

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

CSA PRESENTS OF OF TODAY'S TOP INDUSTRY PROS

having performed with Elvis, Chuck Berry, the Beach Boys, and Gary Puckett and the Union Gap

Dick Gabriel

Tuesday November 7, Wesleyan University, Middletown

IF YOU ONLY ATTENDED ONE MEETING A YEAR, THIS WOULD BE THE ONE !

The CSA Meeting for November will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 7:15 pm at Wesleyan University, Middletown. (directions on page 2).

CSA is pleased to present our special guest, Dick Gabriel, Dick Gabriel, is Assistant to the President - Special Projects, American Federation of Musicians, and was recruited by the AFM after a successful music career performing both as an artist and backup musician. He has performed with such legends as Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley, The Buddy Miles Blues band, and The Beach Boys. He was a member of the 60s/70s music group, "Gary Puckett and the Union Gap." At the AFM, he eventually became the head of the AFM's Electronic Media Division, negotiating contracts and providing services to musicians working in commercials, television, motion pictures and phonograph recordings. Among other things, he developed the AFM's system which monitors and collects on behalf of musicians when their recording is used for any purpose other than that for which it was originally produced. This system brings millions of additional dollars to musicians each year. His current focus is to make musicians more aware of the importance of treating their music career as a business, pointing out the numerous and often overlooked services and sources of revenue that are available to both signed and unsigned artists.

He currently negotiates special agreements for unique productions in Sound Recording and Television, makes appearances at conferences, seminars and schools presenting panels and as a speaker on the various aspects of the business of music and better ways to approach it.

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>)

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| Oct 20 | LUNCH Concert - Wheeler HS, North Stonington |
| Nov 7 | CSA Monthly Meeting - Middletown
With Dick Gabriel from "Gary Puckett and the Union Gap" |
| Nov 11 | Veterans Day Tribute Concert, Mystic |
| Dec 02 | - LUNCH Holiday Show - many CSA artists. |
| Dec 04 | - CSA Holiday Showcase and Potluck - Glastonbury |
| Feb 17 '07 | PRO WORKSHOP with Marcie Geller from NYC |

COMBINING ARTS, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR 26 YEARS

Guiding Songs Along the Path from Creation to Realization to Proliferation

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATIONS

How to
Get There!

Directions to Wesleyan University:

The meeting room at Wesleyan is B2B, South College near the Chapel in the core of the campus.

-- **From New Haven** take I 91 north to Exit 18 which is Route 66 which becomes Washington St in Middletown. Go right onto High St. after Memorial Green. The chapel and South College are on High St. See Wesleyan Univ. sign at the corner of Washington and High St.

--**From the Merritt / Wilbur Cross Parkway** (Route 15) to Route 66 east to Middletown.

--**From Hartford or from New London**, take Route 9 to Exit 15 in Middletown. This is Route 66 which becomes Washington St. High St is a left just before the Green.

--**From Waterbury**, take I 691 past Meriden. 691 becomes Route 66. See above.

--For automated travel directions call 860-685-3390.

Directions to Mystic Union Baptist Church for Mystic River Folk: 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.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT ! NEW 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

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.

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, 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)
- 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.



Veteran's Day Concert

An Event to Support Social Services in Southeastern Connecticut and to Honor the Men and Women Who Have Served Our Country

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Food Pantry

A TRIBUTE TO
THE MEN AND
WOMEN WHO
SERVE OUR
COUNTRY

There are more than
250,000 Homeless
Veterans

Sat, Nov 11, 2006
7:00pm

Union Baptist
Church, Mystic

(corner Rt 1 and High St)



Bill Pere - Official CT
State Troubadour
and National IMC
Artist of the Year



Kay Pere - Award
Winning Songwriter
and Recording Artist

Family Entertainment at its Best !

Kids from Groton and
Stonington Schools join
the LUNCH Ensemble with
Bill Pere and Kay Pere



Founded 1989 by Bill Pere

TICKETS:

At the door -- \$10 (adult)
\$6 (under 13)
In advance: - \$8 (adult)
\$5 (under 13)

Call 860-572-9285 to
reserve with your
credit card

www.lunchensemble.com
Visit us on the Web

BIG NEWS

YOUR CSA MEMBERSHIP JUST BECAME MORE VALUABLE !

Since 1989, CSA has produced 14 compilation CD's of member's songs. Now, in partnership with IndieGate digital distribution, CSA compilations released since 2005 are being made available online for DIGITAL DOWNLOAD, and the CSA writers will receive the standard royalty (currently 10 cents for writer plus publisher share.) for each download.

This is a great opportunity to get your songs in front of a worldwide audience and to help CSA and yourself as well.

So far, "CSA Sampler Volume 10" , and "Share the Journey" are all available through this new IndieGate partnership. IndieGate will be the exclusive distributor for CSA compilation digital downloads . This way, if for any reason you decided to not have your song in distribution, it can be removed.

A link to the Indiegate store is now available from the CSA website.

Keep in mind that the quality of a digitally downloaded song is typically slightly less than that of the song on a physical CD. Of course you can still purchase complete regular CD's from CSA. We are simply adding a new option for individual digital downloads.

These are not free giveaway downloads -- they are paid digital downloads, with royalties going to the writers.

Since 1979, we've worked hard to be the best songwriters association around and to give our members as many benefits as possible. We value your membership and participation, and we hope to be able to bring even more value to you in the time ahead.

To check out the new digital store, you can visit the CSA website (www.ctsongs.com) and click the link.

You can also add a link to the storefront from your own website as well.

And while we were at it, we've made it possible new to join CSA right online through the IndieGate storefront.

CHECK IT OUT !



LOCAL
UNITED
NETWORK to
COMBAT
HUNGER

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

presents



The 10th Annual LUNCH HOLIDAY SHOW

**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**

(SNOW DATE: Sunday Dec 3, 3pm)

**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**

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 !**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT -- YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

