

Songwriters'
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SAW E-Notes

JUNE 2010

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1. News

SAW Community Day

June 26, at the Lab at Convergence, Alexandria, VA
(directions below*)

Come join us for our annual SAW Community Day, featuring many activities and tuneful fun, and a great opportunity to get to know fellow songwriters. Guests are more than welcome!

10:00 - 12:30 **Song Xchange** – A session to work on songwriting technique, welcoming new Coordinator **Kevin Dudley** as our Guest Artist! Free.

12:30 - 1:30 **Lunch Break**

1:30 - 3:30 **Workshop - SUMMER SONGWRITER'S OIL, LUBE, & TUNEUP**

Rejuvenate your songwriting with workshops at two levels with GRAMMY winners, SAW MASC winners, and 50+ WAMMIE winners **Cathy Fink** and **Marcy Marxer** (read more about them at www.cathymarcy.com). We are honored and excited to have BOTH Cathy and Marcy, who are seasoned songwriting educators as well, presenting this workshop. We will divide into two groups - Basic Songwriting and Advanced Songwriting. Each group will work with Cathy or Marcy for an hour, and then swap. Leave with new ideas for writing practice, and enough "homework" to last 'til the end of summer! This promises to be entertaining AND enlightening!

We are offering SAW members special pricing for this not-to-be-missed workshop. Cost if you are a SAW member and register in advance (by June 25) is only \$25 (\$35 for BSA, WAMA, NSAI, and BMI members, and \$40 for the general public). Add \$5 to each of these prices if you register at the door. You will be able to pre-register at the SAW website starting around June 5, until midnight June 25.

3:30 – 6:00 **Presentations, Collaboration sessions, and Jim Clark's Song Challenge.** Free

6:00 – 7:00 **Dinner** (pizza, salad, dessert) - **FREE for SAW members**, \$7.00 for guests. Watch your inbox for an Evite for dinner--please RSVP so we'll be sure to have enough food!

7:00 – 8:00 **SAW Annual Meeting** (quick, lively, and painless – trust us on this!)

8:00 – 11:00 **Open Mic**, great sound system! Probably a two song limit. Free

All day long - Silent Auction and Raffle(s). This was so popular last year that we're doing it again! We're seeking **tax deductible donations** of music-related items. Musical instruments and music gear are especially welcome, but we'd love to have services, too. For example, are you a music teacher or graphic artist? Please consider donating a lesson or a consulting session. For more info or **to donate, email Loralyn Coles at loralyn@mindspring.com**. Some of what's donated so far (thanks all!):

- Music Video Recording at Lizrd Studios in Springfield, VA, with VOA's Gary Jaffe
- Casio CTK-471 Keyboard
- Charvel Electric Guitar
- Beautiful spinet piano, with a free tuning by Ginger Starling of Northstar Pianos

Be looking for the Evite in your mailbox soon! Come for the day, or any part of it--we'd certainly love to see you!

(***Directions:** Convergence's address is 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria VA, at the intersection with Crestwood Drive. The Lab is a brick building facing Crestwood. It has no address on it, but 1781 Crestwood Drive pinpoints it in Google Maps. **Map:** <http://tinyurl.com/5wnz9g>. Take the Shirlington exit off of I-395 and follow the signs to Quaker Lane, then take the second left on Crestwood Drive. The Lab at Convergence is the first building on the left.)



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

SONGWRITERS' ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

announces

The 27th Mid-Atlantic Song Contest

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—JUNE 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

