The Emerson Network Update - September 20, 2013

The Emerson Network is a bi-weekly email for Emerson alumni to share updates and announcements with the Emerson family.


Upcoming Events

- Sept 24 - Online - How to Approach People Online
- Sept 24 - Bos - Hollow: An Interactive Documentary
- Sept 28 - Bos - Homecoming 2013: Alumni Come Home
- Oct 2 - Bos - Performance of "The Jungle Book"
- Oct 8 - Online - Crowdfunding 101
- Oct 10 - Bos - Reception & Screening at the Paramount Center
- Oct 24 - Online - How to Craft an Opportunity from an Idea

Boston

Denise Kaigler '85 will be honored as a leading woman by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts on November 7. Read more »

Russ Gannon '89 has been cast in a principal role in the Lifetime original movie, Sins of the Preacher, which premiered this month, in the role of the Church Deacon. He can also be seen on stage in the Lexington Players' production of "Spring Awakening" in early October, playing the Adult Male roles.

Caitlin McCarthy, MFA '94, is excited to announce that her show, Pass/Fail, written with Jim Forbes (of VH1's "Behind the Music" fame), is a quarter-finalist in the 2013 Final Draft Big Break Contest. The quarter-finalists represent the top 10 percent of the contest's 6,669 entries. The semifinalists will be announced in October.

Supriya Gunda '05 and Ben Potrykus '07 are both in the band Bent Shapes, which recently released its debut album, Feels Weird, to critical acclaim from the likes of Pitchfork, Spin, and Stereogum. They will be touring the US with renowned solo artist and recording engineer John Vanderslice in November. Check out the show dates »

Alesha Gunn '07 was the editor of Beyond the Green, a mini-documentary series created for the Boston Celtics Comcast OnDemand content. The show is now available online.

Los Angeles

Chris Saulnier (Saul of Hearts) '08 has moved away from a career in the film industry to focus on unconventional ways to make a living. Instead of trying to find a "real" job through networking and unpaid internships, he learned to do things his own way, using the latest peer-to-peer sites to connect directly with clients. His e-book, The Lateral Freelancer: How to Make A Living In the Share Economy is all about that process. Chris also lives in an intentional community with 80+ artists, writers, and filmmakers, and blog about his experiences at www.saulofhearts.com. His e-book, What Are Your Boundaries? A Burning Man Travelogue, is available on Amazon.
Ted Marsden '12 founded the sketch comedy group, *Worst Friends*, producing weekly, original shorts inspired by best friends who hate each other. [Check it out »](#)

**New York City**

John Famulary '75 invites the Emerson community to check out [his Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign](#).

David Pultz '76 completed color grading the feature film, *Wallabout*, this past spring for producer Anna Sang Park '95.

Jill Hamer '90 has joined Rutenberg Realty as a Real Estate Salesperson. She represents sellers and buyers of residential real estate in New York City. You can contact Jill at [jhamer@agenthamer.com](mailto:jhamer@agenthamer.com) if you're interested in purchasing or selling a property.

Brian Annis '12 joined J. Crew as a junior desktop support analyst. He previously worked for a Boston based law firm as a content strategist.

**New England**

New Haven, CT

Morgan St. John '11 has accepted a development associate position with Teach for America in her hometown of New Haven. She graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May 2013 with her master's in Educational Administration.

**Mid-Atlantic**

Livingston, NJ

Bobbi Spater Lipschutz '89 has recently moved from Nashville back to New Jersey. She is looking forward to reconnecting with all the NJ/NYC/CT alumni in the area. She writes, "I'm going to finally use my schmoozing abilities to make some money working for Big Mo Pro which is a full service production company offering audio, staging, lighting for your live productions. Please feel free to contact me at [bobblip1@gmail.com](mailto:bobblip1@gmail.com)."

Jersey City, NJ

Kathryn Little '06 writes, "Have you finished writing a young adult romance manuscript? Then you need to submit it to [SwoonReads.com](#)! We recently launched in beta and are accepting submissions. Manuscripts rated highest by users will be considered for publication in print and ebook, and offered a $15,000 advance against royalties."

