The Emerson Network Update - June 22, 2012

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

Announcements

Ed Marshall, MA '92 is a Boston session drummer and plays in several bands in the Boston area. Anyone who needs a band for any occasion please contact him at ed@boston-living.com.

Risa Miller, MFA '95 is proud to announce the publication of her short story, The Learning Pit, in Agni online. Risa is currently on the WLP faculty.

Maryanne O'Hara, MFA '95 has a new novel, Cascade, coming out from Viking Penguin in August. Cascade is about a young artist in the 1930s who finds herself caught in the age-old struggle between duty and desire. View the book trailer »

Tara Morrissey '99 is now Digital Product Manager for Gatehouse Media. She previously worked as Ad Operations Manager for Boston.com and also as an Account Manager for Centro, a media services company.

Alicia Carlson '02 recently re-launched her food and family photography website, and is currently offering a discount to Boston-area Emerson alumni for family portraits.

Keith Spencer '05 and Matt Laidlaw '95 launched NoBo Magazine in January to guide residents North of Boston who are committed to thinking and living locally. Check them out on Facebook & Twitter.

Katy Jordan, MA '10 received a Bronze national Telly Award for a piece she did in 2011 for the Boston Herald which looked at a Boston nonprofit's efforts to end hunger.

Alexa Lash '11 recently published on Inspired Magazine with a piece titled, In a Manner of Speaking: How to Fall in Love in English Language Terms. It's part of her series using industry-specific terminology to tell lighthearted stories.

Max Schadler '12 is looking for alumni support for a film he and 14 other Emersonians created. Cilla
highlights the fears and discoveries most “twenty-somethings” are making right now: realizing that meaningful relationships take work, the reality that sex is not always great, and the effort it takes to make a simple human connection with the inevitable takeover of Facebook, tweeting and “checking in”.

Learn more. Facebook page.

Opportunities

Lindsay Daly '07 and Regan Communications is looking for a PR Account Executive to join their Boston office. Clients range from real estate and development, to restaurants and famous sports bars. Awesome and supportive team to be a part of. Should have 3 years PR experience. If interested, please email Lindsay Daly.

Events

Thom Dunn '08 announces the world premiere of his new play, True Believers, is at the Piano Factory Theatre in Boston July 12-21. The show tells the story of aspiring comic book artists, psychotic fanboys, cybernetically enhanced humans and girls who dress like Princess Leia as their lives intertwine during a week at a comic book convention. Purchase Tickets. Visit their IndieGoGo fundraising campaign page.

Emily A. Smith '12 and Isabel Thottam '13 is hosting a CD release party for their new CD "Songs for Soliders," a compilation of indie artists from across the US. Join them July 1 at Church of Boston Club from 7-11:30pm. Smith and Thottam have teamed up with Operation Gratitude, a nonprofit organization that sends care packages to U.S. military troops deployed overseas and wounded warriors recuperating at home. For every CD sold, the company will match the sale by donating a CD to Operation Gratitude to become a part of care packages delivered to the troops as a reminder to "hold on another day."

Los Angeles

Berkeley, CA
Stephanie Manning '72 writes, "Anyone who visits San Francisco, plan to take a Wednesday night and join me at the weekly open mike at Sacred Grounds Cafe at Hayes & Cole in the "Panhandle." This is the longest running open mike in S.F. started in 1973 where you can eat good food and hear great poetry. All styles are welcome and there is no cover charge."

Nanci Isaacs '79 has recently been named National Marketing Director for grace ormonde Wedding Style. If you could find a marketing solution that not only reaches but immediately influences purchasing decisions of the wealthiest and most sophisticated consumers in the world - all of whom are in an active buying cycle - would you use it to sell your product? Contact Nanci.

John Kapral '99 is now an online advertising Account Manager at Microsoft, specializing in Mobile, Apps, MSNBC and Today.com products.

George Loucas '04 wrapped season two of hit show Game Of Thrones with his visual effects company: Baked FX. Baked FX, a boutique VFX & design house located in Culver City, has established itself as an innovative force in visual effects handling projects for commercial, film, web and episodic TV. www.twitter.com/bakedfx

Mike Carrier '08 and Matt Caron '11 collaborated on a web series, which follows henchmen who are constantly beat up by superheroes. Enjoy it now »
Pierce O'Toole ‘10 and Alex Salem ‘10 created a new web series about slacker wizards living in Los Angeles. The first episode premiered on April 26th. Watch all the episodes and follow the show on Twitter at @TheIdleQuest.

Opportunities

Justina Huddleston ’09 writes, “A highly reputable online trade publication is seeking freelancers to write articles on topics relevant to the toy industry, including retail, marketing, manufacturing, and product trends. Must possess strong research skills, knowledge of retail/marketing, and the ability to work under a tight deadline. To apply, send cover letter and resume to Justina Huddleston.”

New York City

Lynn (Smith) Murray ’94 joins Social Media Agency enter:new media as VP of Client Services. She will be helping clients create, manage and analyze social media campaigns.

