The Emerson Network Update - July 6, 2012

The Emerson Network is a bi-weekly email for Emerson alumni to share updates and announcements with the Emerson family.


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**Boston**

Michelle Ziomek '00, G'02 and Mark Williams were married on April 29, 2012 in Georgetown, MA at the Black Swan Country Club. Melissa Gaynor '05 was a bridesmaid, and Joanna (Watson) Toppan '03 was one of the flower girls along with Joan Fiore of Property Management. Michelle currently works as an Assistant Property Manager at Emerson College, while Mark is a Boston Fire Fighter. They reside in Boston, MA, and are looking forward to their European honeymoon later this year.

Jaclyn Liechti '09 is now an Online Content Editor for C-4 Analytics in Saugus, MA. She is moving from a copyediting position at Smarter Travel Media.

Alleigh Marre '09
NOW: Press Secretary / Spokeswoman for Scott Brown, Scott Brown for U.S. Senate Campaign
WAS: Press Secretary for the Massachusetts Republican Party

Cassidy Quinn Brettler '11 is heading to London for the 2012 Summer Olympics to work for the Olympic Committee, and video blog and tweet around London while she's there. Cassidy reported at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics while she was at Emerson.

Zachary Buckner '13, Louis Blevins '13, Marc Hecht '13, Matthew Merskamer '13 and James Bass '14 are currently in the process of producing a feature film, *Good Decisions*. They have raised over $10,000 for the film, but need another $2,000 to complete production. [Help them reach their fundraising goal](#)

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**Los Angeles**

Ian Kezsbom '04 has started a small press with his wife, Deborah and published the first volume of an anthology of genre fiction, *Journeys of Wonder*. It's currently on sale at Amazon for 99 cents in e-book format and features two of Ian's own stories as well as 3 other stories by two different authors.

Alexander Yan '11 and Lowell A. Meyer '11 released their latest work last month, a music video entitled, "The Money," for the LA-based artist, Cliff Dweller. "The Money" is a lavish and fully-realized concept that
involved the collaboration of multiple other Emersonians, including Jay Lewis '11, Rose Hamlet '09, Frank Mobilio '10, Wesley Von Tracy '11, Alex "Scoops" Lizotte '10, Maggie Dillion '09, Daniel Pelegero '12, Kevin Marciano '15, and Matt D. Ferro '13.

Lee Syatt '11
NOW: Assistant Editor at Nash Entertainment
WAS: Assistant Editor at Vin Di Bona Productions, Americas Funniest Home Videos

New York City

Kevin Daly, MA '05 took a job as a Producer for SUSPECT vfx + design in NYC. Prior to that Kevin was a Creative Director for NYC pre-visualization studio "Launch" where he directed and produced animation.

Adam Ullian '05 runs a comedy blog, YuletideSnapper.com and is always looking for help with comedian interviews, videography, editing, and bloggers. Feel free to drop him a line if you're interested in joining this expanding project. He can be reached at adam.ullian@gmail.com.

Bettina Warshaw '11, Lucy Goldberg '10, Courtney Preiss '11, Courtney Irizarry '11 and current Emersonian Lizzie Swerdlin are collaborating on Aliee and Bettina's (sort of) Grown Up Sleepover, which will be performed at FringeNYC this August.

New England & Mid Atlantic

Winchester, MA
Art Stewart '82 had his latest article published in Massachusetts Family Business magazine in June, "Family Brand Competitiveness in the Post-Meltdown World." He is a part-time faculty member in Marketing Communications at Emerson where he teaches a course he designed in corporate and social responsibility.

Philadelphia, PA
Kimberly Ann Southwick '06, the founder & the editor in chief of the literary arts journal, Gigantic Sequins, is pleased to announce that Gigantic Sequins is having its first poetry & flash fiction contests judged, respectively, by Nick Flynn & Jennifer duBois. Prizes include $100, publication & more. Visit giganticsequins.submishmash.com for more information. The deadline to submit is August 15, 2012.

Millis, MA
Yvonne LaBarge '12 is the Script Supervisor for the Ayla Brown music video, "Goodbye for Good," and the feature film, Cowboy Spirit.

USA

Reston, VA
Andrew Guthrie '59, a former NBC News and Voice of America correspondent is busy sending out news release-type letters to his friends and others in the media, NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN et al. on a story he covered several times while working at VOA. It refers to "Mother Nature" efforts to replenish the Gulf of Mexico after the devastating BP oil spill. The animal most affected by the spill, the Kemp's ridley sea turtle is having a record-breaking nesting season along the Texas coast. So far, 204 nests have been laid by this smallest and most critically endangered of all the sea turtle species. The Deepwater Horizon fire and spill killed more than 550 Kemp's ridley turtles, and since these animals live their entire life in the Gulf, they were the MOST affected by the spill. Only one baby sea turtle out of a thousand lives to maturity, so this animal will have to lay HALF A MILLION or more eggs in order to bring its numbers back up to pre-spill level. Any
Emersonians in the news business who would like to help get the word out, can contact Andrew.

Nashville, TN
Janice Soled '84 launched My Music Screen, a web-based tip sheet and service that pitches music for licensed Film and TV use. She'd love to hear from music supervisors looking for new music and from publishers and independent artists with clear ownership of their musical works looking to pitch their music to the screen. Contact Janice.

Mobile, AL
Scott Brown '90 recently collaborated with acclaimed comics writer, Jamie Delano (Hellblazer, etc.), on a new graphic novel called Shadow of Dixie. They are raising funds on Kickstarter to help them finance the artist and colorist, as well as to self-publish. Scripts, original art, and a myriad other extras are available. More info »

International
Amman, Jordan
Fadi Skeiker '05 is assistant professor of theatre arts at University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan. In addition, Fadi has been leading community projects to use theatre as a tool to address women issues in the Middle East; if you are ever there, email him to check out his work and be part of one of his ongoing projects.

Emersonians in the Media
Arleen Sorkin '77 won a Peabody Award for Bhutto. Arleen served as executive producer. In this documentary, former Pakistani president Benazir Bhutto's life story unfolds like an epic novel, with a fairy tale beginning, a martyr's death and years of social awakening and political courage in between.

Emersonians Win at the Daytime Emmy Awards
William Ludel '70, Director, Outstanding Drama Series Directing Team for ABC's General Hospital. Bill also won The Director's Guild Award this year.
D.J. Diomedes '70, Camera Operator, ABC's General Hospital. This is D.J.'s third Emmy in a row for camera.
David A. Levinson '97, Writer, Outstanding Drama Series Writing Team for NBC's Days of Our Lives.

Shameless Plugs
Upcoming Alumni Events:
Tuesday, July 10 - Washington DC - Panel: Careers in Film, Video & Digital Media
Thursday, July 29 - San Francisco - Emerson SF Happy Hour
Wednesday, August 22 - Providence, RI - Save the Date! Featuring RI State Senator Beatrice Lanzi '91

Save the Date! Alumni Weekend 2013 is May 31-June 2. We'll be celebrating classes ending in 3 and 8. View photos from Alumni Weekend 2012 »
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Expression Magazine, Emerson's publication for alumni and friends is now available on the iPad.

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