The Emerson Network Update - September 6, 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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Upcoming Events

- Sept 10 - Online - Using LinkedIn to Land a Job
- Sept 19 - Los Angeles - Entertainment Professional Panel hosted by the LA EBONI Alumni Association
- Sept 24 - Online - How to Approach People Online
- Oct 10 - BOS - Save the Date! Reception & Film Screening (Details TBA)

Boston

David Reno '73, G'95 hosted and moderated a candidates forum for the Boston mayoral election at the Gallery at Piano Factory, 791 Tremont, last month.

Liz O'Donnell '89 is releasing her first book, Mogul, Mom & Maid: The Balancing Act of the Modern Woman, on November 5. The book is based on interviews with more than 100 working mothers about how they do, or don't, manage career and family. And it serves as a cautionary tale that if we (families, businesses, etc.) don't understand, appreciate and support working women, we stand to lose out on an incredible talent base.

Sarah Pascarella, MA '02, is the new About.com Boston local guide. Follow her updates at boston.about.com.

Michelle Mastrobattista '05 joined Boston and NYC based PR firm Solomon McCown as director of digital communications.

Evan Crean '08 interviewed Edgar Wright, Simon Pegg, and Nick Frost about their new film, The World's End. Read the interview »

Allison Gillette '12 released her first full-length documentary film, Cow Power: The Film. The documentary, about an innovative renewable energy program in Vermont is available on iTunes, VUDU, Google Play, and YouTube.

Los Angeles

Brian Anthony '78 and Bill Walker '78 will release their book, Abe Lincoln, Public Enemy No. 1, on October 5th. The book is based on a film they worked on while at Emerson! To see the original movie and learn more visit www.LincolnPublicEnemy.com.

Donna Ebbs '85 finished co-executive producing the series, Spooksville on Vancouver Island. The 22-episode first season premieres this fall on the Hub Network. Next up she heads to Utah to produce the third season of The Aquabats! Super Show!
David Lipper '91 stars in the upcoming Lifetime television thriller, Non-Stop.

Gabi Moskowitz '04 of BrokeAss Gourmet had her new comedy pilot Young and Hungry greenlit by ABC Family. Read more »

William Block '08 and Jacob Emanuel '08 were hired to write on a new animated comedy called Chozen, produced by Rough House and Floyd County. The show premieres on FXX in January.

Kathleen Barth '09 is the new marketing manager at Geek & Sundry, the YouTube multi-channel network run by Felicia Day. View their videos »

Kyle R. Morrison '09 and Maxwell R. Kessler '09 are the creators of Wingman, a short-form comedic web series about the sexual misadventures of a group of young people. A ton of Emersonians have helped work on this project including the show's star, Alex Salem '10. Check it out »

Ryan Sheppard '10 would like to encourage filmmakers, writers, and freelancers in Los Angeles to checkout WeWork, a collaborative co-working community of artists and entrepreneurs. Visit wework.com or email hollywood@wework.com for more information.

New York City

Iris Groman Burnett '68 is producer and co-author of Gefilte Fish Chronicles the Musical. This past May, the Musical was invited to perform at the White House to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month. Performers included Dayna Grayber, Ben Martin, Sara Dobrinich '08, Jordan Kai Burnett '08 and Lexie Pregosin '06 did the casting. The cast was later invited to a special reception for Vice President Biden.

Eddie Brill '81, Linda Corradina '81, Mario Cantone '82, and Katie DiMartile '12 are all working together on the first Woodstock Comedy Festival. It's a weekend of comedy Sept 20-22nd to raise funds and awareness and for two great charities, The Polaris Project to end human trafficking and Family of Woodstock to end domestic violence. Tickets to the Woodstock Comedy Festival are now on sale. More info »

Jill Hamer '90 is pleased to announce the launch of HarlemInterviews.com. The websites chronicles the changes going on in Harlem through videotaped interviews of Harlem residents and business establishments. Visit HarlemInterviews.com to get the latest news on Harlem.

Jenifer Bloodsworth '00 has been touring the country opening for WWE Superstar turned stand up comic/storyteller Mick Foley. Read more » She also acted in the indie horror film The Watchers, which was recently released on DVD and Amazon.

Nate Chura '01 is covering the US Open Tennis Championships for NPR member station WNYC Radio in New York.