- 6/3 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
6/4 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); jeffrey.silberberg@verizon.net
6/6 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com
6/7 (Mon)—SAW Jammin' Java Music Showcase (Vienna, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
6/7 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
6/7 (Mon)—Open Mic at Sully's (Chantilly, VA); thewanderingmoon@gmail.com
6/7 (Mon)—Open Mic at the JV Restaurant (Falls Church, VA); dquinn@gmail.com
6/8 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD); martinisopenmic@comcast.net
6/9 (Wed)—Open Mic at Restaurant Le Village (Beltsville, MD); lauren@laurenyoungmusic.com
6/10 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
6/10 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum (Alexandria, VA); mistergoad@aol.com
6/11 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mic (Rockville, MD); dalton@pottersviolins.com
6/11 (Fri) -- Special Young Songwriters Open Mic at Ebenezers Coffeehouse (Washington, DC) <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=114309008597010&index=1>
6/12 (Sat)—SAW Second Saturday Open Mic in Alexandria (Alexandria, VA); RTVeale@gmail.com
6/12 (Sat)—WORKSHOP (at Writer's Center): Jumpstart Your Songwriting: A day of creative fun
6/13 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com
6/14 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
6/14 (Mon)—Open Mic at Sully's (Chantilly, VA); thewanderingmoon@gmail.com
6/15 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD); martinisopenmic@comcast.net
6/16 (Wed)—SAW Board Meeting
6/16 (Wed)—Open Mic at Restaurant Le Village (Beltsville, MD); lauren@laurenyoungmusic.com
6/17 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA); mistergoad@aol.com

6/17 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mic (Brunswick, MD); tomy@tomywright.com
6/17 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
6/20 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com
6/21 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
6/21 (Mon)—Open Mic at Sully's (Chantilly, VA); thewanderingmoon@gmail.com
6/22 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD);
martinisopenmic@comcast.net
6/23 (Wed)—Open Mic at Restaurant Le Village (Beltsville, MD); lauren@laurenyoungmusic.com
6/24 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at the New Deal Café (Greenbelt, MD); lynn@lynnhollyfield.com or
dsweave@gmail.com
6/24 (Thurs)—SAW Open Mic at LA Bar & Grill (Arlington, VA); booking@sol-roots.com
6/25 (Fri)—SAW Sounds of Hope at Potter's House (Washington, D.C.);
soundsofhopebooking@gmail.com
6/26 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange; Featured Artist: Kevin Dudley (see details below)
6/26 (Sat)—SAW ANNUAL MEETING / BIG BASH
6/27 (Sun)—Open Mic at Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); NancyKatzTriplett@me.com
6/28 (Mon)—SAW Brewer's Alley Music Showcase (Frederick, MD); mistergoad@aol.com
6/28 (Mon)—Open Mic at Sully's (Chantilly, VA); thewanderingmoon@gmail.com
6/29 (Tues)—Martini's Unplugged Open Mic Tuesdays (White Plains, MD);
martinisopenmic@comcast.net
6/30 (Wed)—Open Mic at Restaurant Le Village (Beltsville, MD); lauren@laurenyoungmusic.com

July Preview

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3. SAW EVENTS: Details & Updates

SAW SONG XCHANGE UPDATE

On Saturday, June 26, the Song Xchange will be the kickoff for **SAW's Annual Community Day**, an all-day event at the Lab (see the article above). It will also mark a transition for the Xchange—after four years, **Dan Grove** will be handing off the coordinator's role to **Kevin Dudley**, who is a great songwriter and craftsman, and who has exciting ideas for modifying the sessions. **We'll be going on hiatus for the summer, taking July and August off, then returning September 25 with Kevin's new format.**

There's no better way to make this transition than to have Kevin as Dan's last Guest Artist - so don't miss the June 26 Xchange, when you can meet Kevin and hear his songs and ideas!

A native Texan, guitarist, and singer/songwriter, Kevin lives in Alexandria now. He writes painstakingly crafted songs based on personal experience, with a universal appeal. One of his most requested songs, "Texarkana Diner," placed Silver in the 2009 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest, and another, "Rodeo Girl," gained an honorable mention. Over a long career, Kevin has played the Birchmere, Rams Head, IOTA, and numerous other local venues, opening for such acts as BR-549 and the Bottle Rockets. Learn and hear more at:

<http://www.myspace.com/kevindudley59>

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/the-open-stage/2010/03/11/the-open-stage-with-cathy-fink-victoria-vox-and-kevin-dudley>

Kevin's ideas for the new format are still evolving, but Guest Artists will continue to be a staple of the sessions. They'll be followed by a guided discussion on the craft of songwriting, with a specific topic and exercises relating to songwriting and the creative process each month. The goal is to help songwriters of

every level improve their songcraft and dig deeper to find their own "inner voice." Critiques of songs will probably be moving to an online format—stay tuned, this is big!

