

FALL NEWSLETTER

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EIGHT WRITING TIPS

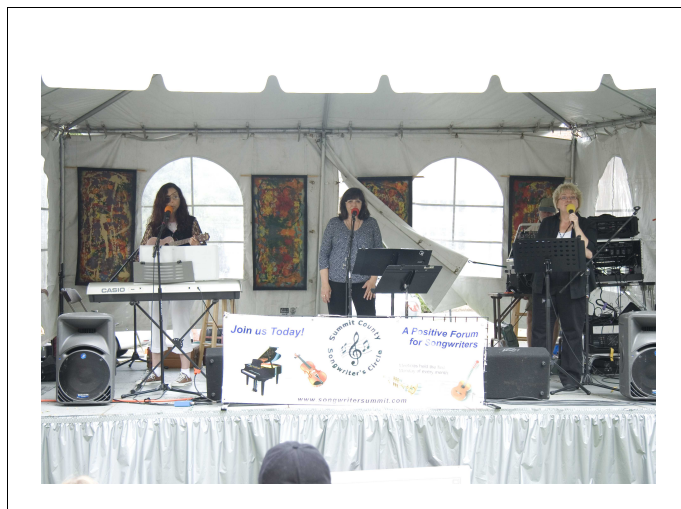
- When writing lyrics, use words that people use in everyday conversation.
- Some songs come fast, some come slow, but none come without effort.
- Know the audience you are writing for before you get too far into the song
- Learn technique and work habits from other successful songwriters.
- Don't write the same song over and over or all your songs will sound the same.
- Look to the meaning in the chorus to find ideas for that second verse.
- Read and study the many books, magazines, and web-sites for great info.
- You can't wait for inspiration. You muse will show up but you start the party.

TASTE OF HUDSON A RECIPE FOR GREAT MUSIC

The Clocktower in Hudson is a familiar landmark for those heading to the annual Taste of Hudson Festival, and it was once again site of the Summit County Songwriters Circle stage. Held over Labor Day week-end, this annual festival attracts tens of thousands who come from all over to sample great food, hear great music, and enjoy the fantastic weather. And although the clock in the tower is frozen at 4:05 (AM or PM- take your choice) MC's Tom Ball and John Rathbone kept things moving as over 30 artists took to the stage to play and sing for an appreciative crowd over the course of the festival's two days.

Suncrest Gardens sponsored the SCSC stage and it was appropriately adorned with potted greenery and colorful panels lining the back walls of a three-sided tent and creating an attractive performance space.

Stage management and sound duties were handled by Bob Wood, and except



The Moonflowers filled the park with a beautiful sound at the Annual Taste of Hudson Festival. Over two dozen performers appeared on the stage reserved exclusively for club members.

for the occasional fire truck racing by, the sound was fantastic and the switch from one performer to the next was smooth and easy.

As one of SCSC's biggest efforts each year, this event needed strong leadership to be successful and Terry Richardson answered

the call. "We were very lucky to have Terry step up." said club president Don Henson, "There's a lot that goes into planning and presenting this and he did a terrific job making sure everything got done and done right." Although there were a number of other stages around the festival (Continued on Page Two)

FOLK-N-COMEDY FUNDRAISER SET FOR NOV 9 AT THE FUNNY STOP COMEDY CLUB

On the first Thanksgiving it was the Pilgrims and Indians who got together to share and give thanks. On Monday, November 9th it will be comedians and musicians who get together to share their talents and give to those in need.

The Funny Stop Comedy Club, 1767 State Rd, Cuyahoga Falls will again be the site for *The 2nd Annual Friends of The Folkatorium Folk-n-Comedy Benefit* with 100 % ticket sales going to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank's Harvest For Hun-

ger campaign, helping them meet Thanksgiving needs. Stan Piatt, from WNIR, and Tom Ball, from WAPS will serve as MCs for the event which last year drew over 150 people to its inaugural edition. (Continued on Page Three)

MEET THE FOLKS WORKING TO MAKE IT WORK AT SUMMIT COUNTY SONGWRITERS CIRCLE

There were only a handful of people present when club founder Don Henson presided over the club's first meeting. Since then we've grown to over 60 members. Running the club and its activities requires the effort of many folks. Don has continued on as club president but he's picked up some help along the way.

Bev Hutchins serves as Secretary and Treasurer and handles much of the paperwork as well as providing the refreshments for meetings and running the concessions at club events.

David Paloma handles the public relations for the group. He gets the word out about our events and maintains a media database to help us promote our activities and events throughout the year.



