

Songwriters'
Association
of Washington

SAW E-Notes



July 2009



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1. Letter from the SAW President

Dear SAW Members/Board,

Thanks to all who attended SAW's 2nd Annual Community Day on June 6th, it was such a great day! There were lots of new faces and lots of familiar ones, and our speed networking event gave everyone a chance to get to know a little more about each other. SAW raised approximately \$1500 from silent auction proceeds. We would like to thank Lorilyn Coles for organizing this, and all those folks who donated some really great items and services.

We look forward to another great year of SAWing with you! As always, feel free to let us know what's on your mind or if there is anything you think we might be able to improve upon or help you with.

Don't forget to get your entries ready for this year's Mid-Atlantic Song Contest. See www.saw.org for details!

Best regards,

Jean Bayou
SAW President
president@saw.org

2. SAW News



The 26th Annual Mid-Atlantic Song Contest

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: July 15, 2009

FINAL POSTMARK DEADLINE: Sept. 15, 2009

EARLY BIRD PRIZE: Two 2-year SAW Memberships. Winners drawn from all entries submitted by July 15th

- ♪ 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 or Sonicbids ! OR request a mail-in form at masc@saw.org

For complete prize descriptions and rules, visit www.saw.org

3. SAW EVENTS: At a Glance—July 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

- 7/1 (Wed)—SAW Songwriter Showcase at ArtOMatic; pomeranj@hotmail.com
- 7/2 (Fri)—SAW Young Artist Showcase @ ARTOMATIC; margot@margotmacdonald.com
- 7/6 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
- 7/8 (Wed)—SAW JJ Muldoons Open Mike (Gaithersburg, MD); patty@pattyreese.com
- 7/9 (Thurs)—Music at the Athenaeum (Alexandria, VA) mistergoad@aol.com
- 7/11 (Sat)—SAW Open Mike at the COFFiHOUSE; dana@danaaustinmusic.com
- 7/12 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital; jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
- 7/13 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
- 7/16 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA) mistergoad@aol.com
- 7/16 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mike (Brunswick, MD) tomy@tomywright.com
- 7/20 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
- 7/22 (Wed)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com

7/25 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange; melodiesbypaige@earthlink.net
7/26 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.);
jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
7/27 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
7/31 (Fri)—Sounds of Hope Open Mike at Potter's House in D.C. (Washington, D.C.);
soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com

4. SAW EVENTS: Updates

SAW Song Xchange Update

The Song Exchange, normally co-hosted by Dan Grove and Paige Powell (this summer, hosted solo by Paige Powell) is still meeting at The Lab at Convergence, the same place we held our SAW Annual Meeting. This summer, we are focusing on song content, story songs, and how to get YOUR story into a song! One songwriting pro who has a reputation for great stories in his songs is Tomy Wright, and he will be our guest artist in July. Just one of his accomplishments is that he achieved national airplay on NPR's Car Talk (show #0321) with his "I'm Gonna Get Me a Car." Tomy was recently elected to our SAW Board of Directors, and everyone is excited about our new board— all the new faces who will bring refreshing new ideas to the table. Check out his site at <http://www.tomywright.com>.

As usual, we will meet on the 4th Saturday of the month, July 25th, at 10:00 a.m.

SAW Events on Summer Hiatus

These events, unless otherwise noted, will resume in September 2009.

- 2nd Saturday Open Mike @ The Lab
- SAW Song Circles
- SAW Montgomery County Open Mike (for July... Only August date will be Friday, August 7th)

SAW Open Mic at the COFFiHOUSE

Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 7 p.m. Until ?????

8433 Lee Hwy Merrifield, VA 22031; <http://www.coffihouse.com>

Hosted by Dana Austin and Frank Kayser

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!

Schedule for July 11th show:

Open Mic Signup 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

7:00-7:30 Dana Austin, www.DanaAustinMusic.com

7:30-8:00 Tom Dews, www.TomDews.com

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

8:10-8:20 Tom Sharkey

8:30-9:00 Julie Kehrl and the Three Tools (Lever, Pulley, and Wedge)

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

9:10-9:30 Special Guest: SAW President Jean Bayou, www.JeanBayou.com

9:30-10:00 Lynn Hollyfield with Grace Griffith, www.LynnHollyfield.com, www.seamaid.org

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

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 and an Alesis QS8.1 keyboard.

5. MEMBER NOTES

T. Edwin Doss/CD Release Concert on July 28th at 8 p.m.

There is a "Buzz" about this release concert taking place at the "OUTTA THE WAY CAFE" in Derwood, MD. (Muncaster Mill & Redland Rd.). Most of the musicians and vocalists who participated on the CD will be there performing with T. Edwin to help make this a memorable concert. They include Paul Bell and Pete Ragusa (from the Nighthawks), famed bass player, Rico Petrocelli, Jon Carroll (Grammy® and multi-WAMA winner), Patty Reese (WAMA winner), Banjer-Dan Mazer, and Amy Nazarov-Caryn Fox (from the WAMA winning group, Dead Men's Hollow). Chris Murphy from RHL Audio will be working sound. T. Edwin's CD, *Out On Rocky's Run*, has already received substantial air-play on Americana stations. Come join the excitement, and enjoy this outstanding singer/songwriter perform with some of the best musicians in the area. T. Edwin's CD is available on CDBaby, iTunes, etc. Seating is limited.

Second Wind Bandits to Appear On Revolutionary Radio

SAW member Bill Mulrone's band (Second Wind Bandits) will be heard on Revolutionary Radio 102.5 FM, broadcasting from Williamsburg, Va. this coming holiday weekend. The broadcast can be heard by going to www.wrrw.fm on Sat. July 4, 2009 from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m., and again on Sunday, July 5 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The SWBs performed five original songs "unplugged" in the studio, and many tracks from the band's new CD. "A Gift of Love" was discussed and played as well. For more on Second Wind Bandits, go to www.myspace.com/secondwindbandits

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, July 24, 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. **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