Geoffrey Golden ’05 is Editor-in-Chief of The Devastator, "The Quarterly Comedy Magazine For Humans", which published its 5th issue this past May, “The Devastator #5: Fantasy.” The Devastator 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, Alexander Barrett ’06, Josie Campbell ’08 and Marly Halpern-Graser ’07. Read previews and subscribe »

Brandon Kreiss ’06 and Ryan Dillon ’06 started a business out of college, BreakTheCrates.com which helps artists distribute new music to broadcast radio stations. Both Ryan and Brandon met while working together at WERS. The business was started when they moved to Los Angeles after graduation. BreakTheCrates.com has just announced a partnership with the social radio-promotion start-up, LikeIt.fm.

Scott Sinclair ’10
WAS: Marketing Associate at SpeakEasy Stage Company, Boston
NOW: Assistant to Hal Luftig, Tony Award-winning producer, New York City

New England & Mid Atlantic

Red Hook, NY
Dan Viles ’71 built a TV station, WYBN TV 14, on top of Windham Ski area last fall. They are 100% digital & send out 6 streams of video in SD format. Dan writes, "we are now building sales & cable carriage but there is nothing like viewer phone calls to make the project seem relevant. We have had them from as far away as 72 miles. My Emerson days were mostly in radio but I definitely feel Emerson has helped me understand what a broadcaster is and is not. If you are in the Hudson Valley area and want a tour of the TV facility call ahead at 518-772-4414 and hey, we might put you on air!"

Roslyn Heights, NY
David Ozer ’87 was promoted to EVP, Head of Worldwide Distribution for Sonar Entertainment. Ozer is based in the NY Headquarters.

Essex, VT
Greg Stobb, MA ’04 leads the marketing efforts for Erie Drive, a new online store offering handpicked,
unique gifts and home accessories. Since opening in October 2011, Erie Drive has grown to serve 20,000 unique visitors per month.

Wantagh, NY
Samuel Diamond '07 is editing a special bio-punk issue for UK-based horror/scifi/fantasy magazine *Morpheus Tales*. Visit the [website](#) for submission guidelines and some information on this relatively obscure subgenre. The deadline is July 31.

Carmel, NY
Graham Wright '10 went to the Tribeca Film Festival to premiere his first documentary *Évocateur: The Morton Downey Jr. Movie*. He was an associate producer on the documentary with Ironbound Films, the Emmy-nominated production company where he is currently a producer and assistant editor. [View the trailer >](#)

USA
Christine Cali-Vela '89 am now works for [Employmentguide.com](#). They have a featured Cities around the country to help you find a job, make a career switch, or if your company is hiring contact Christine for all of your hourly-mid management Recruitment needs!

Auburn, AL
Amanda Hodge MA '92 is in search of a writer and/or producer who is interested in telling the stories of tens of thousands of children in America who are court-ordered to live with their identified abusers: 58,000 children a year to be exact. Amanda volunteers to work nationally with women and children trying to leave. Amanda is interested in an anthology of stories and a reality show highlighting the true lives of these battered women and children. Amanda currently works for Auburn University. Contact her at [amandahodge@auburn.edu](mailto:amandahodge@auburn.edu) if interested.

Chicago, IL
Kate Merena '98, MA '05 a is thrilled to announce her position as Marketing Director for Stephen Sondheim's Assassins, produced and directed by Billy Pacholski with musical direction by Robert Ollis. Kate started with the team as Associate Producer in late 2011, and recently accepted the new position, which includes marketing, public relations, social media and event planning. The show opens October 12, 2012, at the Viaduct Theater in Chicago. [Purchase tickets >](#)

Winter Park, FL
Kate Kostopoulos '07 along with her sister and boyfriend are running a half marathon for the Crohns and Collitis Foundation. Every dollar counts towards research for Crohn’s disease and management of care for people who have it. Kate writes, “Thank you for your support for getting me to race day and to advance the treatment of Crohns and Collits.” [Make a donation >](#)

Nashville, TN
Deja Brandeis '09 feature directorial debut, *Hell or High Water: The Story of the Nashville Rollergirls*, premiered April 19th, opening night at the Nashville Film Festival. The film was the first at the festival to sell out, and premiere night featured members of the Nashville Rollergirls skating the red carpet.

International
Laura Chenier '12 is currently in Malawi, Africa with [Hearing for Humanity](#), providing humanitarian audiology services to the natives! Hearing for Humanity is a group of doctoral students at Arizona State University, and they are providing services as well as an education to help make their efforts sustainable.
Emersonians in the Media

Rob Hennigan '04 is featured on NBA.com among many other news outlets. Rob has been named the new General Manager of the Orlando Magic and is the youngest General Manager in NBA history. He started his NBA career when Sam Presti '00, current GM of the Oklahoma City Thunder, hired him as an intern for the San Antonio Spurs. Read more »

Shameless Plugs

Help Emerson reach 10% alumni participation by June 30. Make a gift – every gift, of every size, makes a difference!

Upcoming Alumni Events:

Tuesday, July 10 - Washington DC - Panel: Careers in Film, Video & Digital Media

Save the Date! Alumni Weekend 2013 is May 31-June 2. We'll be celebrating classes ending in 3 and 8. View photos from Alumni Weekend 2012 »

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Expression Magazine, Emerson's publication for alumni and friends is now available on the iPad.

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