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Over 20 Years Supporting San Diego Songwriters

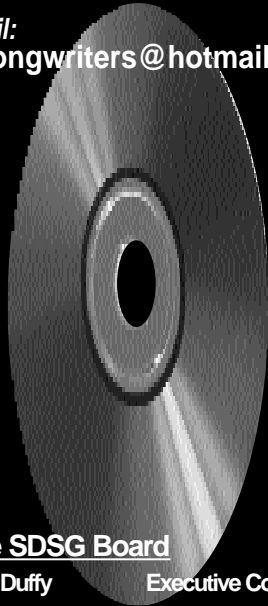
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SDSG Pitch May 5 Blue Rock Records

Special Guest: John Khula, Owner of Blue Rock Records
Monday May 5, 2003 at the Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley
Registration opens 6:30 PM Event begins 7 PM
Pitch Focus: Blues, Rock and Country

With thirty years in the music business as a musician, artist, writer, publisher and producer, John Khula is proud to present to the world Blue Rock Records. Specializing in country, new country, Americana, acoustic, contemporary Christian, rock and pop, Blue Rock Records is a multi genre indie label based out of southern California, with partners in Nashville and Georgia.

Blue Rock is representing great new artists and bands through, promotion, marketing and product sales. Khula La Music, licensing and publishing division, offers a wide spectrum of music for TV, film, and radio.

Admission to the session is free for SDSG members \$20 for non-members. Pitch fees are \$10 per song, maximum 2 submissions per writer or team. Only SDSG members may pitch, but memberships are, as always, available at the door. Please see the SDSG website at SDSongwriters.org for more about pitch sessions Check our Pitch Session and FAQ pages for details.

This pitch brought to you by SDSG with the much appreciated assistance of Myron Frame

SDSG Presents 12th Annual Contest Winners

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From the Songwriters Desk . . .



Eric Goodis of **Cargo Records** joined us for a lively and informative evening at the Doubletree Hotel in March. Everyone who attended couldn't help but learn from Eric, who has been running one of San Diego's top indie labels for many years with numerous successes to his credit. Topics covered ranged from business and contract concerns to, of course, our songs. Eric was visibly excited by some of the music he heard, and picked up a number of submissions for further consideration. The fact that Eric was joined by **Track Star Studios** owner **Josquin des Pres** made the evening doubly cool. Thanks to both our guests for a great pitch. Here's looking forward to **Blue Rock Records** and **John Khula** on **May 5**.

I am pleased to announce a new columnist for Song Writers Notes, and to re-introduce **Jessica Treat**, a long-time SDSG associate and the moving force behind the showcase series SDSG is sponsoring at Music Mart in Solana Beach. If you have met Jessica, I am sure you have been impressed with her energy and enthusiasm for San Diego songwriters and artists. Jessica has volunteered to pen a regular column, **Sound Bites**, that is your forum for news concerning your writing and performing. You can assist us in welcoming Jessica to our pages by emailing news and information about your musical career, live shows, covers, signings, placements and other developments to soundbites@musician.org.

And don't miss the next **Music Mart Acoustic Indie Showcase**, coming up as always on the first Thursday of the month, **May 1**. Downbeat is 7:30 PM. See below for more.

In conjunction with NSAI, SDSG is also sponsoring regular live shows at Claire de Lune's on the second Thursday of each month. Lisa Chaddock lisa@answerhymn.com is booking these events, so please call her if you are interested in performing. The next **SDSG/NSAI Songwriters Showcase at Claire D'Lune's** will take place on **Thursday, May 8** starting at 7:30 PM.

NSAI's Liz Axford continues to put together superb educational opportunities for San Diego writers. The next NSAI Special Event is Saturday May 10, and features Nashville-based pro-songwriter **Mary Francis**. Call or email Liz for more information (619) 884-1401 or Eaxford@aol.com

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Monthly Acoustic Indie Showcase A Growing Success!

The first Thursday of every month **Music Mart** undergoes a metamorphosis from full-line music store packed wall-to-wall with equipment, into an intimate performance venue where San Diego's most original local talent performs to a growing audience. Both SDSG members and non-members share the stage, adding to the cross-exposure value of the event.

The upcoming May 1st showcase features a wide array of music. Instrument inventor and micro-tonal expert, **Bill Wesley**, will entrance you with the exotic sounds of his Array Mbira. A brand new duo, merging the talents of keyboardist/composer **Jim Beggs** and writer/singer **Jennifer Evans**, will perform their recent compositions. Latin sounds will issue from the **Israel and Marcos Band**, featuring Music Mart guitar instructor, Israel Maldonado. The **Good China's Ren Zenner** will perform a set of her solo material. The country-flavored band **Hatfield Rain** will headline.

Music Mart is enjoying having this opportunity to host the event to get to know local musicians. If you are interested in exploring this North County venue for performance, drop by the store and leave a promo package to the attention of Acoustic Indie. Or call 858-259-3940, or email musicmartevents@hotmail.com for more information.

