

music news

Scenes from Songwriters' Night

SVSA Songwriters' Night at Third Street Coffeehouse
Friday, October 5, 2007 (photos courtesy of Marian McConnell)



Bob Lyle, Philip Raintree, Randy Walker, and guest Lisa Angell



Marian McConnell, Ron Bergeron, Steve Langston



Rusty Curling, Bill Payne, Jane Cassidy

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar Lessons - If you can count to 4, you can play guitar! Acoustic or electric; folk, rock or blues. Children welcome. Randy Walker, 588-5826; rwalker25@cox.net.

RECORDING & PRODUCTION SERVICES

Blackwater Recording - Harold Thompson has recorded Pole, Trafidlo & Phillips; Symphony Creek; Duncan & Danielle; Deb Ferron & Polk Green; Julie Ann Sgroi and others. (540) 721-1413

Steve Langston Recording and Production – Close to downtown Roanoke. Inexpensive. Expert recording and production on very high quality computerized and analog equipment. Record with a two-time Billboard winner. Call Steve Langston, (540) 339-4772

Catawba Sound Studio – The most affordable, professional studio in the region. From demo to full retail release. \$5/hr discount for all SVSA members. Artists recorded here include Marian & Dan McConnell, Greg Trafidlo, The Bluegrass Brothers, Matt Ramsey, and Bootsie Daniels & Smack Dab. (540) 992-4738. Email catawbasoundstudio@yahoo.com, or visit www.catawbasoundstudio.com.



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svsa member recordings



jane cassidy

Jane Cassidy

Buffalo Woman: Is That a Real Fire? — Original folk music from a Lynchburg, Virginia, singer/songwriter. Includes some songs about Rendezvous (18th century reenactment).

Buffalowomanstipi.tripod.com/itarf.html



steve clark

Steve Clark

Eleven sweet and true amusing tunes by Steve Clark, plus one each by fellow SVSA songwriters Mike Pearrell (“Justine”) and Greg Trafidlo (“Simple as Dirt”). A cover of Tish Hinojosa’s “Love is On Our Side” balances out this quirky singer/songwriter CD. Available at cdbaby.com.



frank dieter

Frank Dieter

Red Tears on a Velvet Sky — A new collection of home studio demos. Except for “Saturday Night,” which was recorded in 1976, all songs are new. Songs: My Best Days, Friendships Renewed, Time To Say Goodbye, I’m Down on the Market, Saturday Night, At My Age, Crystal Creek, Goodnight Mr. Daniels, Only Came by for Tea, Rockabilly Rock (instrumental)

Rough Cuts from the Blue Room — Demos that represent examples from the blues, jazz, folk, adult contemporary, New Age, and instrumental genres that Frank covers.



andrew gregory

Andrew Gregory

Self-titled debut CD. See www.andrewgregorymusic.com or call (434) 760-2426.



mary gordon hall

Mary Gordon Hall

Wine Glasses & Wooden Spoons — The new CD from this Charlottesville singer-songwriter. Heartfelt and witty contemporary folk. With a slew of Charlottesville musiciansg, and Sloan Wainwright and SVSA’s Greg Trafidlo singing on one track.

I Won’t Go to Bed Until I Sing My Song — Children’s music. To purchase either, see www.marygordonhall.com.



la la land

The La La Land Band

House Blend — Fourteen songs with creative melodies, sophisticated harmonies, and philosophically and emotionally charged lyrics from Steve Langston and his wife La Wanda Jenkins.

La_La_Land@cox.net.



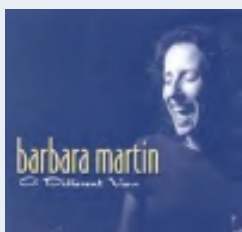
Barbara Martin

Kaleidoscope — Barbara's first solo CD since 1999 is her jazziest yet. All-original with co-writes with California jazz composer Joel Evans, guitarist extraordinaire Mac Walter, and Barbara's long-time co-writer Greg Trafidlo. Purchase online at CDBaby.com, or send \$15 to Rare Bird Music, 211 Fayette Street, Staunton, VA 24401.

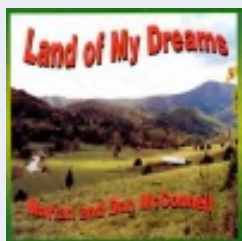
From Ragtime to Rock and Roll — A children's CD. See barbaramartinmusic.com

Touch the Sky — Swinging acoustic blues and jazz from Barb Martin and Mac Walter.

A Different View — Classic blues of the 1920s, early jazz and "slice-of-life" songs that ring with truth, wit, and experience.



