The Emerson Network Update - February 7, 2014

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
Feb 11 - Online - The Balancing Act
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March 8 - LA - Emerson Los Angeles Opening Gala
March 25 - Seattle - Alumni Reception, Details TBA
March 28 - Boston - Emerson Acappellooza

Boston

The 33rd annual EVVYs are looking for Emerson alums to present awards to students on May 9 in Boston. If interested, please email presenter@evvyawards.org for more information.


Ed Daly ’97 is hiring an IT communications project manager. Are you tech and communications savvy? More information and apply now »

Iliza Shlesinger ’05, the youngest comedian to hold the title of NBC’s Last Comic Standing, will be visiting Boston tonight to perform at the Wilbur Theatre. More information »

Keri Medeiros ’10 is a media operations specialist at DataXu, Inc.

Michelle Nigro ’12 is a contestant in the Miss Boston 2014 pageant. Miss Boston is the area's largest preliminary for Miss America and, each year, the young woman crowned as Miss Boston earns a spot to compete for the title of Miss Massachusetts. Miss Boston will take place at the Omni Parker Hotel on February 16. More information and vote for Michelle »

Mariah MacFarlane ’13 is in the touring production of American Idiot, playing the role of "Heather." Read the Q&A with Mariah in the Boston Globe »

Los Angeles

Bruce Starin ’73 of production company, Formation Television Consultants, was contracted to create seven different production bibles in the last six months including copies for NHK, Japan; Keshet, Israel; Global, Turkey; ShantTV, Armenia; and Rive Gauche, USA. If you need a production bible, please
contact Bruce or visit www.formationtelevision.com.

**Nick Busco ’75** has his rock and roll photos on display at HaleArts in Santa Monica, California. The gallery is the first to show his classic rock photos and sell them online. [More information »](#)

**David Lipper ’91** is currently shooting the feature film, *Dying of the Light*, opposite Nicolas Cage. Following that he will be shooting *Falcon Man*, opposite Omar Sharif and Gerard Depardieu, and *Catwalk*. His latest, *Non-Stop* is now running on Lifetime, after premiering on the network in November.

**Mike Abramson ’99** is the producer of Adam Rapp’s *Nocturne*, which went into previews this week and opens February 8 at The Other Space Theatre in West Hollywood. Use code ALUMNI50 for half-priced tickets! [More info and tickets »](#)

**Eric Shapiro ’00** is the writer and director of a new feature-length drama, *Living Things*. The film is about a vegan yoga teacher who finds herself alone at dinner with her tough-guy, war veteran father-in-law, and the pair end up discussing her diet which leads to debate and a verbal brawl. [More information »](#)

**Mary Broadbent ’04** accepted a new job as tour manager assistant/merch manager on tour with Fitz and the Tantrums & IMINMUSIC Management.

**Jillian Preger DeFrehn ’04** is co-producer of the new paranormal teen film, *Vampire Academy*, out in theatres today. [Read more in the Boston Globe »](#)

**Aaron Orlowski ’11** is a reporter covering environment, health, and general assignments for the *Long Beach Register*, a publication of the *Orange County Register*.

### New York City

**Jack Hyman ’71** is the author of the children’s book, *Breakfast with the Birds*, which follows character Molly Sunday through adventures with a new friend. Jack is also a playwright, director, actor, and teacher who has written for stage, television, and magazines. He is currently working on a new musical and two novels, *Lady E* and *Muscovado*

**Bonnie Comley, MA ‘94**, founder of BroadwayHD, is bringing *Romeo & Juliet* starring Orlando Bloom and Condola Rashad to theatres nationwide from February 13-19.

**Emily C. A. Snyder ’09** will have the world premiere of her play, *Cupid & Psyche*, a new play in blank verse produced by Turn to Flesh Productions at TBG Theatre in New York City on Valentine’s Day weekend. Emily first workshoped the play at Emerson College in 2009 under the direction of alumna, **Brenda Huggins ’09**. Use code CUPID for pre-sale discount or ask for the Emerson discount at the door. [More information and tickets »](#)

**Brandon Perry ’12** is working at the 2014 Winter Olympics as a digital content manager. [Read more »](#)

**Srda Vasiljevic ’13** is working as the assistant director on Terrence McNally's new Broadway play,
Mothers and Sons, starring Tyne Daly. The production is directed by Sheryl Kaller '82.

US

Washington, DC
Suzan Johnson Cook '76 has a new television show on her YouTube Channel. Conversations with Ambassador Sujay premiered with powerhouse actor Clifton Powell and a new show debuts every Monday at 11:00 am. Subscribe to the AmbassadorSujay channel on youtube or visit the show's Facebook page.

Santa Cruz, CA
Liza Monroy '00 finished her second book, The Marriage Act: The Risk I Took To Keep My Best Friend In America And What It Taught Us About Love, published by Counterpoint/Soft Skull press and on sale February 11. When Liza's best friend was at risk of getting deported, she did what any good friend would do: she married him. It is a story about family, friendship, gender-neutral marriage rights, love, and immigration and it all begins at Emerson, where they met. Readings and events around the country schedule here.

West Hartford, CT
Taryn Balchunas '13 released her song, “Yellow Umbrella,” a tribute to the TV show, How I Met Your Mother, on the day of their 200th episode in the final season. She first premiered the song last fall in her songwriting class at Berklee, which she was able to take through the ProArts Consortium. You can download the recording at her Bandcamp page.

Alumni Association Updates

The students have moved in to Emerson College Los Angeles (ELA), and the reviews are in. Check out this video to find out what they have to say and get an up-close look of this revolutionary new center. Then, learn more about how you can support the students and the ELA program.

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

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