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SAW WORKSHOP

THIS SATURDAY!!!

WORKSHOP: Songwriting Workshop with Grammy Winners Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2009 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Place: Lab at Convergence, 1819 Crestwood Drive, Alexandria VA

Price \$50 only 50 seats available

www.cathymarcy.com

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer will lead 2 concurrent sessions from 10-12pm, followed by a lunch break. They will then do a session together from 12:30-2pm.
Bring paper and writing implements for “in workshop” exercises.

Cathy’s session will focus on 3 topics:

- 1) The elements of a great song
- 2) Songwriting practice and exercises
- 3) The intention behind your songs-who/what are you writing for and how does that influence your approach.

Marcy’s Session will focus on 3 topics:

- 1) Tools of rhyme and poetry
- 2) Writing with a specific purpose or theme
- 3) Inspiration: where and how it meets art & craft

The session with Cathy & Marcy together will cover co-writing, editing yourself, and getting help from others in editing.

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer have been nominated 13 consecutive times for GRAMMY Awards in folk and children's music. They have won 2 GRAMMY Awards for the original CD "Bon Appétit!: Musical Food Fun and "cELLAbration: a Tribute to Ella Jenkins". Their song "Scat Like That" took first place in both the John Lennon Songwriting Contest and the ISC (children's music). Cathy's song "Names" placed first in the Mid Atlantic Songwriting Contests "Folk" category. They collectively have nearly 50 WAMMY Awards. www.cathymarcy.com



SAW EVENTS: AT-A-GLANCE

Here is a quick list of upcoming SAW events. **Please check the Web site, www.saw.org, for detailed and up-to-date information.**

MARCH 2009

- 3/1 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital
- 3/2 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD)
- 3/4 (Wed)—SAW Austin Grille Showcase (Centreville, VA)
- 3/6 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike (Rockville, MD)
- NEW!**→3/7 (Sat)—CoffiHouse/SAW Young Artists Showcase (Merrifield, VA)
- 3/9 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD)
- 3/9 (Mon)—SAW Jammin' Java Open Mike (Vienna, VA)
- 3/11 (Wed)—SAW JJ Muldoons Open Mike (Gaithersburg, MD)
- 3/11 (Wed)—SAW Austin Grille Showcase (Centreville, VA)
- 3/12 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum (Alexandria, VA)
- 3/13 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike (Rockville, MD)
- 3/14 (Sat)—SAW Second Saturday Open Mike (Alexandria, VA)
- 3/15 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.)
- 3/16 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD)
- 3/16 (Mon)—SAW Jammin' Java Open Mike (Vienna, VA)
- 3/18 (Wed)—SAW Austin Grille Showcase (Centreville, VA)
- 3/19 (Thurs)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA)
- 3/19 (Thurs)—SAW Beans in the Belfry Open Mike (Brunswick, MD)
- 3/22 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.)
- 3/22 (Sun)—SAW Song Circle @ Jim Clark's 2 – 5 p.m.
- 3/23 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD)
- 3/23 (Mon)—SAW Jammin' Java Open Mike (Vienna, VA)
- 3/25 (Wed)—SAW Bangkok Blues Music Night (Falls Church, VA)
- 3/25 (Wed)—SAW Austin Grille Showcase (Centreville, VA)
- 3/26 (Thurs)—SAW New Deal Café Open Mike (Greenbelt, MD)
- 3/27 (Fri)—Sounds of Hope Open Mic at Potter's House in D.C. (Washington, D.C.)
- 3/28 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange (Alexandria, VA)—Guest Artist: Michelle Murray

APRIL 2009

- 4/3 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike (Rockville, MD)
- 4/6 (Mon)—Brewer's Alley/SAW Music Night (Frederick, MD)
- 4/6 (Mon)—SAW Jammin' Java Open Mike (Vienna, VA)
- 4/8 (Wed)—SAW JJ Muldoons Open Mike (Gaithersburg, MD)

4/8 (Wed)—SAW Austin Grille Showcase (Centreville, VA)
 4/9 (Thurs)—SAW Concert at the Athenaeum
 4/10 (Fri)—SAW Montgomery County Open Mike (Rockville, MD)
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 4/25 (Fri)—Sounds of Hope Open Mic at Potter's House in D.C. (Washington, D.C.)
 4/25 (Sat)—SAW Song Xchange (Alexandria, VA)—Guest Artist: Scott McKnight
 4/26 (Sun)—SAW Serves at National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington, D.C.)
NEW!→4/27 (Mon)—Jammin' Java/Special Young Artists Showcase (Vienna, VA)



OTHER SAW NEWS & EVENTS: Updates & More

NEW!

SAW Young Artists Showcase Hosted By Margot MacDonald

Margot MacDonald is now hosting SAW Young Artists Showcases at various venues throughout the year. If you are interested in performing in a future show, please email your music link to: margot@margotmacdonald.com.



OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

*SAW Members: send your news for inclusion in this section to Aisha at sawnotes@saw.org.
Must be submitted on a MONTHLY BASIS.*

St. Elmo's Open Mike

SAW member Robert Keelin will be hosting the open mike at St. Elmo's Coffeehouse, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301. It takes place from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., last Wednesday of each month (in March, that's the 25th). St. Elmo's has a piano, for those who may wish to play one. Show up and play your originals and/or covers.

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. In the coming months, Michelle will feature many talented musicians, including Ron Goad, Teporah, Lisa Taylor and Daryl Davis.

Past shows have featured the Grammy-winning duo of Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Jon Carroll, 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>.



MEMBER NOTES

This section is open to any type of music announcement SAW members would like to make. Just send your message to sawnotes@saw.org ANY TIME before the end of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

None submitted for March 2009.



CLASSIFIEDS

*Classified Ads are charged PER WORD. They are **FREE TO SAW MEMBERS** and \$0.25/word for non-members. Please send your classified ad to sawnotes@saw.org for inclusion in the next e-newsletter. **Classifieds MUST be submitted on a monthly basis for inclusion AND WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RUN TWO MONTHS IN A ROW. If you have a print-ready ad, send it right away to make sure you are in the very next newsletter. It is your responsibility to resend the ad each month, for as long as you need it.***

Crystal Image Full Band Demos male \$80 female \$80. Crystal Image, P.O. Box 996, Jackson, Ca. 95642 www.myspace.com/the88bar



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. Advntist 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. This activity is in conjunction with the Songwriter's Association of Washington (SAW) and SAW Serves.

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.



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Company)
<http://www.martinguitar.com>

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radio show on WAMU
<http://marycliff.net>

FOLK ALLIANCE
www.folk.org

Jammin' Java: Concert
Venue
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Omega Recording Studios
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SONGWRITER'S
MARKET 2007
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NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Friday, March 27, 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. I will make sure that it gets in. 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

