

## Songwriters Original Showcase (SOS) Features Area Jazz Artists

Jazz lovers won't want to miss the upcoming Songwriters Original Showcase (SOS) at Act II Playhouse, 56 East Butler Pike, Ambler, on Sunday, June 24, beginning at 7 pm.

This month's SOS showcase features jazz piano virtuoso and award-winning composer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and performer, Stephen DiJoseph; and jazz artist Vujaday, who has performed with notables such as Chuck Rainey, Jonathan Cain, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, has been a technical advisor to Earth, Wind, and Fire, George Duke, and many others.

Stephen DiJoseph's music is sheer brilliance, with complex, bold, powerful, and awe inspiring piano performances and arrangements. With four releases to his credit, DiJoseph has been drawing the attention of fans and music industry people alike. Will Ackerman, founder of Windham Hill says DiJoseph's latest release *Artifactual/Piano Poetry* "... is one of the finer recordings I've heard in some time..."

Vujaday, an industry leader in percussion, created his own unique sound by mixing acoustic and electronic instruments. He created the "Drum Gun," which was the innovative forerunner of a number of electronic drum and percussion devices used today. Vujaday's own unique music mixes acoustic and electronic instruments, creating new-age/ethereal funk soundscapes in a fusion of percussion and melody.

SOS will also feature several other artists, including Carol Lester, Cheltenham-to-New York recording artist whose music has been featured on the USA Channel. Lester's latest release, *Spill My Soul*, features Indigo Girls' bassist Dave Richards.

Philadelphia's Ben Arnold will also perform. A

prolific songwriter who possesses an undeniable charm and natural folksy energy, has a singular style that succeeds at combining soulful singer-songwriter folk rock with an edgy tone and strong groove. Arnold has worked with Barrie Maguire, a founding member of The Wallflowers and a band member and co-producer of Natalie Merchant's *Tigerlily* CD. Arnold's CD *Almost Speechless*, released by Ruffhouse/Columbia, was

well received by the press. People magazine hailed him as "a musical Rocky, ready to take on any level of competition..." and Billboard Magazine said, "Here is an impressive artist making inroads..."

Also performing is Rick Denzien, Ambler singer-songwriter and recording artist who will feature singer-songwriter and recording artist Debra Lee.

S.O.S. is a monthly acoustic performance venue

for original music that features six songwriters-performing-recording artists each month, from the Philadelphia area performing their original music at Act II Playhouse, located at 56 East Butler Pike, Ambler,

Further artist information and calendar dates for upcoming shows can be found on the website, [www.slot-1.com/sos](http://www.slot-1.com/sos); or by calling the Act II Playhouse box office at 215-654-0200.

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