

Songwriters'  
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# SAW E-Notes

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## 1. Message from the President

Greetings!

Great times are ahead for SAW members! There is much going on and although you've probably read about some of the events already (or will be reading about them in the newsletter below), I'd just like to touch on them here. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to all the people who are working very hard to make these, and other SAW events, happen on a regular basis.

The Mid-Atlantic Song Contest is cruising along smoothly in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, under the expert guidance of our new Director, Ginger Starling, and Assistant Director, Lorilyn Coles. The submission **deadline of September 15 will NOT be extended** this year, so make sure you get your entries in before the deadline. There are great prizes to be won, and some great recognition to be gained! Email [masc@saw.org](mailto:masc@saw.org) with any questions you may have or to enter go to [www.saw.org](http://www.saw.org).

SAW's first-ever Songwriters Showcase at the Smithsonian is off to a great start, thanks to Lynne Revo-Cohen, Fred Cannon and BMI, and a dedicated team of Board members who are helping Lynne with this event. We are extremely excited to welcome the legendary songwriter, **Lamont Dozier**, as our guest artist for the evening of October 27 at the Smithsonian Baird Auditorium. Please make sure to submit your best song (for free!) for consideration by the **September 18 deadline**—and you may be up on the stage that evening! Whether you submit or not, are chosen to perform or not, you should plan to attend what promises to be a memorable, magical evening. Details are on the SAW website at [www.saw.org](http://www.saw.org).

Our SAW Song Circles and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Open Mic at Convergence in Alexandria will be starting up again this month—they are very friendly and comfortable places to play your best stuff, try out new songs, find people to jam with, or just come and listen. If you've been meaning to get more involved, these are great places to start! Thanks to Jim Johnson, Jim Clark, Michelle Murray, Rob Veale, Robert Keelin and Cindi Slaughter for making everyone feel at home! See the SAW EVENTS calendar below for dates.

**Brand New, Hot Off the Presses**—SAW will have a showcase room at the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance (NERFA) this year, which is taking place November 12-15 at the Hudson Valley Resort in

Monticello, New York. If you have attended NERFA in the past, never attended NERFA, or even if you've never heard of NERFA (go to [www.nerfa.org](http://www.nerfa.org)), this year would be a great time to experience this amazing conference. SAW members will be able to sign up for showcase slots in the SAW room, and we will also have a showcase for MASC winners. As a benefit to SAW members, SAW plans to become a member of Folk Alliance International in early October, making all SAW members members of Folk Alliance, which is a requirement for participating in any showcases. Thanks to Lorilyn Coles for the hard work, research and planning that has gone, and will go, into making this happen and to Ron Goad and Joel Pomerantz, who will be organizing and hosting showcases. Look for an email with details, and watch the SAW website for more information on the SAW NERFA Experience! The early registration deadline has been extended to September 12, so sign up before then at [www.nerfa.org](http://www.nerfa.org) to get the lowest conference registration rate. This will certainly be a weekend to remember!!

Thanks to Paige Powell for arranging and hosting an amazing Song Xchange this past Saturday. Rick Carnes, President of Songwriters Guild of America and Fred Cannon, Senior VP Government Relations of BMI, shared some great insights with the audience and we thank them both for their time and abundant knowledge of all things songwriting.

These are only some of the things going on at SAW—check our calendar and website regularly for performance opportunities, workshops and special events. And please do come on out, play, sing, chat, be merry!

Jean Bayou  
President  
Email: [president@saw.org](mailto:president@saw.org)

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## 2. SAW News

### Submit a Song to Win a Chance to Perform... AT THE SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE AT THE SMITHSONIAN DEADLINE: September 18<sup>th</sup> 2009

SEND SAW YOUR BEST SONG!!!

You Could be One of 12 Lucky Songwriters To Perform at  
SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE AT THE SMITHSONIAN  
Produced by The Smithsonian Associates  
Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) and BMI  
Supporting Organizations – WAMA, NSAI, BSA, DC Cabaret Network

Enter your best song now for a chance to perform live onstage at The Smithsonian Baird Auditorium –  
**Guest Artist: Lamont Dozier**, *legendary Motown songwriter for The Supremes, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, Michael Jackson, Marvin Gaye, etc...* Check out his work at  
[Hhttp://www.LamontDozier.comH](http://www.LamontDozier.com)

Date: October 27, 2009  
Place: Baird Auditorium, National Museum of Natural History, (14th & Constitution NW, DC)  
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY

Go to: <https://masc.saw.org/showcase/> to register and upload your song.

