The Emerson Network Update - January 25, 2013

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

Gregg Rosenblum, MFA ’99, released his first book, the young-adult sci-fi novel, Revolution 19, published by HarperTeen. More info and to see the book trailer »

Pete Jahn ’04 presents his company, B-Roll Films, latest documentary, Ripple Effect: Sons of the Killing Fields. The doc, about Cambodian-American gangs, screened last April at the Boston International Film Festival and won a Special Recognition Award. Watch the trailer »

Evan Crean ’08 is looking for a literary agent and publisher for a book he wrote with a friend entitled, Your '80s Movie Guide to Better Living, the first in a series of self-help books, which blend humorous and practical advice from 80s films on how to tackle many of life's important (and some not-so-important) challenges. If interested, please email evan.crean@gmail.com.

New York City

Larry Loonin ’76 was a teacher in the Drama Dept.(1971-1976). He will be teaching a scene study class starting Feb. 12th in Tribeca. You can contact him on Facebook.

Amy Wachtel ’80, aka "The Night Nurse," hosts "Rockers Arena," her long time Roots Reggae radio program, every Monday on RadioLily.com. Located in the storefront window of Miss Lily's Variety Store, at 130 Houston St in Greenwich Village, Amy can be heard, or seen, from 5-7pm. If you're in the area, come on by. Chances are she'll put you on the air for a "likkle chat." Email: nightnurse22@gmail.com and follow her on Twitter.

Garrett Bess ’88, owner of Two River Pictures, was nominated in 2011 for a James Beard award. Read more »

Nicholas Levis ’95 would like to announce a call for directors and actors. PushPush Film and Theater,
BrandCinema, in partnership with The National Endowment for the Arts announces a $10,000 Director Challenge! They are looking for a director who is well versed with live action and animation to be hired for the Pre-Production Stage of a new series called GRFX. Actors needed to read the first season of GRFX season. There is no pay for the actors, but this is a great opportunity to meet producers and directors. Please email Nicholas if any of this interests you and you are available.

Danielle Ledesma Gretz '98 is the co-founder and partner of Just Two Friends Media.

Srda Vadilijevic '14 is assistant directing the NYC Revival of The Laramie Project with Moises Kaufman and the original company. The show will be running from Feb 12 - 24 at BAM Harvey Theater. More info »

Los Angeles

June August '58 is seeking an actor over 50 to portray Robert Frost in her play, Robert Frost: Fire and Ice, which is in production in Wells, ME. She is looking for someone to continue performing and touring in the show. June would also like to announce the opening of her musical Sexy Widows on May 31 at the 24th Street Theater in LA. Kay Cole, a member of the Emerson West faculty, will be directing the show.

Adilah Barnes '72 is executive producer of the Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival, to be held this year at the Renberg Theatre in Hollywood, March 21-24. Four days of star-studded entertainment mark the Festival's 20th Anniversary. For schedule and tickets, call 818-760-0408 or visit the website.

Nanci Isaacs '79 writes, "A fellow classmate of '79 needs help - Rhoda Gibson is paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair. A Give Forward Fundraiser page has been set up for her in the hope that she'll receive some financial and emotional support. If you're unable to give at this time, still visit the site, there is a section where you can send her a virtual "hug". Thank you!"

The EBONI Alumni Association will be hosting their first general meeting of 2013 on Saturday, January 26 at the Emerson College LA Center, 4001 W Alameda Ave #200, Burbank, CA 91505. We need your voice and support as we shape the foundation of our group. For more information, email ebonialumnila@gmail.com.

New England

West Haven, CT
Dennis Blader '75 produced and directed a video of NYC jazz singer Lynette Washington's beautiful rendition of Paul McCartney's "My Valentine." There's a cool story behind it, too: Dennis connected on Facebook with Lynette's brother-in-law, who was his junior high music teacher. He was working on the interpretation and asked Dennis and his students to make the video. Watch here »

Watertown, MA
Elisa Rogovin '87 has joined Hammond Residential in Chestnut Hill as a sales associate. Most recently, she functioned as part of a two-person team representing high-end properties in the greater Boston area and is proud of her success. Prior to her real estate career, Elissa worked as a public relations and communications professional for over twenty years servicing significant international consumer brands. Elissa utilizes these skills along with her experience in client service to offer her buyers and sellers unparalleled business acumen, marketing skills, and creativity.
Salem, MA
Karen Scalia '89 has recently launched her new company, Salem Food Tours and North Shore Food Tours. Featured in the Boston Globe, these food walking tours are being enjoyed by locals, visitors and groups. Tours run all year and advance reservations are required.

