

THE SEBA BREAKDOWN

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Happy Holidays - Danette Kellner Looks Ahead...

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Hope this finds everyone well and looking forward to the holidays!

SEBA is anticipating a great, healthy, and music-filled 2022. Some festivals we are looking forward to:

- ✓ *Dahlonega Bear On The Square* Festival currently scheduled for April 22-24, 2022
- ✓ *Armuchee Memorial Day Festival* - this should be the 50th Year Celebration, and of course the Armuchee Labor Day Festival - both are great "pickin'" festivals!
- ✓ *Boxcar Pinion Bluegrass Festival*, held at Mountain Cove Farms Resort, will be in May - *Forever Fall Bluegrass Festival* held at the same venue, will be the first weekend in November.

There are also "rumors" of a festival, or a "Pickin' Campout" at The Rock in Rockmart GA. Jon Hitchcock has a wonderful campground and venue!

Don't forget these upcoming Bluegrass Music Festivals, shows and meetings:

- ✓ SPGMA, Spring Heritage and Bluegrass Festival in Townsend, TN
- ✓ MerleFest - April 28-May 1, 2022, Wilkesboro NC
- ✓ Old Time Fiddlers Conventions - pick a state - one in almost every state in the union! If you have a favorite festival - let us know so we can put it in **The Breakdown!**

Terry Fletcher has been busy finding locations and starting up weekly jams in Woodstock, Ball Ground, Holly Springs, and Canton. "They" have also started a Facebook page - Canton/Ball Ground Music Jams - with updates on locations, times, pictures, and videos from the jams. Join them!

One of the most important things that SEBA does is to award "Scholarships" to non-profit schools and organizations who provide instruments, lessons and teach bluegrass music and activities. If you know of a



non-profit school or organization that you feel would benefit from a SEBA Scholarship - please - send us information on your nomination for the 2022 SEBA Scholarship.



We recognize and thank our new and renewing members, for helping us to spread the word!



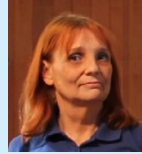








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SEBA's Mission Statement

The Southeastern Bluegrass Association (SEBA) is a nonprofit organization consisting of members, fans, bands, promoters, businesses, vendors, musicians, and friends of Bluegrass Music. Working together to reach a common goal: the preservation and promotion of Bluegrass Music, bringing it to the community through performers, instructors, jam sessions, venues and events, and providing information to all through our publications, the SEBA Breakdown and the SEBA websites.

**THE SEBA
BREAKDOWN**

From the Editor

All right, since this is my last issue, I have a stock of bad jokes I've been saving up. No time like the present!



Speaking of presents, if you present me with one of these, I will gladly exchange you 2 banjo tunes for it.

Q: How many bluegrass musicians it takes to change a light bulb?

A: They don't. They only use acoustic light bulbs.

Q: How many bluegrass musicians it takes to change a light bulb?

A: It doesn't matter because the banjo player is gonna change it again anyway after everybody else is done.

Q: How many bass players does it take to change a light bulb?

A: 1...5...1...5...1...5

Then there was the bass player who played so far behind the beat his band fired him. He was so depressed he threw himself behind a train.

How can you tell if there's a banjo player at your door? They can't find the key, the knocking speeds up, and they don't know when to come in.

Please copy & use the SEBA logo. Link us...

On your web site, in your email or on your Facebook page you can help get the word out that SEBA is here to help everyone in the bluegrass music community.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF!

Hi Folks,

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and is ready for Christmas. I can't believe this year is almost gone. I want to thank all our members for standing by SEBA during the pandemic with all that has happened in the past two years. We have had to cancel many events including our annual meetings and have not been able to spend time visiting with each other and picking some bluegrass, something we all love to do.

On a business standpoint the future of SEBA will have to change due to several factors. We have lost our mailing service and due to the rising cost of printing *The Breakdown* we need to move forward to a more modern approach in our operation of how we put out the newsletter each month. Don Simons, myself and the IT contractor Jeff Cohan have been working on a new web site for some time now and are about ready to put it online. This will bring several new benefits to the SEBA members. Each member will now have the

ability to update any personnel information, such as address, phone number, etc.