This is as close as we have to a portrait of all the club officers and volunteers. With the recent addition of a club photographer the shots should be getting better than this phone camera picture!

Marty Kubilus welcomes visitors to our meetings as the club's official greeter. He also keeps track of the nametags and gets the room arranged before we meet.

Wendy Benes is the club photographer and will be on hand to get photos of all the action.

Glenn Peterhansen, Terry Richardson, Jon Hutchins, Bobby Patetta, and Dave Hershman join those already listed above to form an informal board of directors that meets monthly.

There are others whose efforts have made the club everything it is and thanks go out to all who have helped. If you'd like to help we'd love to have you. This is a volunteer

organization and will only be as good as we make it. We have lots planned for the future and will need as much help as we can get!

Summit County Songwriters Circle would like to thank the following for their support!



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CHRISTMAS CAROLING SET FOR DEC 23RD

Come have fun doing what we do best; playing and singing! All members, friends, and family are invited to join us for a night of singing and playing holiday favorites. We plan on doing three 20 minute sets at three separate locations. We'll be caravaning from site to site. No sites have been picked yet

and suggestions are welcome. Nursing homes, hospital wards, homeless shelters, women's shelters, etc. are appropriate types of places so if you know a group that needs caroling let us know.

A list of carols will be passed around at the October meeting to narrow the list down for a songbook to be

made for those who join us. We're also looking for someone to act as 'conductor' for that evening. We'll have a quick practice right after the December meeting, and we'll meet at The Quirk at 6:45 PM, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd to head out caroling. Bring your instrument and voices and join us for a fun night!

TASTE OF HUDSON CONT.

(cont.) there is no doubt SCSC had the best green room. A large tent adjacent to the stage, staffed by a club volunteer, filled with food and beverages, with seats for tuning and waiting, gave performers a comfortable place to get ready for their set.

A concession tent selling club and member's CDs and various other items was kept busy by a brisk trade. Most popular were

colorful egg-shaped shakers that kids and grown-ups alike scooped up and shook along with the music. A limited edition Martin guitar, donated by Pekar Music, was displayed as Grand Prize for a raffle to benefit the Harvest For Hunger

campaign. Over \$3000 was raised and club member Marty



Jon Hutchins rocks the house at the Suncrest Gardens Stage

Kubilus watched as his ticket was pulled as the winner. Of course, everybody was a winner with 24 acts performing 30 minute sets. Great music. Great weather. All in all a great event!

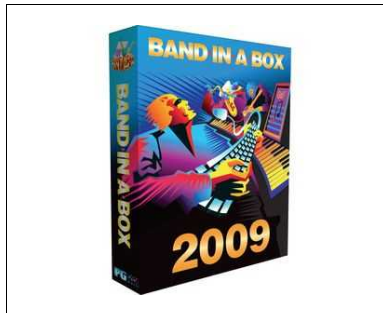
MONTHLY WORKSHOPS TO COVER MANY NEW AND USEFUL TOPICS

One of our club's top priorities for this next year is improving the workshop meeting that is held on the third Monday of each month. Each month we would like to cover a topic that is as relevant to as many of our members as possible.

To that end, we are currently soliciting ideas for topics and for presenters with knowledge they can share with us. If you have a presentation or if you know of an expert in some area that would benefit us and who would be willing to meet with our group please let us know. We hope to schedule a dozen

workshops in the course of next year. Topics that have been suggested include:

- How to set up a sound system for live performances,
- How to use various software for recording audio and video
- The different types of microphones and how each is used,
- How to improve your presentation skills.
- The art of story-telling.
- How to develop, publish, and maintain a web presence.



Gary Nelson will present a workshop on the popular software "Band In A Box"

We'd love to hear your ideas and hope to make the workshops a valuable benefit of club membership, so please join us the 3rd Monday of each month for an easy way to improve your game!

SONG CIRCLE SET TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Starting this October 12, the 2nd Monday of every month will be the night SCSC members will meet for an informal 'song circle.' This will be exactly as it sounds: We will sit in something like a circle and go around the circle each taking a turn at playing a song. We'll go around the circle as many times as the

group wants on that evening. While at our 1st Monday of the month meetings, only originals are allowed, at Song Circle all kinds of songs are welcome— standards, originals, and works-in-progress.

We hope this will provide an extra outlet for members to perform in a low key setting. It's a great way to

practice and polish music you'll be performing on stage. It's also a fantastic time to experiment with the way you play a song.

