The Emerson Network Update - March 15, 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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For more upcoming events, visit the events calendar.

Boston

Marblehead, MA
Fred Lawrence Feldman '72 released his latest book, How to Save the World on $5 a Day. Read an excerpt »

Coleman Hough '82 is raising money through USAProjects for her new film, Walking into Walls, on her battle with Parkinson's. More info »

Rick Park '86 was one of two recipients of the Mark Twain Prize for Comic Playwriting for his romantic comedy "Gay Guy, Fat Girl." The award is part of the Michael Kanin Playwriting Awards Program, a series of awards presented annually by the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Rick was also just nominated by the Independent Reviewers of New England for "Best Actor in a Drama" for his role as the Tiger in "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo".

Jake Price '95 won an honorable mention at the World Press Photo contest for his immersive web documentary about the tsunami that struck Japan, UnknownSpring.

Ian Midgley '07 (dir.), Christina Heller '06 (prod), Siku Thompson '06 (prod) and Adam Mack '07 (editor) are currently building their social media network for their social action documentary, THE SPARK! They are reaching out far and wide asking people across the world to "Ignite The Spark." More info »

Shervin Arya '09 writes, "Herring Migration Documentary Series consists of 3 films focused on the natural history, latest science and conservation issues surrounding the river herring and the migration event. Shot across tens of rivers in MA, the films feature new behavior and insightful analysis from a leading panel of herring experts." Learn more about these films »
Shervin is also seeking a distinct voice-over talent for natural history and science documentaries. To learn more, send an inquiry to Shervin.

Samantha Lawsky '11 published her first book, *Man of History*. The book began as her BFA thesis at Emerson and evolved into a full-fledged account of her grandfather's experiences in Auschwitz during the Holocaust and the life he built afterward. The book was expertly designed by Jeannie Harrell '11.

Brian Annis '12 is proud to announce that his new book, *Conclusions*, is available for purchase on Blurb. Brian writes, “Special thanks to the many friends who helped me shoot, design, and ultimately publish my first book.”

**California**

Shannon Sullivan '76 had a small part as the "Mother" on ABC's *Scandal* on the February 21 episode. [Watch now »](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2829695/

Glendora, CA

Brian Heffron '78 will publish his first novel, *Colorado Mandala*, this month.

Tricia Kelly '85 appears in *One Night With Janis Joplin* at the Pasadena Playhouse. Use JAN10 for a special Emerson discount. [Tickets »](https://www.broadwaypasadena.org/shows/one-night-with-janis-joplin)

David Mazzaferro '85 had a part on Comedy Central's new series "Inside Amy Schumer." Look for him as the energetic mattress salesman.

San Diego, CA

Karl Bimshas '90 published his second novel, *He Loves It When She Smiles*, a bittersweet and humorous romance set in 1980s Boston.

West Hollywood, CA

Geoffrey Golden '05 is editor-in-chief of *The Devastator*, a nationally distributed comedy magazine, which published its 7th issue in March, "The Devastator #7: Spies." Each issue is a mix of comics and written humor with contributors from The Daily Show, The Onion, Adult Swim, Marvel, DC Comics, along with Emersonians Asterios Kokkinos '04, John Ford '03, Patrick Baker '04, and Marly Halpem-Graser '07. [Subscribe »](https://www.thedevastator.com)

**Washington, DC**

Bari Biern Sedar, MA '73, received a 2013 Helen Hayes Award nomination for contributing lyrics to Imagination Stage's production of "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe." In June, the In Series will present the DC premiere of Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" featuring Bari's English libretto at the Atlas Performing Arts Center. She recently completed the English book and lyrics for "The Key", a new family musical by Hungarian composer, Tibor Zonai.

**Philadelphia**


**Mid-West**
Saint Paul, MN
Jen Wittes ’99 is putting her WLP degree to good use as a regular contributor at Skirt! Magazine and is also Minnesota Parent.

Chicago, IL
Diana Dilger ’03 has a new play, Docked & Loaded, which will be performed in NYC as part of the Modern-Day Griot Theatre Co's See, Hear, Taste, Touch Festival in March.

Florida
Naples, FL
Carole Fenster Soling ’56 published her novel, Between the Solstices, which is currently available on amazon.com.

Pompano Beach, FL
Joseph Conforti, MA ’06, plans to produce Boston's first dramatic cop web-series, In Plain View. Conforti’s cast boasts veteran actors Tom Kemp and Tony V., along with Bobby Wahlberg and George MacDonald. He begins fundraising through Rockethub.com in mid-March. Casting and production-crew hiring is continuing in Boston. Contact: inplainviewseries@gmail.com

International
Amsterdam, Holland
Jennifer Niejadlik ’95 and Menno Swart ’97 started a new venture in multi media, "Tulip Report," which contributes English language news, entertainment and cultural reports in Holland. It is on the web and TV and you can find "Tulip Report" on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. "Tulip Report".

Emersonians in the Media
Richard LaGravenese ’80 was featured in The Boston Globe and on various other media outlets as the screenwriter for HBO's upcoming biopic on legendary pianist Liberace, Behind the Candleabra. The film, directed by Steven Soderbergh, stars Michael Douglas as Liberace and Matt Damon as his longtime partner, Scott Thorson. Read more

Ramona Diaz ’83 was featured in The Boston Globe for her film, Don't Stop Believin’: Everyman's Journey, which follows the story of Arnel Pineda, a regular guy from the Philippines, who became the new frontman for the band Journey. Read more

Jay Baron Nicorvo, MFA ’01, was featured WMUK 102.1 FM, the local NPR affiliate, which aired a 4-minute radio report about Jay's recently published debut poetry collection, Deadbeat. Listen now

Shameless Plugs

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.
Upcoming Emerson Lions Games at Emerson

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