The Breakdown will now be placed on the web site each month where it can be printed in color by members only. Older copies of *The Breakdown* will also be available for printing by the membership. The new web site will accept credit cards and Paypal for new folks to join SEBA and for existing members to renew. The new web site will have several sections such

as a Members Login, Live & Picking Page, Links Page, Breakdown Page, Advertising Page, Chapters Page, Join Page, Photo Gallery and more. If anyone has things they would like to see on the new web site, send to danielemail@comcast.net.

I hope everyone has a Very Blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing and picking with you in the near future.

Take Care,
Dan Daniel




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Your Monthly guide to ... **Live & Pickin'** Call before you go!

Please note that, due to the lockdowns, any or all may be canceled.

Look at SEBA's Live & Pickin' website for a more up-to-date listing:

<http://www.sebabluegrass.org/events/wpw/>

Submit yours to: www.sebabluegrass.org/events/wpw/submit.php

These Jams and Events meet weekly...

Tuesday - Australian Bakery Tuesday Jam, Australian Bakery Cafe, Marietta, GA, 6pm - 10pm, <http://www.australianbakery.com>, Greg Beyer, jam@australianbakery.com, 678-797-6222

Tuesday - Little Italy's Tuesday Bluegrass/Music Jam, Tallahassee, FL, 6:30p - 10p, <https://littleitalyally.weebly.com/> Ken Towcimak, Co-ordinator, (850) 386-4843

Wednesday - The Wednesday Bluegrass Jams - see back page
Colossus Pizza, Tucker, GA 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Reformation Brewery, Woodstock GA. 3:00-6:00 April-October

Saturday - Weekly Jam Sessions, Everett's Music Barn, Suwanee, GA, 7pm-12am, <http://www.everettmusicbarn.net>, renamacd@bellsouth.net, 770-945-5628

Reformation Brewery, Canton GA, see back page.

Saturday - Dahlonega Appalachian Jam. 2-5PM on the Gold Museum Lawn. <http://dahlonegaappalachianjam.org> Danielle Bell dbell@dahlonegadda.org

Saturday - Weekly Concert Mountain Home Music, Hiwassee, GA, 8-10 PM. <http://mthomemusictheatre.weebly.com/>, Stella Berrong, 706-896-3624 mountainhomemusic@gmail.com

Saturday - 1st & 3rd Saturdays - Pickin' on the Square, Court House, Newnan, GA, 10:30 am to 2pm, Art Arace, Art.Arace@delta.com

Sunday - The Sunday Bluegrass Jam, Colossus Pizza, Tucker, GA, 6pm - 8pm, www.facebook.com/Colossus-Pizza-in-Tucker, David Belcher, davidbelc@gmail.com, 678-231-7820

Various dates - The Crimson Moon, Dahlonega, GA. 7pm-9pm, Please call or check the website to see who's playing. The lineup varies and each night is special! <http://www.thecrimsonmoon.com>, Laura Mae Bain, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com

These Jams and Events meet one time only or maybe once each month...

First Monday "Feed The Community" dinner Jam, Lawrenceville Rd. Methodist Church, Tucker GA. Food @ 5:45, Music Jam @ 6:15 contact Michael Moseley 404-423-2315, www.lrumc.com

First Saturday - South Bartow Gym, 6505 Glade Rd, Acworth GA. Jams 6:00 - 9:00, Bingo at 7:00. jonaustinsr@gmail.com

Second Sunday - SEBA Central Chapter Jam, Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, 3pm-6pm, <http://www.emorypresbyterian.org/>, Walter Stark, puppetstark@comcast.net, 404-315-6161

2nd and 4th Tuesday each month - Rochelle Georgia Bluegrass Jam, Cabin In The Orchard, 6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M., Bob McGuinty 229-276-5852, mcapple1@windstream.net

First Wednesday - Waller's Jam, Waller's Coffee House, Decatur, GA, 240 DeKalb Ind. Way, (Near Farmers' Market) 8pm-11pm, www.wallerscoffeeshop.com/events 404-975-3060

All other SEBA Chapters hold once-a-month Jams after a brief Chapter meeting. Please see Page 8 in this Breakdown Newsletter for locations, dates, times, and contacts for a good time near you!