Submission: Final date for submission is September 18, 2009. Electronic submissions only and limit of (1) submission per person.

No cost for submission

People's Choice Award: "People's Choice" certificate will be awarded by the Smithsonian for "Best Adult" and "Best Young Artist" songs of the Showcase as voted by the audience.

**ENTRY CATEGORIES:**

Pop, Adult Contemporary, Jazz Vocals, R&B

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SUBMIT YOUR SONG NOW!!!**

Questions? Contact Lynne Revo-Cohen by email at [lrevocohen@aol.com](mailto:lrevocohen@aol.com)



## **The 26th Annual Mid-Atlantic Song Contest**

**FINAL POSTMARK DEADLINE: Sept. 15, 2009**

- ♪ 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 + more

Awarding gold & silver prizes in these categories: Folk & Acoustic \* Adult Contemporary/Rock/Alternative \* Pop \* Country/Bluegrass \* Vocal Jazz & Blues/Open \* Children's \* Gospel/Inspirational/Christian R&B/Hip Hop/Urban \* Instrumental (all genres)

Categories limited to 300 entries, chance of 1 in 300 or better to win Gold!

**Enter:** On-line at [www.saw.org](http://www.saw.org) or Sonicbids! OR request a mail-in form at [masc@saw.org](mailto:masc@saw.org)

For complete prize descriptions and rules, visit [www.saw.org](http://www.saw.org)

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### **3. SAW EVENTS: At a Glance—SEPTEMBER 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](http://www.saw.org/html/saw_community_events.asp)

9/3 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); [booking@sol-roots.com](mailto:booking@sol-roots.com)

9/5 (Sat)—The SAW Members' Showcase at COFFIHOUSE (Merrifield, VA);  
[DanaAustin@DanaAustinMusic.com](mailto:DanaAustin@DanaAustinMusic.com)

9/4 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); [jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net](mailto:jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net)

9/7 (Mon)—SAW Open Mic at Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)

9/7 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)

9/9 (Wed)—SAW JJ Muldoons Open Mic (Gaithersburg, MD); [patty@pattyreese.com](mailto:patty@pattyreese.com)

9/10 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum (Alexandria, VA) [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)

9/10 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); [booking@sol-roots.com](mailto:booking@sol-roots.com)

9/11 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); [michelle.murray6@verizon.net](mailto:michelle.murray6@verizon.net)

9/12 (Sat)—SAW Second Saturday Open Mic in Alexandria (Alexandria, VA); [RTVeale@gmail.com](mailto:RTVeale@gmail.com)

9/13 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.); [jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net](mailto:jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net)  
9/14 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)  
9/14 (Mon)—SAW Open Mic at Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)  
**9/15 (Tues)—MASC Submission Deadline, <http://www.saw.org/html/masc.asp>**  
9/16 (Wed)—SAW Board Meeting; [president@saw.org](mailto:president@saw.org)  
9/17 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA) [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)  
9/17 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mic (Brunswick, MD) [tomy@tomywright.com](mailto:tomy@tomywright.com)  
9/17 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); [booking@sol-roots.com](mailto:booking@sol-roots.com)  
**9/18 (Fri)—Songwriter's Showcase at Smithsonian Submission Deadline, <https://masc.saw.org/showcase/>**  
9/20 (Sun)—Song Circle @ Jim Clark's House; [ClarkJamesD@hotmail.com](mailto:ClarkJamesD@hotmail.com)  
9/21 (Mon)—SAW Open Mic at Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)  
9/21 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)  
9/23 (Wed)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)  
9/24 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); [booking@sol-roots.com](mailto:booking@sol-roots.com)  
9/24 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic @ The New Deal Café (Greenbelt, MD); [hollyfield1@comcast.net](mailto:hollyfield1@comcast.net)  
9/25 (Fri)—SAW Sounds of Hope at Potter's House (Washington, D.C.); [soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com](mailto:soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com)  
9/26 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange; [melodiesbypaige@earthlink.net](mailto:melodiesbypaige@earthlink.net)  
9/26 (Sat)—SAW Young Artist Showcase at the CoffiHouse (Merrifield, VA); [MarMacMusic@aol.com](mailto:MarMacMusic@aol.com)  
9/27 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.); [jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net](mailto:jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net)  
9/28 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)  
9/28 (Mon)—SAW Open Mic at Jammin' Java (Vienna, VA); [mistergoad@aol.com](mailto:mistergoad@aol.com)

