

SONGWRITERS NOTES



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MEET & GREET & SONGS FROM THE SOUL OF SERVICE CD RELEASE
OCT 6TH - CD Now Available pg. 8

AWARDS LUNCH & SILENT OCT. 7TH

New MIC PROGRAM - Members can now mail in a song to be critiqued at the meeting - pg 13

SONG SWAP WORKSHOP
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DSA OPEN MICS & SHOWCASES
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Every Last Wednesday, pg 13

DSA PICNIC AT RANCHO FRIJOLE March 31th,

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● NEXT LYRIC CONTEST ●
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2006 SONG CONTEST SEMIFINALISTS ANNOUNCED Winners To Be Awarded at Lunch on Oct. 7th

On Saturday, October 7th, 2006, 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 2006 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 present the grand prize & co-MC with local Fox 4 News celebrity, Dan Godwin, at the awards program this year. This will be a great opportunity to network and hear the best songwriters anywhere perform their winning songs. Our awards events in past years have been truly inspirational, so come prepared to be entertained, encouraged and educated.

There will also be a chance to bid on the silent auction items that will include a song demo donated by McClain's Recording & Alex Townes, recording time donated Patrick McGuire Recording, a gift basket donated by Jaelius Music, consulting donated by Barbe McMillen, flute session by Annie Benjamin DSA t-shirts, CD's and many other prizes. We'll also get to hear the Best Songs of the 2006 Meetings, and Winners of the 2005 Song Contest during lunch. There will be performances by semifinalists and winners alike, including Richard Kirwin, Charles Moster, Danny Everitt & Mike Hart, Emily Elbert, Will Livingston, Adam Donmoyer, Robert Couch, Tiny Heath, Genell Kelso and possibly Tony Burroughs, Randy Borgeson and Rich Ellis coming from all over the US. Over \$4,000 in cash and prizes will be given away. Winners in each of the eight categories will be awarded cash prizes and DSA memberships. An **Epiphone Masterbilt DR-500M** acoustic guitar donated by Gibson will be awarded to the Grand Prize Winner and a day of recording and a night in Merlins cabin at River Sound Studio on the Lano River in the Texas Hill Country will be awarded to the first runner up. 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.14). Coming in from out of town? The Radisson Hotel,



Dan Godwin, Fox Four News, will MC



Roy Elkins will award the Grand Prize

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 a place TBA, will celebrate the release of our Songs from the Soul of Service CD release and feature performers from that album with an open mic following the performances. Thanks to our judges: Grand Prize judge, Roy Elkins, Milwaukee, WS, Founder & CEO Broadjam, www.broadjam.com; Pop/Rock/Alt/R&B/Urban judge, Monica Benson, BOK Music, LA; Singer-Songwriter judge, Al Johnson, Singer/Songwriter Venue Manager, Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival; Country judge, Norman Devasure, Sunset Ranch Music; Love Songs/ Easy Listening judge, Robert A. Case, President of New Pants Publishing; Christian Inspirational judge, Susie Luchsinger, Psalms Ministries; Novelty, cont. on page 8.... more about the judges and Meet & Greet and page 6 & 7 for our sponsors and semifinalists....

AWARDS EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 6th
MEET & GREET
6PM Welcome Guests
SSS CD Release Party
7PM Video
7:30 Performances by Singers & Songwriters from the Album
8:30 Open Mic
Saturday, Oct. 7th
11- 4 Awards Lunch & Silent Auction
Center For Community Cooperation
2900 Live Oak