**USA**

Shreveport, LA

Shawn Dion '92 will be appearing this October in a short film, *Ruby and the Dragon*, which has been selected as one of the top 20 films competing in the Louisiana Film Prize. He is also playing Lymon Wyeth in a production of *Other Desert Cities* at the Shreveport Little Theatre next month.

San Francisco, CA

Kate Milliken '99 won the 2013 Iowa Short Fiction Award, chosen by Julie Orringer, for her debut collection of stories, *If I'd Known You Were Coming*. The collection will be available October 1st from the University of Iowa Press. Kate will be reading at Book Passage in Corte Madre, CA, on October 5th at 7pm. And at Book Soup in West Hollywood, CA, on November 9th at 5pm. She's also coming to read in


the Boston area on December 10th, reading at Newtonville Books at 6:30pm, along with author Julie Orringer. More events and updates »

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**Emersonians in the Media**

**David Klotz ’94** won a Creative Arts Emmy for Outstanding Sound Editing For A Miniseries for his work on *American Horror Story: Asylum*. Read more »

**Julian Higgins ’08** is one of five winning directors for Ron Howard and Canon’s Project Imaginat10n Film Contest. Julian's winning film "Here and Now" starring Abigail Spencer and Josh Pence can be viewed at imagination.usa.canon.com. Read more »

He will be visiting Emerson on October 10 for a screening of his short films, *Thief* and *No Wind, No Waves*.

**Caroline Grundy ’13**, a counselor at a naturalist/environmental camp for disadvantaged youth, was in Jamestown, CO with a group of 80 fifth graders when the flooding started. She and the children had to be evacuated by helicopter but she managed to keep them all safe and calm. Caroline’s story was featured on WickedLocal.com. Read more »

**Molly Caron ‘17** will sing the national anthem at the New England Patriots’ home game this Sunday. Molly was featured on EnterpriseNews.com. Read more »

**Emerson College** has placed highly in numerous national and regional surveys of colleges that aim to help prospective students and their parents in making their college decisions. Forbes included Emerson College as one of "America's Top Colleges," a list of its picks for the top 20 percent of all undergraduate institutions in the nation (which totals roughly 650 schools). Read more »

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**Shameless Plugs**

**Alumni Auction**

*You Have What We Want!*

*Spare timeshare? Extra priceless piece of art? A few diamonds rolling around your jewelry box that you don’t know what to do with? Thankfully, we can help.* SUPPORT the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Donate an item, donate someone else's stuff or bid in the auction between November 8 – December 6, 2013. It ALL benefits the Alumni Scholarship Fund, helping the next generation of amazing, smart, innovative, creative Emersonians. Someone did it for us – now it's our turn. Donate or Participate. Contact Cat Cates at ECAlumniauction@gmail.com.

**New Facebook Group**

Are you an Emerson Entrepreneur? Join the new Facebook group: TrepLions. Connect, share, and help student and alumni entrepreneurs. Join now »

**Emerson Music Video Showcase**

Submit to Emerson's second annual showcase of music videos, SILVERSONIC! More info and guidelines: http://ow.ly/ojl8i

**Become a mentor!**

This semester, students in this semester's Research Writing classes have been given an assignment to write a profile of an alumnus. This means about 200 Emerson students will be seeking someone just like you to interview about careers and the real world. During the month of February, students will be using...
the Emerson Connections database to find alumni who are willing to be interviewed for this assignment. Are you an Emerson Connection yet? Sign up today »

Emerson College Launching an Alumni Directory
The Emerson College Alumni Association has partnered with Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI) to produce an alumni directory. Over the next few months, PCI will be contacting Emerson alumni via mail, phone and e-mail to request that you update your alumni information. PCI is a trusted partner of Emerson College and we hope you will participate in the alumni directory. For more information, visit our FAQ page. We hope you will participate in the alumni directory!

Missed one of our webinars this past year? We hosted sessions on film festivals, voice over, personal finance, entrepreneurship and many more! Check out our webinar archive to view them now »

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