The Emerson Network Update - December 7, 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**

**Michael R. Smith '91** is currently seeking a literary agent and/or publisher for his new book *Madonnastrology*, which finds the 12 studio albums of rock star Madonna matched up with the 12 zodiac signs, resulting in some amazingly accurate astrology readings. Michael can be reached at (508) 775-3025 or michaelsmith180@comcast.net.

**Morag MacLachlan, MA '03**, is the Director of Communications for the AIDS Clinical Trials Group based at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. The ACTG was established in 1987 to broaden the scope of the AIDS research effort of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. It is the world's largest HIV clinical trials organization with a network of 73 labs investigating antiretroviral drugs, co-infections and a cure. Morag manages the ACTG's social media channels, writes articles for the website, creates a monthly newsletter, produces videos for clinical trial recruitment and helps researchers gain press for published studies.

**Grant MacDermott '09** along with **Chelsea Cipolla '08**, **McCaela Donovan, MA '08**, and **Joe Marrella '06** have launched My College Audition, a company of young, recent graduates now working in the arts whose only goal is to help students get an inside track and an upper hand in the highly competitive world of college auditions. My College Audition now has posts in both Boston and New York City and has gotten more than 25 students into their top choice schools including many of the top Performing Arts programs in the country, including Emerson College. If you know of a school program or an individual who needs help with a Performing Arts application and/or audition, visit their website, email them or visit them on Facebook.

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**Los Angeles**

**Ira Goldstone '71** has been elected to serve on the Advanced Television Systems Committee's board of directors. Ira is currently Vice President of Engineering for Univision Television group and a long-time participant in the ATSC and industry digital TV efforts. Learn more »
Penny Peyser ’73 writes, "Emerson Los Angelinos! I'd love you to come see my show, Angels Fall, at the Lex Theater, now through Dec. 22. Shows are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm; Sunday matinees are at 3pm. This is a seldom-seen Lanford Wilson play - and I'd love to see seldom-seem alumni, young and old! Be sure and say hi after the show and receive a special Christmas party favor. For tickets and other info visit www.theprodco.com or call 800-838-3006."

Christopher J. De Celle ’92 is now directing the ‘Nick & Artie Show’ for Direct TV’s Audience Network.

Jed Alexander ’98 and his production company, Papa Jack Productions, LLC in association with F.A.B.A. (For Actors By Actors) are hosting a workshop with Casting Director, Jennifer Levy ("Waking The Dead," "Permanent Midnight," "Saw"), December 15, 1:00-3:00 PM at F.A.B.A. in Burbank, next to Warner Brothers. Reservations required. More info »

Andrea Janakas ’98 co-wrote the Lifetime Original Movie, Holly's Holiday, about an ad exec looking for the perfect love, but discovers that there's no such thing. The romantic comedy stars Claire Coffee (GRIMM) and Ryan McPartlin (CHUCK). It premieres tomorrow, Saturday, December 8th and will re-air during the holiday season. More info »

Sarah "Quiggs" Quigley ’02 announces the launch of her new Event Planning Company, Full Moon Events! Ten years of event experience in the industry (starting with her Emerson internship with the events department at Sony/Columbia Tri-Star) has given her the skills and experience needed to finally go rogue! Full Moon Events manages events of all shapes and sizes from conception to execution. Since the launch a few months ago, Full Moon Events has executed Camporee (the 100th anniversary Girl Scouts event) for over 6,000 attendees as well as various celebrity private events, nonprofit fundraisers and numerous weddings in the LA area.

Michael McManus ’08 and Ethan Amarant ’08, two recent Emerson alumni, have started a filmmaking movement to mobilize Generation Y. Inspired by each other and the potential of their generation, Ethan and Michael have created WAYWARD NATION - with a mission to find and tell the positive stories of our generation. They launched a Kickstarter campaign in a very non-traditional way, and are already on track to surpass their goal. Check out the campaign »

Amand Kyed, MA ’09, is teaching intro to media arts, animation, broadcast journalism, and sound to 7th through 12th grade at Windward School in Los Angeles.

New York City

Susan King ’97 would like to share updates since her graduation. Susan married Curtis Saunders, accomplished an MFA in poetry from Vermont College of Norwich University, and an MA in English from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She has poetry published in the Pitkin Review, 2006 issue. She has articles published in Mass Dissent, 2009 and 2010 issues. She is working on a creative non-fiction manuscript with a reputable writer/editor, and recently she got the amazing news that her poetry is in an anthology of the Best Poetry of 2012. Her work is included in The Writing Disorder presents The Best Fiction and Nonfiction of 2012 and The Writing Disorder presents The Best Poetry of 2012.