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## 4. OTHER EVENTS

### **Benefits and Bookings: The Electric Maid Community Living Room**

The Electric Maid Community Living Room at 268 Carroll St,NW, Washington,DC 20012 (202-545-3980) is having monthly benefits for both local and international charities. The next one is on Saturday, September 26, 2009 for a charity TBA with bands TBA. We are looking both for both bands to perform and for attendees for future events. For further details, please contact Jeremy Weinstein at [raisermusic@gmail.com](mailto:raisermusic@gmail.com) .

The Electric Maid is also open for future acoustic and other bookings. For details and to be booked, please contact [maidbooking@gmail.com](mailto:maidbooking@gmail.com).

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## 5. MEMBER NOTES

### **Concerts in the Woods NEXT SATURDAY with Grace Griffith & Lynn Hollyfield**

*Saturday, 9/12/09, 8 PM*

*Ferguson Amphitheater, Hard Bargain Farm, Accokeek, MD.*

*Adults--\$12; Members/Students--\$10; Kids under twelve--\$5*

Grace Griffith, multi-Wammie Award winner, and singer/songwriter Lynn Hollyfield share the stage for an evening of beautiful music. Grace is a critically acclaimed interpreter of songs and long a favorite of DC area folk and celtic music fans. She has 3 solo albums and two CDs with her former trio "Connemara" on the Blix Street Records label, and recently was featured on Jennifer Cutting's "Ocean" recording project.

Lynn Hollyfield's original songs have well-crafted melodies, stand-alone lyrics and striking emotional depth. In addition to being a gifted singer and songwriter, Lynn is also quite accomplished on guitar. She has two CD's with her duo "Hollyfield & Spruill" and is currently finishing up work on her first solo recording.

This will be an evening of sparkling settings of contemporary songs and traditional ballads. Together, Grace and Lynn promise an evening of vocal delights with polished harmonies, rhythm and fun. The pair will be joined by Jimmy Brink, percussionist.

For more information go to, [www.seamaid.org](http://www.seamaid.org) and [www.lynnhollyfield.com](http://www.lynnhollyfield.com)

### **SAW BOARD MEMBER MICHELLE MURRAY HOSTS ONLINE RADIO SHOW FEATURING SAW SONGWRITERS 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.

Past shows have featured the Grammy winners Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Jon Carroll, Daryl Davis, and Les Thompson (a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band). The show has also featured many talented, award-winning local songwriters and including Bill Mulroney with Ron Goad, Laura Baron, Dulcie Taylor, Andrew McKnight, Jean Bayou, and Tom Dews. This live, online radio show is broadcast on Blogtalkradio.com and all shows will be 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>.

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:greggsguitarlessons@yahoo.com) to

help make a difference.

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## 7. MASC SPONSORS

BMI: Music Licensing, [www.bmi.com](http://www.bmi.com)

CF MARTIN & COMPANY: The Music Guitar Company, [www.martinguitar.com](http://www.martinguitar.com)

MARY CLIFF & Traditions Radio Show on WAMU, <http://marycliff.net>

FOLK ALLIANCE, [www.folk.org](http://www.folk.org)

HUMAN FACTOR, [www.humanfactor.net](http://www.humanfactor.net)

JAMMIN' JAVA: Concert Venue, [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com)

OASIS CD MANUFACTURING, [www.oasiscd.com](http://www.oasiscd.com)

OMEGA RECORDING STUDIOS, [www.omegastudios.com](http://www.omegastudios.com)

SONGWRITER'S MARKET, [www.songwritersmarket.com](http://www.songwritersmarket.com)

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

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## NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sawnotes@saw.org)