the Seed, and the Alliens. With these special guests, the new album moves from greasy delta grooves to deep reggae, and from stanky funk to soulful R&B. "SCB is excellent at morphing rock, blues, soul, and reggae, taking it all to a different level and contributing to the evolution of the styles into- quoting Sly Stone- 'a whole new thing'. Freedom is a great example of this band's music and a truly enjoyable listening experience"- Len Comaratta- WUVT Music Director. *Freedom* is available at www.cdbaby.com/solsongs

See Sol live at: Great Grape Wine Festival; Tarara Winery, Leesburg VA on Sunday Sept 21, 2008.

MARK HALL AND LARRY SAENZ RELEASE DEBUT CD, *NEVER TOO LATE*

Their sound is like a runaway train crashing headlong into a rainbow. Hard charging rock to soft ballads balanced by good harmonies, great lead guitar and catchy melodies. A sound spectrum that includes rock , pop and southern rock. *Never Too Late*, is available at www.cdbaby.com. For more on the duo check out www.nevertoolateband.com



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 AND WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RUN TWO MONTHS IN A ROW. 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.**

NERFA RIDE & ROOMATE... seeking rides, roommates, and a possible SAW contingent or SAW room for the upcoming NERFA conference (Northeast Regional Folk Alliance Conference) in Kerhonkson, NY from Thursday, November 13, 2008 through Sunday, November 16, 2008. For further details, please see the NERFA website at www.nerfa.org/ or contact Joel at pomeranj@hotmail.com or 240-383-9732.

FOR SALE: Vietnamese zither (Dan Tranh) handmade in Saigon for sale to someone who can appreciate it. Price is open. Contact Margaret Kirk at 703-451-1307.

VIDEOGRAPHER AND/OR SOUND PERSON to record the acts at upcoming SAW Oneness School showcases in Bethesda, MD on Fridays September 19th, October 17th, and November 21st perhaps for later posting (with the written permission of the posted artists) of individual song clips on youtube and/or the SAW website or other sites. Paying position running sound for these shows is also possibly available. For details please contact Joel Pomerantz at pomeranj@hotmail.com or pomeranj@yahoo.com or 240-383-9732.

VOLUNTEER FOR ONENESS SHOWCASE... set-up volunteer assistance in presenting the Oneness School Showcases at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bethesda, MD on Fridays September 19th, October 17th, November 21st and possibly beyond. Need transportation to obtain and transport refreshments prior to the show as well as volunteer help at door. Should be available not later than 6 p.m. on those Fridays. For further details, contact Joel Pomerantz at pomeranj@hotmail.com or pomeranj@yahoo.com or 240-383-9732.



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 being scheduled for Sunday afternoons, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.. Musicians interested in performing are being asked to contact Jeff Silberberg at jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net or 301-775-6468. This activity is in conjunction with the Songwriter's Association of Washington (SAW) and SAW Serves.

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.



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NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Friday, September 26, 2008 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