



Tidewater Arts Outreach

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**SUSAN WERNER AND TRINA HAMLIN HEADLINE INAUGURAL
SEA LEVEL SINGER/SONGWRITER FESTIVAL APRIL 20**
Proceeds Benefit Tidewater Arts Outreach

NORFOLK, Va. – (March 2008) – Tidewater Arts Outreach announces the first Sea Level Singer/Songwriter Festival to be held April 20 at Granby Theater in Norfolk. Local and national singer songwriters will be showcased at the event that begins at 3 pm.

The headliners include Susan Werner, Trina Hamlin, Julie Clark, Annie Johnson Band, M.S.G. The Acoustic Blues Trio and Skip Friel.

The event will include original music, a special art auction, guitar raffle and refreshments. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Preferred seating is available for \$40. Tickets may be purchased at www.ticketweb.com, Granby Theater, Birdland Music, DnD Music, via email at TWartsoutreach@cox.net or by calling 410-4010.

More than 25 artists will also display works of art with an arts or music theme that will be available for purchase through a silent auction.

Songwriting and singing workshops will be held from 1 to 3 p.m.

“This is the first of what we anticipate will be a yearly Sea Level Singer/ Songwriter Festival,” says MaryAnn Toboz, executive director of Tidewater Arts Outreach. “Similar festivals are held throughout the country, but this will be the first to honor this genre of music in Southeastern Virginia. We are pleased to bring national talent to the first festival and also present regional musicians who support our organization and the programs we provide throughout the year.”

Proceeds from the event will be used to support Tidewater Arts Outreach. More information about the festival will be available at www.TWartsoutreach.org. Event sponsors include BOB FM, the Norfolk Department of Economic Development, Granby Theater and DnD Music.

Tidewater Arts Outreach is a nonprofit organization founded in 2003 to bring music and arts to hospitals, retirement homes, rehabilitation centers, homeless shelters and other facilities throughout Hampton Roads. These performances and programs promote human interaction, happiness and healing for people who have limited access to the arts due to health, economic or social circumstances. In 2007, more than 4,000 people were reached through 161 Tidewater Arts Outreach programs. Tidewater Arts Outreach supports the spirit of empathy and caring in the music and arts community, and more than 200 artists have participated in its programs.

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