

# Slot One Entertainment, Inc.

## Songwriters Original Showcase (tm)

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### Sedgwick Cultural Center on Friday, November 16

**Philadelphia, PA - Friday, October 25, 2001** -- Songwriters Original Showcase (SOS) launches an exciting new season of musical performance by nationally acclaimed independent recording artists at the Sedgwick Cultural Center, 7137 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, on Friday, November 16, 8:00 pm. SOS is a one-of-a kind venue in the region that features independent recording and performing artists who have achieved significant recognition for their art through awards, performances, radio airplay, written reviews, and other achievements.

Artists performing at the Sedgwick Cultural Center on November 16 are:

**Michelle Nagy** is a respected Philadelphia-based artist who has opened for national label artists including the Indigo Girls. Her CD *Art Museum* is heard on radio stations throughout the U.S. and Canada. Her song "My Dress" was featured by United Artist Theaters in movie theaters across the country during pre-movie entertainment segments. A captivating performer, Michelle is a top 12 pick as both a performer and independent label release by *Performing Songwriter Magazine*.

**Stephen DiJoseph** is a classically trained pianist whose performances are both entertaining and spellbinding. An award-winning composer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist, he is critically acclaimed in both the U.S. and Europe. Stephen is a favorite at jazz festivals up and down the east coast, and a featured artist at the Alternativa Festival in Prague, Czech Republic. His award winning music is heard on jazz and New Age radio shows nationwide. His latest CD release, *Artifactual*, is described by Wyndham Hill Records founder Will Ackerman as "...one of the finer recordings I've heard in some time."

**Violet Truth** is a New York based band who has opened for national label artists, showcases at leading industry music conferences, and receives national and Canadian airplay, having topped the charts on several college and public radio stations. The band's, CD *Candy Coated* is on the Best Seller list at CD Baby, and also was named one of *Jersey Beat's* Top 20 releases of 2000. The band tours major cities throughout the east coast and southern U.S..

**DENZIEN**, the S.O.S. house band, is the latest incarnation of award winning singer-songwriter **Rick Denzien**. Twice part of the Grammy process for his CD, *Exit 21* and a Billboard Songwriter Award winner, Denzien's music is played on radio stations nationwide. His music has received recognition in Europe, where he's toured twice and appeared on national television in Holland. He's showcased at national music conferences and is one of the most heavily downloaded artists as tracked on the World Music and mPulse.com music chart. Singer-songwriter **Debra Lee** joins DENZIEN, contributing vocals and keyboards and songs that mesh harmonically and lyrically with DENZIEN's musical style. With recording credits prior to teaming up with DENZIEN, her unique style and originality have been compared to Tori Amos and Paula Cole.

**Sandy Crimmins** is a spoken word artist who performs her poetry to music. Known in the Philadelphia poetry community, she's performed at poet venues such as Kelly's Writer at the University of Pennsylvania, and art galleries, including the Robb Gallery in Chestnut Hill. She'll be performing "El Cid in Flamenco and Flame", her latest collaborative dance, music and spoken word piece created with the group, Secret Lives. It will feature the Flamenco finger style acoustic guitar music **David Falcone**, and Flamenco dancer and fire eater, **Tomas Dura**. Sandy has received national recognition from her CD release, *Iowa Summer*, a collaboration with acclaimed guitarist **Richard Drueding**, who has enhanced the music of folk icon Tom Paxton, singer-songwriter Tom Gala, and jazz blues singer Zan Gardner.

Since the first S.O.S. in February, 2001, at the Act II Playhouse in Ambler, PA, the showcase has attracted artists, producers, managers, and other music industry professionals. S.O.S. is the only venue of its kind in the region that showcases artists breaking out on the national scene. Produced by Slot-1 Recording Studio in Ambler, PA, S.O.S. musical genres range from folk to jazz, alternative to pop rock -- all original music performed by the artists/singer-songwriters who created it.

The Sedgwick Cultural Center, hailed as "one of the most dynamic cultural centers in the city" by *Inquirer Magazine*, is host to the November 16, S.O.S. The Sedgwick Cultural Center is located at 7137 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia. Call

215-248-9229 for information, or visit [www.slot-1.com/sos](http://www.slot-1.com/sos). Tickets available at the door, \$10 and \$8 for students/seniors. Members of the Sedgwick receive a discount on tickets. Free parking is available across the street at the municipal lot.

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**Note:** Artist photos and S.O.S. logo are downloadable from: <http://www.SongwritersOriginalShowcase.com>