

Welcome to

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1 - MESSAGE FROM RICHARD



Sound Connections Family,

And when I say family, I mean family. Some of you reading this have been a member of the Sound Connections family since Issue #1 back in April of 2005 when we were a mere 300 strong. Now here we are celebrating our 50th issue with over 1700 family members and lots of great conversations, sheet music, reviews, mail, resources, artist spotlights, informative features, and resources under our belts.

Whether this is your first Sound Connections or your 50th, we'd like to hear from you as to what your impression is and has been, what needs of yours we are meeting and which needs we may not be meeting. We will print the good, the bad and the ugly.

Maybe you have a Sound Connections story; some way you've been helped, connected, informed as a music director, artist or minister. In our next issue, we plan to celebrate what this resource has meant to you up to now. The Music Ministry Team who produces the newsletter will consider your comments and suggestions for future issues and/or format updates.

I am often amazed when I get a call from a music director or minister in the field asking, "Where can I find good New Thought music for my congregation, soloists and choir?" Amazed because for the last 7 years your Music Ministry Team has produced NINE songbooks of music specially written and chosen for New Thought churches. We've got to get the word out! Our Feature Article (Chpt. 4) this month showcases those books and music products available for you and asks you to send us your feedback on the songbooks you have used so far.

We are looking for your help in creating the Grace Note Award presentation for Karen Drucker at this year's Sound Connections music conference. (Chpt. 7) and we have the entire schedule of workshops and presenters in this month's SC Followup (Chapt 3).

"THIS PRAYER'S FOR YOU" on YouTube: I have the honor of being featured on a You Tube video promotion for our beloved Silent Unity prayer ministry. They used a song from my upcoming CD, as a backdrop for moving pictures of people praying, and people who need prayer from around the world. It is a wonderful experience. Please check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5goQOHBkudA>

May is a big month for me as I once again embrace partnership and commitment with my marriage to Paula Coppel on May 23. Next time you hear from me, I'll have a ring on my finger and a great big smile on my face!

Always remember you are a vital part of our movement and message.
You can and do make a difference!

Richard Mekdeci
Sacred Music Resources

2 - THIS MONTH'S FREE SHEET MUSIC ATTACHMENT

God Is I AM by Linda Chubbuck

A brand new chant straight from the upcoming "Can I Get An Amen!" songbook available in June. Linda has taken a basic New Thought truth and created a beautiful simple chant for prayer times, meditation or group gatherings.

Linda is a drum circle facilitator in Kansas City, Missouri. She can be reached at: songs@lindachubbuck.com

You will find this song attached at the end of this PDF file. This service is offered with permission from the author. Please contact the author if you would like to purchase additional copies of this music.

If you would like a piece of your sheet music offered in future issues of Sound Connections, just send a PDF file of your song to music@unity.org for review.

3 - SOUND CONNECTIONS FOLLOW-UP



"MUSIC SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS"

September 15 - 19, 2009

The Posi Awards are moving to January 18 -20 in Orlando Florida, next year so there will not be a Pre-Conference event. Sound Connections will begin on Tuesday night, Sept. 15 and run to Saturday morning, Sept. 19.

This year's theme reflects the universal language of music, its role in ministry and its ability to unite diverse groups of people.

Keynote Presentations:

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM - Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30

Laying the Groundwork for a magical week

Be sure you experience your time at Sound Connections to it's fullest by attending this important first gathering of the whole group. Set your intention for the week and ground it in prayer. Choose your secret prayer partner and create a mission and vision statement for your experience. Lots of bonding, fun and fellowship . . . oh yea, and music too!

DANIEL NAHMOD - Thursday 9:30 - 11:30

Discussion and Experience of Musical Worship

Songs from my Sacred Love CD sung with the group, plus a conversation about facilitating the deepest possible sacred musical experience. Discussion about the worship service Richard Rogers, Jill Fredal and I did at Unity of Phoenix. How-to's, how-not-to's, my own observations and lessons learned over these last ten years and how to take it deeper.

