

## **Houston Songwriters Association 2011 Year in Review**

As we reach the end of 2011 it is time to take a look back at the year. There are a lot of new faces sitting at the tables during the meetings and some familiar ones also. The strength of the HSA is the people. The people who have been around for awhile provide the continuity, welcoming new members and sharing their passion for songwriting. The new members provide a renewal of spirit and freshness with the songs they bring in. They are eager to participate and obtain the feedback to improve their songwriting craft.

It was a good year for songs. Below is a listing of the songs that were Songs of the Month for 2011 and the songwriters that penned them. Congratulations to all of them.

Ridin' With The Raineman - Mike Darnell  
I Wanna Tell You - Leslie Krafka  
Mary Cries - Andrew Richardson and Alan Gentle  
Uncertainty - Tom Ward  
Film Noir - Andrew Richardson  
Why You're Gone - Randy Frisch  
With You - Mike Darnell  
Chelsea - Tory Tompkins and Bond Gideon  
Natalee's Gone - Ron Tintner and Wendy Dumond  
Going Somewhere Good - Tory Tompkins and Bond Gideon  
Evolution - Ron Tintner and Joan Hajduk  
The Space You Leave Behind - Ray Felder  
Something Out Of Nothing - Regineld Shelton  
After The Storm - Danny Liggett and Buddy Trotter  
The Ballad Of The Narrow Gauge - Lucas Martin  
With This Ring - Buddy Trotter and Danny Liggett  
Way Too Young - Patricia Bishop and David Hanshaw  
Walk On - Mike Darnell  
Don't Tear Me Down - Leslie Krafka and Nancy Jane Otto  
Lady Jane - John Reed  
The Marionette - Andrew Richardson  
Home - Robert Chaney

As you can see in the statistics, the move to utilize the internet has helped the organization grow. Uploading the songs for critique allows those members who cannot make a meeting the opportunity to listen to the songs submitted and add their thoughts to those given during the meeting. Also having the ability of listening to the songs multiple times allows for a better critique.

Adding the feature to record songs played live at the meeting has helped those who do not have any other way to record their songs. Doing this has helped increase the number of songs uploaded.

Looking forward to 2012 a new president will be taking the reins of the Houston Songwriters Association. Ron Tintner will be leading the HSA. New members have been added to the Board of Directors of HSA. These changes will help continue the growth of HSA.

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Below are some of the statistics of the HSA for 2011.

Statistics for the Houston Songwriters Association

### **MEMBER STATISTICS**

144 Individuals currently subscribed to HSA's 2011 Mailing List (27 more than 2010)

119 Individuals registered in the Members Area of the website (36 more than 2010)

70 Active members throughout the year (14 more than 2010)

22 New Members (2 more than 2010)

15 Lifetime Members (same as 2010)

34 Renewing Members (same as 2010)

### **SONG STATISTICS**

39 Individual members uploaded songs to the website in 2011

(an increase of 7 members compared to 2010)

165 Songs were presented in 2011 (that's an avg. of 15 songs each month)

(4 less songs compared to 169 presented in 2010)

125 Songs uploaded on the website in 2011

(23 more songs uploaded than in 2010)

61 Songwriters of which 14 were non-members in 2011

(an increase of 4 more songwriters and 1 non-member than in 2010)

31 Collaborations

(2 more collaborations than in 2010)

22 Winning Songs which included 9 collaborations for 2011

(Compared to 22 Winning Songs which included only 4 collaborations in 2010)

16 Collaborating Teams in 2011