

# Connecticut Songsmith

Newsletter of the Connecticut  
Songwriters Association



CSA is an educational, non-profit organization dedicated to  
improving the art and craft of original musical and lyrical composition.  
Serving music's artisans and craftsmen since 1979.



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Combining Arts,  
Education, and  
Community Outreach

1979 - 2006 : 27 Years of Combining Arts, Education, and Community Outreach

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS CSA PRESENTS THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY SONGSHARE AND POT LUCK Monday December 4, Glastonbury YMCA 7:15pm

CSA wishes all our members and friends a  
joyous and creative holiday season !

The CSA Meeting for December will be held on  
Monday, December 4, 7:15 pm at the  
Glastonbury YMCA (directions on page 2).

CSA is pleased to present our annual Holiday  
Songshare, Potluck, and Critique. This is a long  
established tradition in CSA, to end the year with  
an event that gives folks a chance to catch up  
with each other, establish new contacts, forge  
new collaborations, and share music together.

A sound system is provided, and anyone who  
would like to perform a couple of holiday songs,  
original or traditional, may share the mic. It's  
best to call ahead to let us know you plan to share  
some songs, so we can plan the slots. Call Don  
Donegan, 860-659-8992.. Please bring a dish to  
share for the pot luck. (A microwave is  
available, but no stove or oven). Along with your  
dish to share, please bring a non-alcoholic  
beverage and some paper plates, cups, and  
plastic utensils. Bring a serving spoon if your  
dish needs one.

These annual events provide a great forum for  
learning new music, new arrangements of  
traditional songs, and learning about the greatest  
of all CSA's resources -- the people.

**COMING Dec 2, 7:00pm (live pre-show music at  
6:15pm, Union Baptist Church, Mystic CT  
The 10th Annual LUNCH Holiday Show  
"Christmas With the Super Heroes"**

**See What The Power Of Poular Music Can Accomplish**

**CSA CRITIQUE SESSIONS:** At regular  
monthly meetings, following the presentation,  
as time permits, there will be a song critique  
session. To participate, bring a song on cassette  
or CD, or do it live, with 20 copies of typed lyric  
sheets, and receive constructive feedback.  
Critique sessions are a good forum for works in  
progress or rough demos. **For best feedback,  
note on your lyric sheets the intended genre  
and audience for your song, and what your  
goals are (i.e. picked up by a commercial artist,  
self-produce, etc.. Do NOT state what the song  
is "about").** For non-members, \$5 of your  
registration fee is applicable toward  
membership if you join within 30 days.  
Members are encouraged to bring a friend who  
might be interested in what CSA offers. .

### CSA EVENTS CALENDAR

(for complete listing see <http://www.ctsongs.com>)

#### MUCH MORE TO COME !

- Dec 02 - LUNCH Holiday Show - many CSA artists.
- Dec 04 - CSA Holiday Showcase and Potluck - Glastonbury
- Jan 08 - CSA Kick off meeting, Songshare, and Critique
- Feb 17 - PRO WORKSHOP with Marcie Geller from NYC
- Apr 14 Annual Collaboration Workshop
- May 04 Music For a Change at University of Hartford
- May 08 CSA Monthly Meeting
- Jun 01- Special Concert at the Schubert Theater  
with the original Chapin Band
- Jun - CSA Summer Showcase/Picnic
- Aug - CSA Summer Showcase/Picnic
- Sep -- IMC Philadelphia
- Oct - CSA Pro Workshop
- Dec 01 LUNCH Holiday Show
- Dec CSA Holiday Songshare/Potluck

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Guiding Songs Along the Path from Creation to Realization to Proliferation

## DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATIONS

How to  
Get There!

**Directions to Glastonbury YMCA :** From I-91 going north or south: Take Exit 25 over the CT River onto Route 3 to Glastonbury. Bear right onto Route 2 towards Norwich. Take Exit 8 (Hebron Av.) off Route 2 and go right at the late onto Hebron Av. Go right at the next late which is New London Turnpike. Take first left (Welles St.) and a quick right into the Fox Run Mall. Go straight, park anywhere and look for CSA signs near People's Bank. **From I-84 east or west:** Take Exit 55 onto Route 2 towards Glastonbury to Exit 8. See above. **From Norwich / New London area:** Take Route 2 to Exit 8 in Glastonbury and go right and a quick left onto Hebron Av. Go 2 lites to New London Tpk. See above

**Directions to Mystic Union Baptist Church for the Holiday Show:** Coming North on I-95, take Exit 89. Go right off the Exit onto Allyn St. Go about 2 miles and come to a light and the intersection of Rt 1. Turn left onto Rt 1 and go a short way to the 5-way intersection. Church is on the left. Make a hairpin left to get to the parking lot.

**NEW CSA COMPILATIONS FOR 2006 --** CSA is now accepting songs for TWO new compilations ! The 4th **Holiday Compilation.** is seeking songs relating to the Christmas/Chanukah holiday season . The second "Share the Journey" CD is looking for spiritual/inspirational songs. The submission guidelines are posted at the CSA website, and can also be found elsewhere in this issue. Check the guidelines and get your songs in by the end of November ! The last compilation was a tremendous success. Be part of this great CSA outreach.