SDSG's Twelfth Annual SONG CONTEST WINNERS

San Diego, CA, Thursday, April 3, 2003 - SDSG and Music Mart hosted a gala Awards Ceremony to celebrate the winners of the 2002 Song Contest. SDSG's Mark Charles Hattersley and Bob Duffy served as the evening's masters of ceremonies and live entertainment was provided by top local acts including Latanya Lockett, Linda Sargent, Elijah Clark and Music Mart's own Jerry Olsher. Despite the presence of these great performers, the featured acts were clearly the contest-winning songs, each of which was played for the appreciative crowd of writers, musicians and fans. Special thanks go to our sponsors Music Mart and The Songwriter Connection, to Randy Fischer and to the many contestants who put their hearts and music on the line and submitted entries. The Winners and their prizes:

Grand Prize

"A Lot" by Judy Calem and Jefferson Thomas

Performance Microphone from Music Mart
Two Critiques from Journey Publishing
Love Notes SDSG Compilation CD
Year's Free SDSG Membership and one free pitch
Certificate and \$50 from SDSG

Top Country

"What About Him" by Bruce Dale Betz

Journey Publishing Book and Critique
Love Notes SDSG Compilation CD
Year's Free SDSG Membership and one free pitch
Certificate and \$25 from SDSG

Top Jazz

"Wishes" by Joel Schmidt

Journey Publishing Book and Critique
Love Notes SDSG Compilation CD
Year's Free SDSG Membership and one free pitch
Certificate and \$25 from SDSG

Top Pop

"Reflection of You" by Dawn Jackson

Journey Publishing Book
Love Notes SDSG Compilation CD
Year's Free SDSG Membership and one free pitch
Certificate and \$25 from SDSG



Grand Prize Winner Judy Calem

Honorable Mentions

Each received a Love Notes CD, One free SDSG Pitch and Prize Certificate from SDSG

Christina Sanchez
"That's Not You"

Bruce Dale Betz
"Catch You When You Fall" and "Over That"

Ken and Becky Rash
"Win You"

Lisa Chaddock
"Trinity"

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Dear SDSG Member,

The SDSG Newsletter is introducing a new column called Sound Bites that taps into the local music scene and gives coverage to noteworthy events. Have you released a new CD? Launched your website? Signed with a label? Sold a song? Got a new cat? Well, there are limits, but we WOULD like to know what's happening in your MUSICAL lives, and let everyone else know about it, too! :)

So if you have a press-worthy event to report, send your press release or brief announcement to me via email at soundbites@musician.org. Space is limited, but we will do our best to feature everyone.

We look forward to covering you!

Sincerely,

Jessica Treat

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www.secretsofsongwriting.com

MUSIC MART

We are here to help you realize your musical dream, and are proud to partner with SDSG in presenting Acoustic Indie Nights.

Every day we feature a great selection of top brands in guitars, keyboards, drums, sound reinforcement and recording gear, and offer friendly, helpful assistance when you need it.

Music Mart is community-driven enterprise. We invite you to drop buy and share your music - and your dreams - with us.

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More Upcoming Events . . .

Thursday, May 8, 7:30-10:00pm

A NIGHT OF ORIGINAL SONGS

PRESENTED BY NSAI and SDSG
NO COVER CHARGE -
COME ENJOY THE MUSIC!

CLAIRE DE LUNE COFFEE LOUNGE
2906 University Ave, San Diego
(North Park area) Call 619-688-9845 for directions

Call Lisa Chaddock at 619-229-1544 or email lisa@answerhymn.com
for information on performing at SDSG/NSAI Showcases.

May 2003 Lineup:

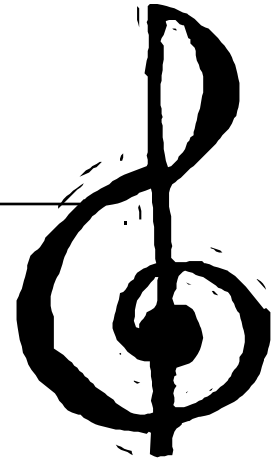
John Bosley & Monty McIntyre

Craig Chaddock & John Verruto

Lisa Chaddock and Geoff Hanson & Slave Won

Elijah Clark & Bruce Dale Betz

Ren Zenner & Pia Connor



Saturday May 10, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

SAN DIEGO NSAI SPECIAL EVENT

THE SAN DIEGO NSAI WORKSHOP PRESENTS

NASHVILLE-BASED PRO-SONGWRITER MARY FRANCIS

Mary co-penned the hits "Tonight the Heartache's on Me" by the Dixie Chicks (from their first album Wide Open Spaces) and Highway 101's "Whiskey if You Were a Woman." Mary is currently managing Arista Recording Artist Heather Davis. A Nashville native, Mary will talk about the crafting of a song, making demos, pitching songs, and more. She will answer questions and offer tips based on her experience as a professional songwriter since 1978. Songs will be chosen at random for critique.

WHEN: Saturday, May 10, 2003 from 12:30pm - 4:30pm

WHERE: Home of John Lane, 10485 Viacha Drive, San Diego CA 92124

COST: \$20 for NSAI/SDSG/SGA Members, \$25 for non-members. Space is limited so Register Now!
Make checks payable to Liz Axford and mail to: Liz Axford, PO Box 85, Del Mar, CA 92014-0085

Additional Opportunity:

Mary is offering five one-on-one sessions for \$35/half hour on Saturday morning from 9am —11:30am. You can use that time as you like (i.e. critiques from Mary, advice on the music business, etc.) These spots will go fast! Please send an additional check to Liz if you would like one of these sessions.

Please contact Liz at EAxford@aol.com or (619) 884-1401 for information and directions.

JUNE 16 SDSG PITCH WITH MUD DUCK MUSIC

Check our website in June for details!

SDSongwriters.org



SAN DIEGO SONGWRITERS GUILD 2003

- May 1 Music Mart/SDSG Acoustic Indie
- May 5 SDSG Pitch with John Khula of Blue Rock Records
- May 10 NSAI Presents Mary Francis
- May 8 SDSG/NSAI Live at Claire de Lune
- June 16 SDSG Pitch with Mud Duck Music
- More events are now being scheduled. Join SDSG!



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