KAREN DRUCKER - Friday 9:30 - 11:30

I Give Myself Permission To . . .

A few years ago I wrote a little chant that said: "I give myself permission to be all I can be.

I give myself permission to live passionate and free."

I have thought about that word, "Permission" for a while. In our time together, we will look at that word as it relates to our music careers, our music ministries and our lives. With songs, stories, discussion and lots of laughter, we will learn how to give ourselves permission to be, do and have all that we desire.

2009 Grace Note Award Recipient: Karen Drucker

The Grace Note award is given for outstanding achievement in New Thought Music. Karen Drucker's name, face and music are ubiquitous throughout all of the New Thought Movement. She has bridged the Unity and Religious Science (CSL) movements with her sacred chants and positive affirming songs. But it is not only about the music. Karen works tirelessly volunteering her time and talents to organizations that promote world healing and the message of peace and unity. Karen will give a keynote workshop on Friday morning, then perform a set of her music during the Grace Note Ceremony on Friday evening.

Additional Guest Presenters

Harold Payne - the man who coined the phrase, "Positive Music" and wrote the theme song for this year's conference will present three workshops on songwriting from three different perspectives. Harold has had over 100 of his songs recorded by artists like Rod Stewart, Pattie LaBelle, Snoop Dogg, Bobby Womack and the current hit single by Kelly Rowland.

David Roth - always back by popular demand. David is one of the Sound Connections family. David will present four workshops this year. His two regulars, "Grain of Salt" song critique, and the hugely popular "Writing for Songs of Love" where the group co-writes a song for a sick child. Also David will present one of the Guitar Labs on how to use alternate tunings, and a brand new presentation called, "What Can I Do For You Today" on being of service.

Sloan Wainwright - Sloan was absent last year because of her husband's illness and transition. She was moved by the outpouring of love sent to her from our conference last year and will return this year to our fold to give two of her Vocal workshops (which were all packed last year), and a new presentation on the Creative Process - Very awesome!

Drummer, **Jeff Wolf** and Shaman, **Nina Gibson** will lead our drumming class this year and prepare us for the Friday night bon fire and drum circle at the labyrinth.

12 Additional Workshops each day!

WEDNESDAY

1 - 2:30

1. Music Director 101: Rising o the next level - Sue Riley
2. Be Like Water - Daniel Nahmod
3. Ensemble Rehearsal Techniques - Carol Tomhave
4. Sacred Light Workshop - Chris Foster
5. Voice and Singing - Sloan Wainwright

6. Notation Software for Beginners –
David Ezell & Fred Bogert

3: - 4:30

1. Underscoring and Segues – Todd Lowry
2. Turning Titles Phrases & Sermons into Songs - Harold Payne
3. Keyboard Lab – Fred Albers
4. Guitar Lab – Fred Bogert
5. Unity World Chorus – Melinda
6. Unity World Orchestra– Chris and David

THURSDAY

1 – 2:30

1. The Creative Process – Sloan Wainwright
2. What’s a NT Song? – Richard Mekdeci
3. Choral Reading Session – Carol Tomhave
4. What Can I Do 4 U 2 Day – David Roth
5. Spiritual Dancing For All Ages – Blair Tabor
6. Healing Drumming – Jeff Wolf and Nina Gibson

3: - 4:30

1. Grain of Salt – David Roth
2. Art of Collaboration – Harold Payne
3. Keyboard Lab – Fred Albers
4. Guitar Lab – Chris Foster
5. Unity World Chorus – Melinda
6. Unity World Orchestra – Chris and David

FRIDAY

1 – 2:30

1. Voice and Singing – Sloan Wainwright
2. Planning Music Sunday – Blair Tabor
3. Indy Artist Cookbook – Daniel Nahmod
4. Songs of Love – David Roth
5. Hosting Successful “Special” Events – Sue Riley
6. Elements of Style for band – Fred and New Day

3: - 4:30

1. Copyright Do’s and Don’ts – Todd Lowry
2. Songwriting Playshop – Harold Payne
3. Keyboard Lab – Fred Albers
4. Guitar Lab – David Roth
5. Unity World Chorus – Melinda Allen
6. Unity World Orchestra – Chris and David

FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TODAY

Click the link below to download the form from our website.