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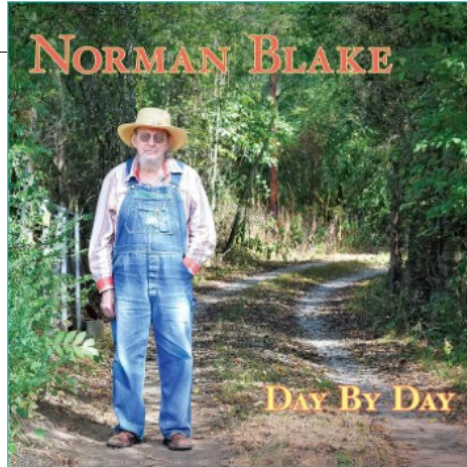
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New Releases

sourced from www.newreleasesnow.com/new-bluegrass-songs



One of the top emerging talents across all genres of music, **Billy Strings** has made his most ambitious album to date with *Renewal*. This collection effortlessly positions Strings as a singular artist – one who reveres the history of the acoustic music that inspired him, while pushing it forward into new spaces and audiences through his live shows. The double album follows his Grammy-winning project, *Home*, as well as being named International Bluegrass Music Association’s *Guitar Player of the Year* and *New Artist of the Year*.



Day By Day is a collection of single-take recordings of original and traditional tunes, ranging from solo guitar and five-string banjo to ensemble performances with the Rising Fawn String Ensemble.

Norman Blake is one of the unsung heroes of 20th-century folk music. With nine Grammy nominations and several dozen albums under his own name and with his wife **Nancy Blake**, his long and storied career includes stints with **Johnny Cash** and **Kris Kristofferson**, features on **Bob Dylan**’s *Nashville Skyline*, and performances on the



The first track on **Barbaro**’s new EP *Under The Covers*, “Dark Turn Of Mind,” is a beautiful, musical guest-pairing with **Siri Undlin** of Humbird on vocals, and **Adam Roszkiewicz** of Front Country on mandolin. The **Gillian Welch** song provides a compositional space conducive to Barbaro’s sound. Siri Undlin’s powerful vocals reduce a moving and original take on this song. Giving back in the form of music benefiting *Our Saviour’s Community Services of Minneapolis* helps complete the full circle, to those in need. Humbird was pleased to lend a hand and be part of *Under The Covers*. With so many social challenges coming to a head in the summer of 2020, Barbaro found it important to give back to their own community.

“With the desire to recognize and support the tangible and impactful work that *Our Saviour’s Community Services* does in our own backyards, we felt strongly about dedicating the new *Under The Covers* EP as an opportunity to support this organization. We learned what it means to be good neighbors this year”, say Barbaro.

seminal *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* soundtrack.

This album has Blake reaching back to the roots of country and old-time music. It is a rich, poignant send-off to one of folk music’s most enduring voices.

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1/4 Page	\$50	\$100	\$150
1/2 Page	\$100	\$200	\$250
Full Page	\$150	\$250	\$350

Don't Miss These New Offerings

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Aaron Burdett is a Western North Carolina singer-songwriter who is the recipient of many songwriting awards from a variety of competitions. On this project he has a backing cadre of musicians that include **Kim France, Daniel Ullom, Carley Arrowood, Tony Creasman, David Johnson, Derek Vaden, and Jon Weisberger**, who also produced the project.

Burdett's songs reflect the traditions of mountain folk music, the rural areas of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the lives of working people everywhere.

There are the songs about the working folk like "Dirt Poor," "Loser's Bracket," "Working Class," and "Hard Hand." There are songs of rural living like "Arlo," "Rockefeller," "No Stoplight Town" and the beliefs of "Written In Red."

All the selections are good stories delivered by Burdett's strong lead and augmented by the backing musicians. This is a fine project with lots of potential for others to pick up on.



Usually the expression "about what I expected" is tossed around as a somewhat salty comment. However, when it comes to the new offering from aptly named **The All Stars of Bluegrass**, it's a good thing.

