

# Songwriters Notes

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## The San Diego Songwriters Guild

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## Jim Attebery of Durango Songwriters Expo Pitch Session

SDSG opens the decade and our 29th year with a chance to meet and have your songs heard and critiqued by Jim Attebery, the co-founder and President of The Durango Songwriter's Expo, one of the nation's premier singer-songwriter events for over 15 years.

The Expo is held twice a year, once in Santa Barbara Wine Country, (this year's event is February 24-26) and again in October in Boulder, Colorado. With over 40 music industry pros and hit songwriters present and registration limited



to 200 attendees, the Expo is an unparalleled networking opportunity and one of the few songwriters' events where participants get their music heard extensively by established industry vets.

Jim is a songwriter, producer, and studio owner who has worked with a variety of bands and artists and has written music for film and tv for many years. Says Jim, "We all need to be inspired to create. Few things are more inspiring than spending quality time with smart, talented, like-minded people who understand what you do... and are passionate about it, in fact." He will be joined on the dais by SDSG's Diane Waters, the winner of many songwriting awards including Country Grand Prize Winner from the 2010 Durango Songwriters Expo. Jim and Diane will offer critiques on submissions, and Pitch attendees will, we're sure, find the meeting enjoyable and informative.

In addition to offering his insights about your music, **Jim will be selecting two songs from SDSG's Pitch for free entry in Durango Songwriters Expo's 2011 "Write With A Hit-Maker" Song Contest.** Please mark your song pitches as either "Pop/Rock", "Country" or "Film and TV" (Note: Film and TV category submissions should be broadcast quality). For more info about Durango, visit them at [www.durango-songwriters-expo.com](http://www.durango-songwriters-expo.com)

We are excited to bring the flavor of Durango to San Diego with our January 24 Pitch and look forward to seeing you at the Country Inns and Suites in Sorrento Valley, 5975 Lusk Boulevard, San Diego 92121 (858) 558-1818

**Monday, January 24, 2011  
Registration Opens at 6:00 PM**



SDSG Memberships available at [SDSongwriters.org](http://SDSongwriters.org) or at the door. Admission is free to SDSG Members, \$10 for non-members. Pitch fee is \$5 per song, two song maximum per writer or writing team.

# From the Songwriter's Desk

It has been said that parties are the punctuation in a life sentence. This "point" was proven yet again on Saturday, December 11, 2010 when a passel of SDSG Members gathered at the country estate of **Ed and Sue Williams** for a delicious Holiday Party. It was one of those warm December days that preceded the recent storms, and we made the most of it! The list of performers was long, but the afternoon and evening went by far too quickly thanks to the camaraderie and good cheer that was clearly evident. Over the course of the day, we heard from **Cathouse Thursday, Chelsea Flor, Rick Harchol, Get Rockin', Reverend Stickman, Rob Mehl, Miff Laracy, Annie Rettic, "Ellie"** with **Jeff McCullough, Julie Quiseng, Nicky Rich, Ed Cosico**, and more, including some great jamming moments when everyone joined together in song.



Thanks Ed and Sue for putting up with us all... can we come back sometime soon? I'd love to see SDSG performing on your outdoor stage on a warm sunset evening! Thanks to SDSG President **Sandi Shaner** for putting the gala event together, and to everyone who joined the party in celebration of our shared commitment to songwriting, musicianship, and performance.

Happy New Year... may yours be joyful and prosperous! See you January 24 with Jim Attebery.

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## Winners 2010 SDSG Song Contest

Grand Prize "Platinum" Winner **Anthony Plourd "Lite It Up"**  
*Full-Day Production Session with Tree Hill Media*  
*\$500 from SDSG*

Second Prize "Gold" Winner **Jim Arnegard "Same Old Tears"**  
*Recording Session at Signature Sound*  
*CD Cover/Logo from Beach City Graphics*

Third Prize "Silver" Winner **Olivia Bonilla "Not This Time"**  
*Three Hour Production Session with Club Bohemia Productions*

### **Honorable Mentions:**

Olivia Bonilla	Please Come Home
Zulayka	Como un Angel
Rebecca Vaughan	Save Me
Rick Harchol	Funk n' True Love
Sara Petite	Beautiful Things
Knickerbocker/Donnis	Pause
Rex Hermogino	The Cheezy Song
Janet Snare	Don't Think I Don't Love You
Marshall Hattersley	The Garden
Ed Williams	Enough Is Enough
Zulayke Don't Say	What You Want
Bruce Dale Betz	25 to Life
Monemarano/King	I Want to be Afraid

The 2010 SDSG Song Contest, our 19th annual such event, was another great success. Thanks to our judges **Dave Blackburn, Jeff McCullough, Sandi Shaner, and Diane Waters**, as well as our sponsors (see page three), and, of course, the contestants whose submissions were of a uniformly high caliber.

Less than 10 points separated this year's top song from the next 15 entries. What an interesting, original, and well-written collection of music we heard!

Special Thanks go to our SDSG Support Team who pulled yeoman's duty as our sign in and tabulation crew; they kept things cool at what could have been major stress points.

**John Pape**, SDSG's Webmaster, entered all the data generated by our panel of judges and prepared entrants' CDs and lyric sheets for the judges and me; and **Richard and Susan Widney** rolled through the sign-in table storm in style, doing a wonderful job making sure every entry was accounted for.

Finally, we'd like to personally thank Mr. Widney for his support for SDSG. Over a span of many years, Richard has served the Guild as President and Treasurer, and has been among the most reliable, conscientious, and diligent partners with whom we have ever had the pleasure of working. With this Contest's conclusion, Richard will be leaving the SDSG Board. He will be most dearly missed. Thank you Richard for your service and camaraderie, and best wishes to you, Susan, and your entire family for the years ahead!

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