Don't miss this Xchange, be with us as we transition, embrace new technology, and expand the writing toolbox, while never losing "three chords and the truth."

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.

CONTESTS

Avalonfest Performing Songwriter Competition

Submission Deadline: June 15, 2010

Submit 2 songs—not previously released for sale on CD, on the web or any other media—by deadline. Finalists will be selected to perform the songs at Avalonfest on August 13, 2010. The winner will perform a paid 30-minute set on August 14, 2010. For a full list of prizes, contest rules and application procedures, please visit <http://www.avalon-resort.com> and www.sonicbids.com.

Next Wedding Classic 2010 Free Internet Song Contest For Original Wedding Songs

Submission Deadline: July 2, 2010

You are invited to submit your entries with themes of love, honor, and commitment and compete for cash awards as well as the opportunity to be presented to major label recording artists for inclusion on their upcoming projects. During each of the three consecutive semi-final weeks beginning July 4, 2010, online voters will determine which songs will advance to the final. The final will then be held the week of July 25, 2010. Winner announced August 1, 2010. For more information visit: www.thenextweddingclassic.com.

WORKSHOPS

Jumpstart Your Songwriting: a day of creative fun for all levels

Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

At The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street; Bethesda, MD

Workshop Leader: Cathy Fink

Tuition: \$125 (\$85 for members of The Writer's Center, Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) and Washington Area Music Association (WAMA).

Register online at www.writer.org or by calling 301-654-8664

Keep your songwriting going this summer with a batch of new ideas on finding topics to write about, writing methods, daily writing exercises and fine tuning your songs.

There will be 3 sections to the full day program: 1) Jump in and START with writing "mini songs" 2) 10 songwriting devices that help create a structure for your song. How can you make each song better both musically and lyrically? 3) Song circle and critique. Bring in your best and we'll talk about making it even better. Bring your lunch, paper and pencil, rhyming dictionary if you have one and musical instrument if you'd like to.

Cathy Fink is a prolific songwriter with 2 GRAMMY Awards, 11 GRAMMY nominations and 50 awards from the Washington Area Music Association in bluegrass, folk and children's music. She shares all her awards and recordings with Marcy Marxer. Cathy & Marcy maintain an active tour schedule as children's/family performers and folk/roots/country/swing artists. Cathy's song "Names" about the Aids Memorial Quilt was recorded by over 20 artists in several countries. She has won the John Lennon Songwriting Contest and International Songwriting Contest. She writes songs in many styles for listeners of all ages. Cathy's skill as an instructor has been honed in 25 years of teaching at various music camps

and workshops, including The Kennedy Center, Strathmore Music Center, Puget Sound Guitar Workshop and Carnegie Hall (Lewisburg, WV).

www.cathymarcy.com

5. MEMBER NOTES

MEMBER GIGS

2nd Annual Ebbitt Block Party

June 19th - 15th & G Streets, NW DC 4-11 pm

Washington D.C.'s Premiere Cookout and Street Festival brought to you by the Old Ebbitt Grill featuring 7 hours of live music with 10 Performances by 6 bands on 3 stages. You'll get a taste of Rock, Folk, Blues, Funk, Jazz and more!!

The musical headliner is national roots rocker Jackie Greene (dubbed "The Prince of Americana" by the New York Times), with regional favorites William Walter, Sol & Funk Root, Emilie Bogrand, Justin Trawick, Christylez Bacon, and The Homestead Act.

It's summer in the city and the sun's out so it's time to shut down G street and turn up the music. Join us as we push DC summertime into full swing! The 2nd Annual Ebbitt Block Party has quickly established itself as DC's premiere street festival and tastiest cookout. We will be parking ourselves on the 1400 block of G Street, paving the way for hours of non-stop musical performances and sparking up the grills for signature Old Ebbitt Grill food and drink! Write the date down and sunscreen up, we can't wait to see you there!

We are joined again this summer by our charitable partner, the DC Central Kitchen who will again be collecting canned or commercially packaged nuts and raisins, as well as can openers. Bring something to contribute and receive a free raffle ticket for each item!

Please visit www.ebbittblockparty.com for more information.

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>
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, June 25th 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