After all, what do you expect from top notch pickers such as **Phil Leadbetter, the late Steve Gulley, Alan Bibey, Jason Burleson, Robert Hale, Stuart Duncan and Tim Crouch?**

If your answer was a genuinely good bluegrass album, you are correct, as that's what the group's new album, *Swing for the Fences*, offers. The picking and singing are as solid as it gets in the genre.

"The Hurting' When You Go" will surely get lots of airplay and "One Way Rider" offers that unusual jam-out of a last track that will make you reach for the repeat button.

Swing for the Fences is just right for the traditional bluegrass listener and the all-star group shows no signs of slowing down, with a follow up already in the works.



Whysper Stephenson is the ten-year old daughter of **Larry and Dreama Stephenson**. Larry is a well-known music artist and Dreama runs their record label. This is Whysper's debut release of mixed gospel and bluegrass tunes. On this project she plays fiddle and sings, and she is joined by her father Larry on mandolin and vocals, and veteran **Steve Thomas** plays fiddle, guitar, and bass.

The majority of the selections are instrumental featuring Whysper on fiddle and Larry and Steve taking mandolin and guitar breaks respectively. Thomas joins Whysper on twin fiddles on "Liberty" and "Faded Love." Vocally, Larry sings lead on "I'll Fly Away" with Whysper on harmony, and Whysper herself sings lead on "Amazing Grace" and "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing."

The project ends with a much younger Whysper sings with her dad on "Jesus Loves Me." Overall Whysper does a fine job playing and looks to have a good future ahead. We will be anticipating more from Whysper Stephenson.

SEBA Chapters and Jams

Start your own SEBA Chapter or Jam Site: contact ChaptersCommittee@sebabluegrass.org

CHAPTERS

SEBA Central (Atlanta Metro)

Walter Stark 404-315-6161
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1886 N. Decatur Rd, Decatur GA 30307
2nd Sunday, 3:00 – 6:00

SEBA TAG (Chattanooga TN)

Mitchell Kent 423-624-3063
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
7407 Bonny Oaks Dr, Chattanooga 37421
3rd Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00

SEBA RABUN (Clayton GA)

Dean English 706-782-9852
Blueridge Music Store
629 Duggan Hill Rd, Clayton 30525
1st Saturday, 12:00 – 3:00

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Farmington Creek Clubhouse
35 Harvest Circle, Dawsonville 30534
3rd Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00

SEBA MARIETTA, GA

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237 Rope Mill Rd, Woodstock 30188
4th Sunday, 1:30 – 4:30

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Apr – Oct: Macon Heritage Center
51 Cowee School Drive, Cowee 28734
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145 River Rd, Franklin NC 38734
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Joe Choo
Young America Music School
6361 Zebulon Rd, Macon 31220
2nd Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00

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Scott & Lizabeth Weber 770-207-9223
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174 St. Anthony's Dr, Winder 30680
1st Sunday, 3:00 – 6:00

JAMS

Australian Bakery Café

Spencer Oliver: soliver@northmetro.org
48 South Park Sq NE, Marietta, Georgia 30060
Tuesday, 6:00 – 10:00 pm



Tucker Bluegrass Jams

tuckerbluegrassjam@sebabluegrass.org

Colossus Pizza, 4368 Hugh Howell Rd., Tucker 30084
Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00, Sunday 6:00 – 8:00

Matthews Cafeteria, 2299 Main Street, Tucker 30084
Thursday 6:00 – 8:00



Little Italy's Restaurant

Ken Towcimak: (850) 386-4843
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Tuesday 6:30 – 10:00



Old Time and Bluegrass Jam

Doc Byrd: 678-640-2719
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Canton Georgia Bluegrass Jam

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Woodstock Georgia Bluegrass Jam

Terry Fletcher: clawgrass@mail.com
Reformation Brewery, 105 Elm Street, Woodstock 30188
Wednesdays 3:00 – 6:00



Ball Ground Bluegrass Jam

Mary Russo: mleerus@windstream.net
Ball Ground City Park
177 Dawsonville Rd., Ball Ground Georgia 30107
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