

Songwriters'
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of Washington

SAW E-Notes

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1. News

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The State of SAW

Many thanks to all who came out on June 26th to enjoy SAW's third annual Community Day. Those who attended either learned something they didn't know before, enjoyed meeting someone they'd never met, obtained much food for thought, had a few laughs, ate an abundance of food, and/or heard some very cool songs. Many thanks to all the SAW "personnel" who made this 13-hour extravaganza happen!

We would really like to have your feedback on the events of Community Day if you attended any part of it, and any ideas/suggestions you may have for next year. If you did not attend, we'd like to hear from you also, especially if there was a reason besides the usual weddings, family vacations or gigs which might have prevented you from attending. We encourage you to write to jean.bayou@yahoo.com and/or loralyn@mindspring.com and let us know your thoughts and ideas. It's not too early to start planning for next year's Community Day, and we'll be glad to have your help in any way possible. Please send your comments (all varieties welcome) and/or volunteer commitments by July 15 so we may compile and start considering them. We also welcome any comments you may have about other SAW activities, or activities you would like to see presented.

SAW had an active year (+), starting with the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Gala in January and ending with a fairly large SAW contingency enjoying a long weekend at the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance (NERFA) in November. Inbetween and after, there have been several other events and workshops, including an amazing evening at the Smithsonian with Lamont Dozier and several excellent local singer songwriters.

SAW provides many performance opportunities for songwriters by hosting showcases and open mics in various locations throughout DMV (District, Maryland and Virginia). SAW's Young Artist Showcases have also become very popular and will hopefully be expanding to accommodate more young performing songwriters.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the folks who have made these things happen through their ongoing and sustained efforts. And thanks to those who support the organization and the organizers by attending these events. We would also like to thank BMI and all of our Mid-Atlantic Song Contest sponsors for helping us to keep doing what we do.

We would like to welcome new Board members Tom Carrico, Molly Hagen, Diana Quinn, Dumi Right, Todd Walker and Janine Wilson. Thank you to outgoing Board members Larry Mediate and Jim Clark, as well as our webmistress, Laura Chick, for your service to SAW.

Here's to a great year ahead for SAW and all of you!

Jean
President@saw.org

MASC Early Bird Deadline: July 15, 2010

Enter by July 15th for a chance to win a one year SAW Membership!



The 27th Mid-Atlantic Song Contest

Presented by the Songwriters' Association of Washington

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER \$1000 cash +
2011 SummerSongs Camp Registration + 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
NEW PRIZE * BMI Songwriter Award \$300

Awarding Gold & Silver Prizes in these categories

Acoustic & Folk • Adult Contemporary
Rock/Alternative • Pop ★ Country/Bluegrass • Vocal Jazz & Blues
Open • Children's • Gospel/Inspirational/Christian
R&B/Hip Hop/Urban • Instrumental (all genres)

NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES!

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: July 15, 2010
FINAL POSTMARK DEADLINE: Sept. 15, 2010

EARLY BIRD DRAWING for FREE SAW Memberships. Winners drawn from all entries submitted by July 15th.

enter online at

www.saw.org

Or at

Sonicbids (www.sonicbids.com)

Or

by mail

See complete rules at www.saw.org

OR on official entry form

	SAW Member Rates	Non-Member Rates
1 - 5 Songs	\$22 per song	\$26 per song
6 - 10 Songs	\$20 per song	\$24 per song
11 - 15 Songs	\$18 per song	\$20 per song

Dust off or polish up your songs and send them in to the
27th Annual Mid-Atlantic Song Contest
You'll be glad you did!

2. SAW EVENTS: At a Glance—JULY 2010

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

7/2 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net

7/4 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com

7/5 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
7/5 (Mon)—Open Mic at the JV Restaurant (Falls Church, VA); dquinn@gmail.com
7/6 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD); martinisopenmic@comcast.net
7/8 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
7/8 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum (Alexandria, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
7/9 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); dalton@pottersviolins.com
7/11 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, DC);
jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
7/11 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com
7/12 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
7/13 (Tues)—Open Mic at Frederick Coffee Company (Frederick, MD); todd@toddcwalker.com
7/13 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD);
martinisopenmic@comcast.net
7/15 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
7/15 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
7/15 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mic (Brunswick, MD); tomy@tomywright.com

7/18 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com
7/18 (Sun)—SAW Serves at Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital (Rockville, MD);
jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
7/19 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
7/20 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD);
martinisopenmic@comcast.net
7/20 (Tues)—Open Mic at Frederick Coffee Company (Frederick, MD); todd@toddcwalker.com
7/21 (Wed)—SAW Board Meeting
7/22 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at the New Deal Café (Greenbelt, MD); lynn@lynnhollyfield.com or
dsweave@gmail.com
7/22 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
7/30 (Fri)—SAW Sounds of Hope at Potter's House (Washington, D.C.);
soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com
7/25 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com
7/26 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
7/27 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD);
martinisopenmic@comcast.net
7/29 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
7/30 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net