Freeport, NY

Rajiv Jadhav, MA'05, left his job as senior VP of Citi to co-found a Technology Solutions venture called Rsquare Media. They help companies of all sizes (Startups, Small business and Non-Profits) establish themselves online to be more accessible to the customers and market they serve. Rsquare Media offers solutions across Software, Database, Web and Digital Marketing, and, has also launched an awesome affiliate program called Free to Join, where business referrals lead to 15% commission on revenue generated. E-mail rajiv@rsquaremedia.com for details.
Rosa Jurjevics '06 threw caution to the wind and launched Big Creature Media last February. She runs the motion graphics and video production company from a corner of her Brooklyn apartment. So far, she has worked with Scholastic (of Harry Potter fame) and several small start-ups in the New York area, and is happy to report that business ownership is worth all the IRS paperwork. Check it out »

Michael Marantz '07 started his company Already Alive, a little over a year ago, which has a mission to compel people to feel alive through commissioned films, live experiences and digital experience. He directed the official recap video for Bonnaroo 2013 as well as spoke about storytelling at the Wired for Wonder conference in Sydney, Australia and will be speaking at TEDxUN on September 16th. Michael is currently looking for a personal assistant that knows how to produce for film and has an interest in social media. Contact Michael.

Ocean, NJ
Eric Hackler '13 just wrapped production on sci-fi/action short “Drifting” about clones escaping from a medical research facility and the bounty hunter hired to exterminate them. Eric is now beginning the editing process and looking for suggestions of places to submit the film once it’s complete. He hopes to one day expand it into a feature.

New England

Maine
Joe Martelle '62, former Boston & Maine radio personality, will be officially inducted in the Maine Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, Saturday evening, October 19th at a special awards dinner at the Senator Hotel in Augusta, Maine.

Bedford, NH
Joel Schwelling '76 launched a freelance audio production, sound design and music company. He spent the prior eighteen years as senior audio designer at The Troupe, Windham, NH. Currently, Joel is writing and producing the music for the documentary, The Ragged Edge, about Buell Motorcycles and Eric Buell Racing. Contact Joel at joelschwelling@comcast.net or through his web site.

Manchester, NH
Nick Spinetto '03 recently moved back north to New Hampshire and is now a general assignment reporter for WMUR-TV. He held the same position at WINK News in Ft. Myers for six years. He and his wife also welcomed their second son, Sawyer Joseph Spinetto on July 22, 2013.

Washington DC

Bari Biern, MA '73, is performing with the political satire troupe, the Capitol Steps and writes opera librettos in English. To date, she has had productions of: The Marriage of Figaro: Las Vegas Version, Gianni Schicchi, and pocket version of Don Giovanni and Cosi Fan Tutte. Her latest libretto, Mozart's Abduction from the Seraglio, shifts the story from 18th century Turkey to 19th century Texas, where British singing star, Lillie Langtry is held captive by her obsessive fan, Judge Roy Bean. The production runs September 8th through the 22nd at DC's Source Theatre. More info »

International

Sydney, Australia
Summer Land '08 is proud to announce that her first book, Summerlandish, has been published by Hardie Grant Books and was released September 1st! Summerlandish is all the hard-won, scar-leaving,
tattoo-regretting lessons Summer has learned over the years – "summer-ised" here in all their glamorously gory detail, so you don't have to bother with learning them yourselves. And, unsurprisingly, she seems to know quite a bit about love, life and awkward moments involving too much caffeine and/or lack of restraint. Check it out »

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**Emersonians in the Media**

**Evy Chen ’10** and her company, *Evy Tea*, was featured in Edible Boston. Read more »

**Guy Ben-Aharon ’12** was featured in Ha’aretz for his Boston-based production company, Israeli Stage. Read more »

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**Shameless Plugs**

**Calling all "Tech" Alumni to join the newly formed** TechLions Facebook Group. Started by Trish Fontanilla ’06 and Billie Larson Shipley ’07, the group is a place to chat with and meet Emersonian's in digital, tech, social media, web design, etc. A special TY to Max Goldberg '08 for helping us manage this new community. Join now »

Submit to Emerson's 2nd annual showcase of music videos, SILVERSONIC! More info and guidelines: [http://ow.ly/ojl8i](http://ow.ly/ojl8i)

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