Ryan Shibley '05 has a new comedic music video "Background Anthem Lose Yourself" which won the
award for the "Best Music Video" at the Williamsburg Independent Film Festival (November 18th, 2012). Ryan's comedy group "East Coast Exports" will now try to use this momentum and get this music video entered into many other Film Festivals over the next year. Ryan also recently released a funny/pathetic music video entitled "It's Hoboken" which focuses on all the great aspects of Hoboken, New Jersey (Especially after the destruction that Hurricane Sandy left). Watch Ryan's comedic music videos and sketches »

Washington DC

Christine Colburn '08
WAS: Assistant Production Coordinator at 'The Heat'/20th Century Fox, Boston
NOW: Production Coordinator at PBS, Washington, DC

New England

Newton, MA
James Schpeiser '81 ran in the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club 5k road race on December 2, along with 100 others.

Providence, RI
Sarah Matczak '05 recently joined Providence CityArts for Youth as the Director of the Expanded Day Teaching Artist Project.

Northampton, MA
Jess Dupuis '10 has brought her company Olive Natural Beauty to indiegogo.com with the mission of raising $10,000 to SAVE OUR SKIN! Half of the funds raised will be given away in free ONB products to help people everywhere "practice safe skin care", while the rest will go towards helping ONB grow and become certified organic. As of now, the entire ONB product line is handmade and hand-packaged by Jess and she needs all the help she can get! Every donation receives an award. Learn more »

Cranston, RI
Jennifer Keogh '11 is proud to announce that she has self-published a book of poetry, I'm not as tidy as you think. It is available in both paperback and e-book form on Amazon.com, for $9.99 and $8.99 respectively.

USA

Kansas City, MO
Pete Dulin '02 published his first book, Last Bite: 100 Simple Recipes from Kansas City's Best Chefs and Cooks (KC Star Books) in Fall 2012. The cookbook includes recipes, color food photography, and portraits and profiles of 40 chefs and cooks in Kansas City’s culinary scene.

Austin, TX
Anna Eisenberg '03 is overjoyed to announce her marriage to Robert Reed on October 19, 2012. They were married in Austin.

Ardmore, PA
Michelle Bradley '10 is now Print Project Coordinator at Document Solutions Group (DSG) in Oaks, PA. Previously, she was Account/Project Manager at Bosha Design +Communications after graduating from Rosemont College with a Masters in Publishing in May 2012. She has also started a side business
publishing family histories and biographies.

International

Oslo, Norway
Peer Oian '03 directed a production of Henrik Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler* that is invited to The Kennedy Center and the festival "Nordic Cool 2013." Since graduating Peer has studied directing at the Oslo National Academy of the Arts in his native Norway, earning an MA in stage directing in 2010. His professional directing debut, a production of Henrik Ibsen's Hedda Gabler, premiered at Norway's national theatre in Oslo during the international Ibsen festival in 2010. In Norwegian with English supertitles as Part of Nordic Cool 2013, The Kennedy Center, Washington DC, Feb. 26 - 27, 2013. More info »

Emersonians in the Media

Seth Grahame-Smith '98, author and screenwriter, was named number 18 on The Hollywood Reporter's "Hollywood's 25 Most Powerful Authors" List. Read more »

Emerson's undergraduate social media class hosted special guest, Rob Gronkowski (New England Patriots), last night. Read about the way the students used social media and Twitter to get Rob's attention »

Shameless Plugs

Upcoming Events
January 7 - ONLINE - A New Start to a New Year: Career Planning and Changes
January 20 - Boca Raton, FL - Annual South Florida Brunch
January 30 - ONLINE - Basic Cinematography: How light & composition are used in film and how to navigate a cinematography career
February 28 - Los Angeles - 13th Annual Emerson Film Festival

For more upcoming events, visit the events calendar.

View an archive of our webinar series and register for upcoming webinars »

Save the Date! Alumni Weekend 2013 is May 31-June 2. We'll be celebrating classes ending in 3 & 8, Rho Delta Omega, Alpha Epsilon Phi, and Orientation Leaders.

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