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8/1 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com
7/5 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
7/5 (Mon)—Open Mic at Sully's (Chantilly, VA); thewanderingmoon@gmail.com
7/5 (Mon)—Open Mic at the JV Restaurant (Falls Church, VA); dquinn@gmail.com
7/6 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD); martinisopenmic@comcast.net

3. SAW EVENTS: Details & Updates

ON SUMMER HIATUS (resuming in September 2010)

SAW Second Saturday Open Mic in Alexandria
SAW Song Circles
Song Xchange
Convergence Open Mic

4. OTHER EVENTS / CONTESTS

DISCLAIMER: SAW neither endorses nor guarantees any of these listings—they are offered for your information only. Please be sure to thoroughly check out all contests and opportunities before entering.

WORKSHOPS

Songwriting Workshop with 3x Grammy Nominee Richard Leigh

When: July 21, 2010, from 6 – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Ashland Coffee & Tea, 100 N. Railroad Ave., Ashland, VA 23005

Cost: \$35 (seating is limited)

This three-time Grammy nominee and inductee of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame explores the techniques and cognitive tricks you can learn to:

- ❖ Improve your odds of writing competitive songs
- ❖ Tap your personal creative well
- ❖ Gain perspective on co-writing and songwriter's etiquette
- ❖ Improve productivity
- ❖ Conquer writer's block
- ❖ And more!

Bring check or cash to the workshop or call AC&T to reserve your space. Credit cards accepted.

Want to get some one-on-one feedback on your songs from Richard Leigh? **Private consultations** will be conducted on Thursday, July 22, 2010. **Slots are extremely limited, so call AC&T (798-1702) to arrange with Moya or Truman Parmele**

SHOWS AND GIG OPPORTUNITIES

Electric Maid Schedule for July and August

26 Carroll Street, NW, Washington DC-202-545-3980. (One Block from Takoma Park Metro. Between Seekers Church and Torchinsky's Funeral Home, across from 7-11.)

Saturday-07/10-Youth Rock Festival-featuring Manic Attack and other bands

Saturday-07/17-Ricky Stein

Monday-07/19-Waking Alley

Friday-07/23-Ryan Fontanilla and Steve Hung in concert-GREAT instrumentals

Thursday-07/29-Patrick Turner

Friday-07/30-Irish Musical showcase-sponsored by Janie Maneely and Jennifer Cutting

Saturday-07/31-You Blew It

Friday-08/06-Racecar Backwards

Friday-08/20-Tokyo Rosenthal

Friday-08/27-Sound in Stone

Saturday-08/28-Juan Acevado and other bands

Still Seeking Openers, co-bills, and other bands to fill dates. Contact maidbooking@gmail.com for details.

Also, Sunday Potluck Jams 2-4 PM starting on July 11th, 2010. Contact maidbooking@gmail.com for details.

5. MEMBER NOTES

The Americana Stage presents Sol & Funk Root

Saturday July 10, 2010

The Americana Stage is dedicated to presenting the highest quality music at relaxing venues in the Northern Virginia area. On Saturday July 10 Sol will be performing with his band Funk Root at the Beautiful South venue in Hamilton Virginia. Sol has been called "a fierce guitarist and soulful singer" by

Jambase. He will be accompanied by master drummer Bruce Guttridge (Mike Stern, Carl Filipiak) and bassist John Buck (John Lee, Transmitters).

www.theamericanastage.com

www.sol-roots.com

6. CLASSIFIEDS

MEMBER ISO PIANIST COMPOSER FOR ROCK SONG

Aisha Raine (<http://www.aisharaine.com>) is looking for a piano composer to co-write a new song for her upcoming album. The song will be piano and voice only, style like Evanescence's "Breathe No More" (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zH_EJo5MFR8). Interested? Contact Aisha at aisha@aisharaine.com.

NOTE: Please check out the YouTube clip BEFORE replying.

7. 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.

8. MASC SPONSORS

BMI: BMI-Performing Rights Organization, www.bmi.com
CF MARTIN & COMPANY: The Music Guitar Company, www.martinguitar.com
MARY CLIFF & Traditions Radio Show on WAMU, <http://marycliff.net>
CUE RECORDING, www.cuerecording.com
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/>
SUMMERSONGS SONGWRITERS CAMPS www.summersongs.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 2010 Issue **Friday, July 30th 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