


SONGWRITERS NOTES



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Texans Care For Katrina Victims

The Texas Music Office website, www.EnjoyTexasMusic.com, offers a list of additional organizations offering emergency relief to music industry professionals. The site also includes a list of benefit concerts taking place across the state of Texas to help fund Katrina relief efforts, including the NARAS Music Cares Organization, www.musicares.org, (615) 327-0050. If you know of any additional Katrina benefit concerts taking place in Texas, please email the concert date, list of performers, venue, venue address, phone and website to music@governor.state.tx.us, so we can post the event on our site. 

TWO NEW SONGWRITING CONTESTS -

Folk Singer Songwriter Contest - see page 4
Songs from the Soul of Service for Military Personnel - see page 4  

VOLUNTEER AT HALL OF STATE MUSIC

EXHIBIT during the State Fair of Texas - see details on page 8 

NEXT LYRIC CONTEST

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 13

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October Is Texas Music Month



Texas Music Office Directory and Registry.

<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/music/>

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2005 SONG CONTEST SEMIFINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Winners To Be Awarded at Lunch on Oct. 1st

On Saturday, October 1, 2005, Dallas songwriters will gather at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, in Oak Corner to party, lunch, and award the winners of the DSA 2005 Song Contest. Songwriters will come from across the country to receive awards and perform. We are fortunate to have Roy Elkins, CEO of Broadjam, as our special guest coming from Wisconsin to MC the awards program this year. This will be a great opportunity to network and hear the best songwriters anywhere perform their winning songs. There will also be a chance to bid on the silent auction items that will include a Yamaha keyboard donated by Brook Mays, CD duplication services donated by Crystal Clear, Song demos donated by McClain's Recording and Patrick McGuire Recording a gift basket donated by Jaelius Music, Consulting donated by Barbe McMillen, production services by Alex Townes, DSA t-shirts, CD's and many other prizes. We'll also get to hear the Best Songs of the 2005 Meetings, and Winners of the 2004 Song Contest during lunch. There will be performances by semifinalists and winners alike. Winners in each of the eight categories will be awarded cash prizes or recording time and DSA memberships. An **Epiphone**

Masterbilt DR-500M acoustic guitar donated by Gibson will be awarded to the Grand Prize Winner. And if it's anything like our previous awards shows you'll laugh and cry, and walk away with a wonderfully good feeling plus a double CD compilation of the winners. The \$25 tickets, which includes lunch and a double CD of the 3 winners in each category, are available on-line or you can mail your check for \$25 to our PO Box (see pg.2). Coming in from out of town? The Radisson Hotel, 6060 N. Central Expwy, 214 750-6060, is where we are recommending that you stay. Let us know you are there and we'll be sure to get you to the events. A Meet & Greet on Friday evening 7PM at the Sons of Hermann Hall, 3414 Elm St., will kick off the events with Roy Elkins', CEO of Broadjam, presentation of Marketing Your Music Online. Bring your acoustic instrument, (there is a piano at the Hall) for an old fashion song swap afterwards.

Thanks to our judges:
 Grand Prize judge, Roy Elkins, Milwaukee, WI, Founder & CEO Broadjam, www.broadjam.com; Pop/Rock/Alt/R&B/Urban judge, Marty Rendleman, Dallas, Tx., Artist Management (Mikaaila, Kristy Lee, former mgr of LeeAnn Rimes), Rendleman Management Group, www.rendleman.net; Singer-Songwriter judge, Allan McGowan, Brighton, UK, Author, Music Journalist, British Representative for German cont. on page 8

AWARDS EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 30th
 Sons of Hermann Hall
 3414 Elm St.
 7PM Meet & Greet
 8PM *Marketing Your Music Online*, w/ Roy Elkins, CEO of Broadjam
 9PM Acoustic Song Swap

Saturday, Oct. 1st
 11- 4 Awards Lunch & Silent Auction
 Center For Community Cooperation
 2900 Live Oak



Elkins will speak on Marketing Your Music Online and MC the Awards Ceremony
Roy Elkins, a well-known music technology entrepreneur, has been leading industry innovations for over twenty years. Elkins is the Founder and CEO of Broadjam Inc., serving independent musicians and industry giants such as Warner/Chappell, The Academy of Country Music, AMD, Yamaha, Peavey, Roland, ProSoundWeb and others. Broadjam.com, the company's popular web site, now hosts one of the largest collections of searchable independent music on the planet. The site is known for its user-friendly services for musicians, including artist web pages, song reviews, song contests, Top 10 Charts and the revolutionary METAJAM software.

Before founding Broadjam, Elkins was the Vice President-Sales & Marketing for Sonic Foundry, and held several Director-level positions with Ensoniq Corporation. He maintains a database of over 5,000 music industry contacts include executives at virtually every company in the music industry and past and/or present artists such as Will Smith, Eddie Murphy, D.J. Jazzy Jeff, The Beach Boys, the Allman Brothers Band, BoyzII Men, Roy Firestone, Joe Walsh (The Eagles), Paul Broucek (Lord of the Rings), ELP, Yes, Journey, Skid Row, Bill Walton, Jackie Martling (Howard Stern), David Arkenstone, Randy Jackson and many others. He is an accomplished musician and songwriter who thoroughly understands the musician's world. <http://www.broadjam.com>