The Emerson Network Update - June 7, 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

Dallas Mayr '68 aka Jack Ketchum is a finalist for both the Shirley Jackson Award and Bram Stoker Award in best long fiction for his novella, I'm Not Same, written with director Lucky McKee.

Nancy Goode Talalas '83 released a children's e-book, My Private Places, which is available for free at goodebooks.org. The book was recommended by Margot Hill, Deupity Superintendent of the Boston Police Department, who said, "As commander of the Family Justice Division of the Boston Police Department...I can recommend this book to many of our partners in the schools and community. I will recommend this for the elementary teachers who are charged with teaching this material."

Wes Hazard MFA '11 will be hosting the 3rd edition of his mixed-arts variety show "Grandma's: The Basement Mixtape" on Sunday 6/16, 8:30pm at Grandma's Basement comedy club (inside the Fenway Howard Johnson's). The show will feature stand-up comedy, music, burlesque & poet Donald Vincent, MFA '13. More info »

Matthew Thaler '16 is currently a sophomore at Emerson. He is producing his first feature film with several other filmmakers across NYC (all under the age of 20) and is looking for funding through Kickstarter. More info on A Desert Rose »

Los Angeles

Jeff Arch '76 adapted Sleepless in Seattle – The Musical, which is currently on the mainstage at the Pasadena Playhouse through June 23. The new stage adaption is based off of the original film. More Information and tickets »

Jed Alexander '98 is the dad in this summer season's Walgreens commercial. Check it out »

Jonathan Ade '07 (writer/director) and Alexander Paul '08 (cinematographer) have been working on their upcoming short film, Lay in Wait, for over a year and a half. Now, they're in the final stretch of their fundraising campaign and need all the help they can get. Support the project »
Samantha Shada '08 produced a short drama entitled, They’re With Me, and it is now available to view online and via video streaming devices. To download the film visit iTunes or Amazon Instant Video US. More info »

Joey Derrico '11 is a video editor at Activision|Blizzard, a video game publisher located in Santa Monica, CA. After working at Prologue Films for over a year as a VFX editor on a number of studio films, Joey was recruited by Activision|Blizzard to apply his developed skill-set to the video game industry and its related media assets.

New York City

Tobie Stein '79 will be recognized as a “Top Woman in Business” at Schnep Communications’ 2nd Annual Top Women in Business Networking & Awards event on June 20.

Taruna Sharma '01 writes, “Do you know anyone who’s had any thoughts of buying or selling property in Manhattan? Don’t wait for conditions to change. Text or call me today at 917.664.2343 or email me at taruna.sharma@elliman.com to discuss your needs, get your questions answered, and get you well on your way to a swift and profitable sale. Learn more about me by visiting my website at elliman.com/tars.”

Robert Grigsby Wilson '04 was the associate editor on Onion News Empire (Amazon.com Originals/The Onion), additional editor on Ain't Them Bodies Saints (Sundance Film Festival 2013, Cannes Film Festival 2013), and editor on In Lieu Of Flowers (Newport Beach Film Festival 2013).

Kathryn Reiter '07 and her writing partner David Fumarola released their new adult adaptation of Mary Shelly's classic, Skankenstein, which is currently available on Amazon for $2.99.

Megumi Haggerty '08 has booked the role of Jessica, in the indie feature film Acabonac Sunrise. The film tells the story of two friends, Jessica and Abigail, who embark on a road-trip, searching for their place in the world and meeting others on the same journey along the way. Filming begins this month in the Hamptons and Danbury, CT.

Rob Leshin '12 and Daniel Hainsworth '09 are proud to present GIRLZ, their already infamous parody of HBO's Girls. Also featuring the talents of Charlotte Munson '09, Danielle Heaton '09, Mary Caitlin Gilson '09, and Ben Fisher '09. Check it out »

Lorena Mora '12 has been promoted within Warby Parker Eyewear and will be leading the Retail Operations team to take the online, e-commerce experience offline to Warby Parker's first flagship store in SoHo. She has been with the company for eight months.

Job Opportunity

Seeking creative editor/post supervisor in NYC for award winning documentary company of features and TV-series. If you are interested in the position please contact Caroline at Break Thru Films, Inc.