**NEW --** Songs from the compilations will be available for worldwide digital download with royalties being paid to the writers. Get in and ride the digital distribution wave . **GET YOUR SONGS IN BY NOVEMBER 30.** After Nov 30, inquire [info@ctsong.com](mailto:info@ctsong.com) for status.

**CSA Elections for 2007:** The slate of CSA Officers and Directors for 2007 are: President: Bill Pere; Treasurer, Kay Pere; Secretary, Pat Reynolds; Directors: Don Donegan, Roy O'Neil, Peg D'amato.

*NOTE: CSA Marketplace/Classified Ads, and Member Happenings are now online 24/7 at the CSA website. You can go there any time at [www.ctsongs.com](http://www.ctsongs.com).*

## GET A TAX DEDUCTION FOR YOUR OLD STUFF !

If you have any old music or office equipment lying around or just old "stuff" that you don't need, consider donating it to CSA and you'll get a generous tax deduction !

CSA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all items donated to us can be deducted at their maximum fair market value. We have helped many folks get nice deductions for their old items, which certainly can be useful to us either in our regular CSA programs or our community outreach programs through LUNCH.

We can use any office equipment and supplies, old computers, any type of music and studio equipment, and any type of item that could be used for auction or raffle. If you're thinking of putting things on consignment or e-bay, consider that after the commissions and fees are taken, what you actually receive might not be as much as you might get from a tax deduction at maximum market value.

If you have anything that you might like to donate, contact Bill Pere at [bill@billpere.com](mailto:bill@billpere.com), or call 860-572-9285.



# CALLING ALL WRITERS

## SONGS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE NEXT CSA COMPILATIONS

The next 2 CSA compilations will be a Holiday CD, and another Spiritual/Inspirational to be released around January 2007. This will be CSA's 4th Holiday CD, and 2nd Spiritual/Inspirational CD

GET THOSE HOLIDAY SONGS READY TO SUBMIT. SUBMISSIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER 30



SONGS FROM THE COMPILATIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR WORLDWIDE DIGITAL DOWNLOADS WITH ROYALTIES BEING PAID TO THE WRITERS! SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS!

### GUIDELINES:

- At least one writer must be a current CSA member
- Songs for the Holiday collection must be appropriate for the December Holiday Season (Christmas, Chanukah, Thanksgiving, New Year, etc), and for the Spiritual/Inspirational collection, songs must fit the theme. please specify for which CD you are submitting.
- Any musical style is okay
- Submission is NOT a guarantee of acceptance. Songs will be selected based on :
  - Appropriateness to the theme
  - Song Crafting
  - Production Quality (must be professionally recorded and radio-ready)
  - Available space on the CD (if there are more acceptable submissions than can fit on the CD, those submitted earlier and those of shorter length will be given greater consideration.
- Songs must not violate the terms of any third-party agreement (e.g. with a publisher). Unsigned songs are preferred. If a song is under contract to a publisher, a signed release from the publisher must be provided.
- Songs may not have been included on any previous CSA Compilation
- Submissions will not be returned.

### TO SUBMIT, PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:

- A recording of the song on CD, suitable for duplication (put your name and contact info on the CD)
- A lyric sheet (put your name and contact info on the lyric sheet)
- A signed release form, printed out from the CSA web site ([www.ctsongs.com](http://www.ctsongs.com))
- A non-refundable one-time \$10 processing fee payable to CSA  
(there are no additional costs, whether a song is accepted for inclusion or not)

Send your recording, lyric sheet, release form, and \$10 to CSA, PO Box 511, Mystic CT 06355.

IF YOU HAVE A SONG which is not yet fully produced and you want to know if it acceptable for consideration before doing the production, you may bring it to a CSA critique session, OR send the rough recording to CSA, PO Box 511, Mystic CT 06355. Include your e-mail address.

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LOCAL  
UNITED  
NETWORK to  
COMBAT  
HUNGER

*Using the power of  
popular music to  
produce positive  
social action*

## The 10th Annual LUNCH HOLIDAY SHOW

presents

Did he say "to the  
Bat-Pole" or "to the  
North Pole? "



FEATURING **Bill Pere, Kay Pere, Larry Batter  
Scott Sivakoff, and the LUNCH Ensemble**

with **Elves, Reindeer, Santa, a bunch of crazy characters, and professional artists from the  
Connecticut Songwriters Association carrying on the legacy of HARRY CHAPIN**

(SNOW DATE: Sunday Dec 3, 3pm)

**TICKETS:** Adults: \$ 9 in advance, \$10 at the door  
Kids (Under 12) \$ 6 in advance, \$8 at the door

**Seating is limited so Reserve in Advance with Visa  
or Mastercard Call 860-572-9285 to reserve.**

**Faster than  
Speeding sleigh !**

## An Annual Family Favorite!

to benefit local Social Services

### *The 2006 L.U.N.C.H. Holiday Show*

# CHRISTMAS with the Super Heroes

**Coming Down your  
Chimney on  
Saturday,  
December 2,  
7:00pm**

**with special folk,  
holiday and sing-  
along music  
beginning at 6:15pm**

**Union Baptist  
Church, corner  
of High St and  
Rt 1, Mystic**

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT -- YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On behalf of Connecticut's 100,000 hungry children, Thanks for Caring.