Song Circle will meet at 7:00 PM at The Quirk Cultural Center. We will provide the circle— all you have to bring is the songs. We're hoping to see you there!

FOLK-N-COMEDY CONT.

(Cont.) The show, scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM, with seating starting at 6:00, will feature over 10 performers and two and a half hours of big laughs and great music. Although the line-up has not been finalized some who have already signed up include musical acts Zach, The Moonflowers, and Charlie Weiner, and comedians John Rathbone, Mark Knope, and Dan Swartout.



WNIR's Stan Piatt will help emcee the event

The show not only helps feed the hungry, it also

serves to help memorialize Scott's Folkatorium, a popular club featuring great music that closed following owner Scott Fetterolf's tragic passing.

As one of our club's bigger fundraising efforts it is important that members give all the support they can. That means getting as many folks as you can to attend the show. We promise great music, hilarious comedy, and a worthy cause. Please help us make

MEMBER PLAYLISTS

Each quarter one member will tell us what's on his personal play list. This issue it's the guy who wins everything— **Marty Kubilus:**

Favorite Songwriters & their best CD

- John McCutcheon - "Storied Ground"
- Tim O'Brian - "Chameleon"
- Jackson Browne - "Saturate Before Using"
- Steve Goodman - "No Big Surprise"
- Paul Simon - "Live Rhythmin'"

Favorite Groups & their best CD

- Nitty Gritty Dirt Band - "Uncle Charlie & Teddy, his dog"
- Nickel Creek - "Reasons Why"
- Allison Kraus & Union Station - "Lonely Runs Both Ways"
- Old Crow Medicine Show - "O. C. M. S."
- Pink Floyd - "Dark Side of the Moon"

Favorite Songtitles

- Drop Kick Me Jesus
- Through the Goalposts of Life
- Let's Talk Dirty in Hawaiian
- A Dying Cubs Fan's Last Request
- Are You Drinking With Me Jesus
- I Flushed You From the Toilets of My Heart





Our mission is to provide a positive forum for local songwriters to present material to fellow musicians, share writing techniques and information about the music industry and local venues, and help one another improve our skills as composers and entertainers. We provide a relaxed atmosphere that allows each individual to be as involved as they feel comfortable. We are dedicated to helping our local community through shows and activities and to offer social events and performance opportunities for our members.

Founded in 2003, our group now has over 60 members. All are welcome to join us!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: OCT.-DEC.

October 5	Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
October 12	Song Circle	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
October 19	Workshop	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
November 2	Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
November 9	Folk-n-Comedy	7:00 PM	Funny Stop Comedy Club
Benefit			
November 16	Song Circle	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
November 23	Workshop	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
December 7	Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
December 14	Song Circle	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
December 21	Workshop	7:00 PM	Quirk Cultural Center
December 23	Caroling	5:30 PM	Quirk Cultural Center

PRIORITIES AND POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE

The past year has seen SCSC grow not only in size but also in its ability to help members reach whatever personal goals they may have for their own songwriting. This new quarterly newsletter is one of the things we hope will add to the experience for all of us. A monthly Song Circle is set to begin soon. A night of singing holiday carols is scheduled for later in December. We are building on the success of last year's inaugural Folk-n-Comedy show to host the 2nd annual event that we hope will be even more fun and raise more money and awareness. On all fronts the club is striving to be more for you.

It should come as no surprise that 'schemes and dreams are laid and made' as we look to a bright future for the club. One of the top jobs for the coming year will be raising our profile within the civic and musical communities. This will allow us to attract more members as well as afford better opportunities for those members. So far word of mouth has sustained club growth but we will be developing a plan to reach a wider demographic and attract new members. The internet can be a great tool for songwriters and performers. It can also be very confusing for even

more experienced users. We will be addressing some of these issues at future workshops. We will also be integrating the use of technology in our clubs activities. (For instance, this newsletter is not printed and only available through the internet) We hope to upgrade the website and are taking suggestions on what you'd like to see on

our site. We are hoping to establish an open mic night sponsored and hosted by our club where members get priority. We have talked about a producing a summer concert to compliment our Mother's Day, Taste of Hudson, and Folk-n-Comedy events. There is some interest in an organized club trip to Nashville or perhaps a trip to one of the many great music festivals held around the greater Midwest. There has been some discussion

about hosting a weekend-long workshop with professional presenters, possibly outside vendors, and involvement of other songwriting groups.

Right now these are just ideas and will need a lot of effort from members to be realized. Please lend a hand to make this club even more for even more!



Concessions are just one way we raise money to fund future projects. Clubs dues are essential for the future!