New England
Hudson, MA
Russ Gannon '89 was cast in the role of Church Deacon in the upcoming film *The Minister's Wife*. He also recently recorded a radio commercial for Mass Save. [More info »](#)

Southborough, MA
Raymond Thompson '92 is organizing a Mud Run called *Wicked Mud Run* which is a race menu timed 5K obstacle course and mud run happening on June 22 at the Bolton Fairgrounds in Lancaster, MA. [More info »](#)

Burlington, VT
Jean Parker '94 started a new business, Dove Chocolate Discoveries. It is a direct sell business selling Dove Chocolates. [More information for part time or full time work »](#)

Goveland, MA
Alethea (Bonin) Copelas '96 opened Compass Nutrition, a holistic health coaching practice in January of 2013. She works with women to show them how to nurture and reconnect with their body through food so they can release unwanted weight, have more energy and increase their confidence. She can be reached at 978-308-9014 or [www.compassnutritionma.com](http://www.compassnutritionma.com). [Compass Nutrition on FB »](#)

Jamestown, RI
Andrew Potter '00 presents his critically acclaimed one-man show "The Road to High Street: A Busker's Digital Rock & Roll Story." After two shows in May, Potter returns to Hollywood this month for the Hollywood Fringe Festival. Visit his website for more details and check out this interview in which he mentions Emerson.

Salem, MA
Jeph York '00, a freelance editor/coordinator for Marvel Comics since 2006, has written a guidebook to the long-running Wolverine comic book series. *Wolverine: the Official Index to the Marvel Universe* can be ordered on Amazon (http://amzn.to/11Ku164) or at any comic book specialty shop.

Norfolk, MA
Alexander R. Burnham, M.S.Sp '04, was promoted to director of rehabilitation services at The Boston Home, a residence and center for care of adults with advanced Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases after working at the not-for-profit organization since 2009.

Concord, NH
Brady Carlson '05 is launching a web video series about his offbeat travels to the gravesites of the US presidents. He's currently raising funds through Kickstarter for season one of the show. [More info »](#)

Providence, RI
Roger Tower '10 and his company, Tower Marketing Agency, were hired by Millcreek Cacao Roasters, an artisan chocolate bar maker in Utah, to build an e-commerce site and expand into new cacao tea markets. In other news, Roger is relocating to San Diego at the end of the summer.

Washington DC
Alison Klein '09 is traveling to Germany and Belgium June 10-24 as a RIAS fellow, a German/American journalist exchange program. [More info about the program »](#)
New Orleans

Alex Ates '13 presents The Shakespearean Jazz Show, an original production created by students at Emerson combining Shakespearean text with original jazz will be performing at The New Orleans Shakespeare Festival at Tulane University in New Orleans for the second summer in a row! The production runs June 20-23 at the Lupin Theater. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at online or by calling (504) 865-5106. The production will be returning to Boston on July 18, to perform at Emerson's Paramount Mainstage for ArtsEmerson. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at artsemerson.org or by calling 617-824-8400. More info »

International

London, UK
Erika (Schwartz) Poole '97 was interviewed on the UK’s biggest morning show, Daybreak, about her experience visiting North Korea earlier this year. Read about it on her blog »

Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Daniel Hillel-Tuch '12 wrote, directed and edited a 30 second commercial for Boom Chicago that aired on Comedy Central in The Netherlands this past week. Check it out »

Emersonians in the Media

Emerson College got a shout out on The Tonight Show. Check out Jay Leno '73 talk about his alma mater with Vince Vaughn (at 3:35) »

Richard LaGravenese '80 is praised on multiple media outlets for his “beautifully written” script for Behind the Candelabra, an HBO biopic about Liberace, starring Michael Douglas and Matt Damon. Read more from the Boston Globe »

Shameless Plugs

June 22 - Los Angeles - LA GOLD Summer Wine Event
September 25 - Denver - Red Sox vs. Rockies Game

Everyone had an AHA! moment at Emerson when they realized this was the place for them. This year, we want to help even more students have their AHA! moment. If 1,862 alumni give to the College before June 30th, an anonymous donor will give Emerson $100,000! We have 566 donors left to go to make this goal, and every dollar counts! Visit the participation website to find out more and watch the ticker grow. Share your AHA! moment on Facebook »

The EBONI Alumni Association announces their new leadership team. Stephen Farrier '75 will serve as president and Nanci Isaacs '79 will serve as vice president. To read more about Stephen and Nanci, visit our chapters page. Find out more about the EBONI Alumni Association »
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