

Stephanie Erin Brill



Richard Pinney



Tom & Barb Webber

Winners, 2013 Wisconsin Singer/Songwriter Series Song Contest

Top Three Song Contest Winners Reunite to Benefit the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

The top winners of the 2013 Wisconsin Singer/Songwriter Series will perform in a concert to benefit the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI) on February 9 at 7 pm at The Coffee House, 631 N. 19th St. There is no cover charge, but all donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. The public is welcome.

The three songwriters, **Richard Pinney** (on slide and fingerstyle guitar), **Barb Webber** (accompanied by guitarist Tom Webber), and **Stephanie Erin Brill** (piano) will showcase their winning songs along with other originals in the intimate setting. The benefit's performers won over the Singer/Songwriter Series screeners first then were selected to sing their songs live before an audience and a panel of 6 music industry judges in November.

Richard Pinney (1st place) toured nationally as a solo act and is a veteran of the Milwaukee, Chicago, New England and Los Angeles music scenes. He is a former staffer at Chameleon Records and three other independent record labels. His album, "Devil Take My Shiny Coins", a collector's item on vinyl, is scheduled for CD re-release in the spring of 2014.

Barb Webber (2nd place) performs with her husband Tom in the band Fair Webber and as a duo. She is a storyteller who crafts her songs a capella. "The words choose their own notes," she says, "without constraints. It is in singing the songs over and over that the story finds it's own rhythm and melody." Tom is known for his unique two finger guitar picking style and the timbre in his vocals and close harmonies which they say "carries the rumble of [his native] Texas Panhandle".

Stephanie Erin Brill (3rd place) recorded her first 10 song piano and vocal CD at age 13. Her new CD "Save The Day" is slated for release in early 2014. The Cedarburg songwriter was nominated for a Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) Rising Star Award and earned a gig in the organization's Summerfest Youth Showcase. She was selected to appear at the 2013 national songwriter conclave Steel Bridge Songfest and received Madison Area Music Associations (MAMA) 1st Chair Award.

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