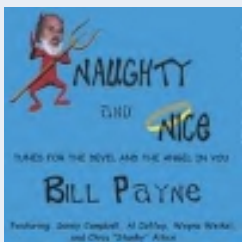
barbara martin



Marian and Dan McConnell

Land of My Dreams — Takes the listener along on an excursion in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia through 14 original folk songs with celtic and country/rock underpinnings. Recorded at Catawba Sound Studio. Available online at cdstreet.com, klaritymusic.com, efolkmusic.com, and cdbaby.com

marian & dan
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Robert Matter

Songman — Acoustic/electric/vocal sound reflecting the intensity of solid folk/pop songwriting. Buy online at cdbaby.com.

bill payne

Bill Payne

Naughty And Nice — A vein of humor runs through Bill's acoustic country and blues-influenced CD. Features eleven original songs recorded at Catawba Sound Studio. Available online at CD Baby and at billpaynemusic.net. To subscribe to Bill's monthly newsletter, e-mail stryper7@rev.net.



Mike Pearrell

Dimestore Detective — Mike's first solo CD features 14 original compositions. Produced by Greg Trafidlo; guest SVSA musicians include Greg, Janette Parrish, Britt Mistele, Dianna Parks, Steve Langston and more. Addy-award-winning graphic design, too! Available at Mike's shows.

mike pearrell

Neal Phillips

Still Life — Strong songwriting, excellent multi-instrumental musicianship, and eclectic insight (and a clever swipe at TBTP). For more info, see <http://phillipsmusic.net/neal/>.

Magical Forest — Great folk songwriting. Buy it from Neal at his or Trifolkal's gigs.

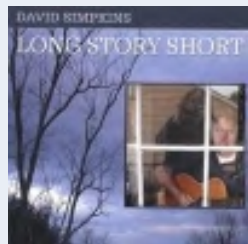
Lovegrove Street — Intelligent, original acoustic folk featuring well-crafted songs and a wry sense of humor. Buy it at CD Baby.



neal phillips



pole, trafidlo & phillips



david simpkins



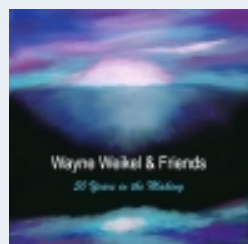
greg trafidlo



greg trafidlo



trifolkal



wayne weikel & friends

Pole, Trafidlo & Phillips

Foxfire — Dirty Linen magazine called this “a charming recording.” Contact Greg Tradfidlo at kirasongs@aol.com, or (540) 384-7770.

David Simpkins

Long Story Short — David’s first solo CD falls into the Americana genre — a blend of rock, folk, blues, and country. The CD offers 12 original Americana tunes. “Long Story Short” has been winning critical praise. Buy from CD Baby, or at David’s shows.

Greg Trafidlo

Folk Singular — Greg’s third solo CD reflects the diversity of his songwriting and production skills. With SVSA’ers Britt Mistele, Barbara Martin, Mary Gordon Hall and Denise Jordan Finley on background vocals, and Marc Baskind on guitar and vocals. Included is a cover of SVSA member Mike Pearrell’s song “Lost Daddy’s Lullaby.” See www.trifolkal.com.

Co-Writers in Disguise — Contemporary folk/country with an emphasis on well-crafted lyrics and humor. SVSA members appearing on the CD are Frank Dieter, Neal Phillips, Barb Martin, Steve Langston, and Mike Pearrell.

Old Dog – New Tracks — Songs that range from silly to sublime, drawing you in with warmth, wit, and humor. Buy it from CD Baby or contact Greg at kirasongs@aol.com.

Trifolkal

Tao from the Mountain — Tight harmonies, warmth, and witty songwriting from Laura Pole, Greg Trafidlo & Neal Phillips. Features classics such as “Shenandoah” as well as original tunes including “Appalachian Rap” and “The Starbucks of County Down.” See ordering info above.

Wayne Weikel & Friends

50 Years in the Making — To order, phone (540) 992-4738 or e-mail catawbasoundstudio@yahoo.com. Available with sound samples at klaritymusic.com.

performing member gigs

Friday, October 19

Frank Dieter

Third Street Coffeehouse, 8:30-10 p.m. (Open Mic from 7:30-8:15)

Admission is FREE; donations appreciated. Third Street and Mountain Ave., downtown Roanoke, Virginia 24015 (in the basement of Trinity United Methodist Church). For more information: (540) 344-6744 (ext 309) or see <http://community.roanoke.com/thirdstreetcoffeehouse>

David Simpkins

Coffee Buy The Book, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Solo performance. Admission is FREE; donations appreciated. 10 W Main St, downtown Pulaski VA 24301. For info call (540) 980-4424 or see <http://www.coffeebuythebook.net>

Saturday, October 20

Greg Trafidlo, Mike Pearrell, Mary Gordon Hall

Rapunzel's, 8-10 p.m., Lovingson, Virginia

Sunday, October 21

Mary Gordon Hall with Lisa Stevens

Batesville Store Fall Concert Series, 2-4 p.m.