Newburyport, MA
Dawne Shand, MFA '06, began “The Tannery Series,” a reading series to bring authors out of the academy and into her local community in Newburyport. The Tannery Series, is taking a road trip to Salem. The first collaboration between The Tannery Series and PEM takes place February 21. Hot Fusion: Explosive, Global India, will offer a fast, fresh serving of the hottest Indian-American writers. Visitors will see PEM’s Atrium transformed into Bombay’s most famous artistic and intellectual watering hole, the Samovar Café; taste street food; hear Bhangra and Bollywood beats and meet three amazing authors. Special exhibit, “Midnight to the Boom: Painting in India after Independence" will be open for viewing. Join in as The Tannery Series hosts a conversation about Dickens in Bombay, beef and justice and one tiger who’s having a very bad day—featuring writers Suketu Mehta (Maximum City), Rajesh Parameswaran (I Am An Executioner: Love Stories) and Rishi Reddi (Karma and Other Stories).

Billerica, MA
Jillian Ducharme '10 writes, “As the founder, host and producer of "Beats, Rhymes and Life" on the UNcensored channel on UNregular Radio, I would like to announce the celebration of 2.5 years on air! Tune in every Thursday 5:30-7:30 for the best in local and underground hip hop, content and live interviews!”

San Francisco
Amanda Langlinais Pepper’s '01 short screenplay “St. Peter in Chains” won the Table Read My Screenplay contest and will be receiving a professional table read at the Sundance Film Festival.

USA
Onancock, VA
Douglas Arvidson's '69 short story, “The Foreigner: An Incident at the National Gallery of Art" was selected as one of the best short stories published by the Prague Revue and was re-published in the literary magazines new online format. Another of Arvidson's stories, “The God of Wind and Sea," is also being featured.

Walla Walla, WA
Edward Weinman '99 released her debut novel, The Ring Road, published by The Rogue Reader. The Ring Road is a Nordic thriller set in Iceland after a glacial volcano awakens with a series of eruptions, stranding ex-cop Hobson at 66° North where human behavior is as unpredictable as the weather. Barnes & Noble named The Ring Road a Nook First Pick, calling it a “compelling read from an emerging author.” More information »

International
Arman, Jordan
Fadi Skeiker, MA ’05, completed his PhD at UT, Austin in 2009; after finishing his PhD, he moved to work as an assistant professor in the theatre arts department at the University of Jordan. Dr. Fadi
Skeiker is serving this academic year as an assistant dean in the College of Arts and Design at University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan.

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**Emersonians in the Media**

Did you catch President Pelton's Huffington Post essay about Martin Luther King Jr? In it, he writes: "If we are truly to understand King and give meaning to his sacrifice for a better America, we need to read his speeches, writings and letters-in all of their fullness and complexity." [Read it here »](https://adminlb.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/admin...)

For the third time in five years, the 2012 Emerson Softball team accumulated the highest team GPA in Division III to claim the NFCA All-Academic Team Award. The program also won the esteemed award in 2007 and 2009, both of which years it also laid claim to a GNAC championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance. The 2012 team posted a 3.59 cumulative GPA, tying it for first in the nation with Fontbonne University and topping powerhouses such as MIT en route to the award.

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**Shameless Plugs**

**Upcoming Events**

- **January 30 - Online** - [Basic Cinematography and Careers in Cinematography](https://adminlb.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/admin...)
- **February 7 - Boston** - "In Search of O" performance with Chrystee Pharris '98
- **February 8 - NYC** - Save the Date! NYC Reception with Graduate Students
- **February 12 - Online** - [Utilizing Your Alumni Chapter](https://adminlb.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/admin...)
- **February 26 - Online** - [Navigating the Strange and Terrific World of Film Festivals](https://adminlb.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/admin...)
- **February 28 - Los Angeles** - [13th Annual Emerson Film Festival](https://adminlb.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/admin...)

For more upcoming events, visit the [events calendar](https://adminlb.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/admin...).

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**Save the Date!** [Alumni Weekend 2013](https://adminlb.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/admin...) is May 31-June 2. We'll be celebrating classes ending in 3 & 8, Rho Delta Omega, Alpha Epsilon Phi, and Orientation Leaders. Interested in joining your reunion committee? Email [alumni@emerson.edu](mailto:alumni@emerson.edu).

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