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March 27, 2018

Songwriters' Toolbox schedule for April

We have a new location and later start time for our [VA Toolbox](#) starting in April 28th: Grace Community Church at 1031 N Vermont Street in Arlington; 12:30 to 3:00. Please note that there will NOT be a DC or MD Toolbox in April. Stay tuned for information about May.

Song Completion Workshop with Jon Carroll: April 8th

[Jon Carroll](#) is an expert in the three Rs of songwriting, wRiting, Recording and Rhythmic. Jon has won a few grammys. He is a life-long musician and songwriter of note. He was a founding member of the Starland Vocal Band. Jon has been a part of Mary Chapin Carpenter's band forever. He wrote the Linda Rondstadt hit, "Get Closer" as well as others. He has toured with many great musicians, Rodney Crowell, Dixie Chicks, Peter Wolf & Eric Lindell, to name a few.

Jon, who used to live in our area while accomplishing all these things has relocated with his wife to New England. He will be in town the weekend of April 8th and will lead a workshop in song completion. From composing through arranging and recording your songs, Jon will give a shortened version of his college course entitled **The Three Act Structure in Composing, Arranging & Producing Music.**



Join us at Grace Community Church at: [1031 N Vermont St, Arlington, VA 22201](#) on Sunday April 8th from 2-4:30pm. Register early as this is going to sell out!



MisSpent Uke: Workshop with Glen Hirabayashi of the Aloha Boys on April 28th

Glen Hirabayashi has been doing big things with this little instrument for decades. He will be at Victor Litz music on Saturday April 28th for a workshop on all things ukelele. Glen will take the group through some history, some practical applications and some exercises to improve your approach to this powerful instrument. For more information and to sign up, see the event page.

SAW Community Day: Saturday, June 2nd



Mark your calendar for our annual Community Day, Saturday June 2nd from noon to 7pm. SAW Community Day is all about and for songwriters, songwriting, and performing. Plan to join us for an amazing day of workshops, song circles, song and performance critiques, networking opportunities, food, and more! Community Day will be held at Bethesda United Methodist Church, 8300 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD.



Grace Notes: *Songwriters on songwriting - Gleanings from Grace Matuszeski*

Carly Simon's memoir, *Boys in the Trees (2015)*, reads like a novel. For example, she first encountered her future husband, James Taylor, when they were adolescents. He was playing guitar on the steps of a country store on Martha's Vineyard and took a bite out of her popsicle. Simon was one of three pretty daughters of a wealthy prominent New York City family, who were all musical. The family sang at the dinner table. Simon was particularly drawn to music because she had a bad stutter, which was not present when she sang. She wrote the song "Anticipation" while waiting for her then boy friend, Cat Stevens, to show up for dinner at her apartment. Once she started it, she wrote it quickly, suddenly afraid that he was going to arrive and she would not be able to finish it. She wrote "You're So Vain" about three different men, one of whom is Warren Beatty. She does not reveal who the other two are because they don't know the song is about them despite the famous chorus – "You're so vain you probably think this song is about you."

Upcoming Open Mics & Showcases

- [Black Squirrel Open Mic](#)
03/27/2018 8:00 PM
Black Squirrel Music, 2670 Avenir Place, Vienna, Virginia 22180
- [Mariachis Taco Jam/Open Mic \(every Tues\)](#)
03/27/2018 8:00 PM
9428 Battle St (26.77 mi) Manassas, Virginia 20110
- [SAW Variety Showcases at The Epicure Cafe, Fairfax](#)
03/28/2018 7:30 PM
11104 Lee Highway (route 29) Fairfax VA
- [SAW Open Mic at Island Pride Oasis](#)
03/28/2018 7:30 PM
Island Pride Oasis, 617 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- [Fat Tuesday's Jam/Open Mic \(every Wednesday\)](#)
03/28/2018 9:30 PM
10673 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22032
- [SAW Showcase at Bump 'n Grind](#)
03/29/2018 7:30 PM
1200 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910
- [Black Squirrel Open Mic](#)
04/03/2018 8:00 PM
Black Squirrel Music, 2670 Avenir Place, Vienna, Virginia 22180
- [Mariachis Taco Jam/Open Mic \(every Tues\)](#)
04/03/2018 8:00 PM
9428 Battle St (26.77 mi) Manassas, Virginia 20110
- [SAW Open Mic at Island Pride Oasis](#)
04/04/2018 7:30 PM
Island Pride Oasis, 617 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- [Acoustic Open Mic at Politics and Prose \(first Wednesdays\)](#)
04/04/2018 8:00 PM
5015 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008
- [Fat Tuesday's Jam/Open Mic \(every Wednesday\)](#)
04/04/2018 9:30 PM
10673 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22032
- [New Deal Open Mic \(1st Thurs\)](#)
04/05/2018 7:00 PM
New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD
- [Singer / Songwriter Showcase at Outta the Way Cafe](#)
04/05/2018 8:00 PM
17503 Redland Rd, Derwood, MD 20855

- [SAW Open Mic at Rockville Legion Hall \(1st Fri\)](#)
04/06/2018 8:00 PM
Am Legion Post 86, 2013 Viers Mill Road, Rockville, MD

Upcoming Workshops & Critiques

- [SAW Workshop with Jon Carroll](#)
04/08/2018 2:00 PM
Grace Community Church 1031 N Vermont St, Arlington, VA 22201
- [VA Songwriters' Toolbox \(4th Saturdays\)](#)
04/28/2018 12:30 PM
Grace Community Church, 1031 N Vermont St, Arlington, VA 22201
- [Glen Hirabayashi's Ukulele Workshop](#)
04/28/2018 1:00 PM
Victor Litz Music 306 E Diamond Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 2087



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