Batesville, Virginia

Wednesday, October 24

Greg Trafidlo (sitting in with Muriel Anderson)

Acoustic Muse Coffeehouse

Charlottesville, Virginia

Barbara Martin and Mac Walter

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, MHCA Emerging Artist Series, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

801 Chase St., Annapolis, Maryland. For more info: www.marylandhall.org

Friday, October 26

David Simpkins

The Coffee Mill, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

10 W. Main Street, downtown Radford, Virginia 24141. For more information: (540) 267-3008 or www.coffeemillonline.com

Saturday, October 27

Barbara Martin and Mac Walter

Guitar Workshop: "Creative Chord Substitutions and Improvising - Going Beyond the Third Fret," 3 p.m.; House Concert: 8 p.m.

The home of Greg Trafidlo and Judy Larson, 4050 Bluebird Lane, Salem, Virginia. For more information: (540) 384-7770 or e-mail Greg at kirasongs@aol.com

Sunday, October 28

Frank Dieter and Stephanie Christensen

"Sunday Sounds" at Chateau Morrisette, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, November 2

Greg Trafidlo with Trifolkal

Smith Mountain Lake Arts Council, Moneta, Virginia

Saturday, November 3

Greg Trafidlo with Trifolkal

Clay Center for the Performing Arts, Charleston, West Virginia

Friday, November 9

David Simpkins

Coffee Buy The Book, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Solo performance. Admission is FREE; donations appreciated. 10 W Main St, downtown Pulaski VA 24301. For info call (540) 980-4424 or see <http://www.coffeeythebook.net>

Saturday, November 17

Greg Trafidlo with Trifolkal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynchburg, Virginia

Wednesday November 21

Paddy Dougherty

Meriwethers Market Restaurant, Lynchburg, Virginia

7:30-10:30 p.m. For more info see www.meriwethers.com

Friday, November 23

Greg Trafidlo

Two-Way Street Coffeehouse

Downers Grove, IL

Friday, December 7

David Simpkins

Third Street Coffeehouse, 8:30-10 p.m. (Open Mic from 7:30-8:15). Admission is FREE; donations appreciated. Third Street and Mountain Ave., downtown Roanoke, Virginia 24015 (in the basement of Trinity United Methodist Church).

Paddy Dougherty

Riverviews Artspace, Lynchburg, Virginia, 6-8 p.m. For more information, see www.riverviews.net

Friday, December 14

David Simpkins

Coffee Buy The Book, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Solo performance. Admission is FREE; donations appreciated. 10 W Main St, downtown Pulaski VA 24301. For info call (540) 980-4424 or see <http://www.coffeeythebook.net>

Monday, December 31

Barbara Martin and Liz Barnes, jazz duo

First Night Charlottesville, 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. shows

Temple Beth Israel, Charlottesville, Virginia. For more information: www.firstnightva.org

Friday, January 25

Steve and LaWanda

Third Street Coffeehouse, 8:30-10 p.m. (Open Mic from 7:30-8:15). Admission is FREE; donations appreciated. Third Street and Mountain Ave., downtown Roanoke, Virginia 24015 (in the basement of Trinity United Methodist Church).

Third Street Coffeehouse Schedule

For more info call Marian (540) 309-4707

- Oct 19 Frank Dieter
- Oct 26 Paul Iwanico & Take Two
- Nov 2 The Purveyors
- Nov 9 Jason Harrod
- Nov 16 Angell & Walker
- Nov 23 Closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov 30 Jess Pilmore
- Dec 7 David Simpkins
- Dec 14 Cliff Rubin
- Dec 21 Closed for Christmas
- Dec 28 Taylor & Mickey Nelson
- Jan 4 Red Mahna
- Jan 11 Dallas Wesley
- Jan 18 Rusty Curling
- Jan 25 Steve & Lawanda
- Feb 1 Linda Oberlitner
- Feb 8 Paul Rucker
- Feb 15 Dan & Marian McConnell
- Feb 22 Robert Matter
- Feb 29 Windfall
- Mar 7 Kimmon Waldruff
- Mar 14 Randy Walker
- Mar 21 Brooke Campbell
- Mar 28 Chuck Schaeffer
- Apr 4 Chris Tichner
- Apr 11 Doug & Shelley Harper
- Apr 25 Clinton Collins & the Creek Boys