<http://www.unity.org/association/ministriesLeaders/musicMinistry/pdf/SC2009RegistrationForm.pdf>

FULL COLOR BROCHURES NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like us to mail brochures to your church or group, make your request at music@unity.org . Include number of brochures you would like and your address please.

4 - THIS MONTH'S FEATURED TOPIC

Help Us Celebrate Karen Drucker

Association of Unity Churches® 2009 Grace Note Award Recipient



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The Unity and New Thought community congratulate Karen Drucker on being the 2009 recipient of the Association of Unity Churches' annual Grace Note Award. This award is given by the AUC each year for outstanding, pioneering achievement in New Thought Music to the artist they feel has had the most positive, productive, musical impact on the planet thus far in their careers. Recipients are chosen as the result of their effective, influential songwriting and performance skills, as well as their overall contributions to society. Since its inception in 2006, past AUC® Grace Note recipients have included Carmen Moshier, Jana Stanfield and LeRoy White.

Please join us in celebrating Karen Drucker at this year's 2009 Sound Connections Music Conference at Unity Village, September 15th through the 19th. On Friday, September 18, Karen will be giving a keynote presentation to attendees in the morning general session, then later that evening she will accept her award followed by a live performance.

We invite all of you in the greater community to get involved by helping to create the award's presentation. If you have ANY information you would like to contribute, please contact AUC Music Ministry Team Member Jennifer Ferren at jferrensings@aol.com.

All info must be received by August 1, 2009.

Please send any of the following:

- a written statement/testimonial;
- a brief 2min audio (mp3);
- a brief 2-min video clip (contact Jennifer regarding format of video file);
- your favorite Karen Drucker songs (so we can include them in the program)

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your participation!

5 - FROM THE ROAD

Bring this awesome artist to your church or center!



Growing into a Vision

By Laura Berman Benelli

As I think back to the beginnings, I wonder - How could this new life have FOUND me? Did I really call it to myself? I mean, months earlier I had pronounced, "I am ready for a new start!" Was that the beginning...and how was it that this new vision was being sculpted out of an empty block of me, without me necessarily seeing the chisel?

For ten years I struggled as an independent singer/songwriter in NY. In the music business, artists like me were referred to as "indies." Throughout that time, I didn't believe I was an actual singer/songwriter, but now I do and I think I owe a large part of that to my coming up as a performer in the New Thought community.

About seven years ago I got a call from another "indie" friend - who asked me to take her place on Sunday morning as a featured performer at the Center for Spiritual Living (then called Religious Science) in Morristown, NJ. "Um...Ok!". It was a bit of an early call for a musician, but I was off and running (to where, I had no idea).

I was performing with my now-husband Craig Benelli at the time and we drove to Morristown, NJ together. We were wow-ed by the service and the message in so many ways. For Craig, a *recovering Catholic*, this was a whole new way of experiencing God. And for me, a singer/songwriter seeking recognition, I was so relieved to know I could perform for an audience who actually listened (and in an environment where there wasn't a gargling & loud-mouthed cappuccino machine distracting us all from my job as songstress deliverer).

I guess we made an impression on them because a few months later the minister and the staff approached us about writing songs for an upcoming program they were developing. The program's intention was to help the congregants become more aware of their connection to God as an eternal spiritual source that is always extending and creating "through us, in us, as us". The Spiritual Leaders in Morristown intended that the music and message emphasize that we are all one with God and that any sense of separation from God stems from humankind's inability to embrace the divinity of its own creation. (Oh, that's all?)

As songwriters inspired by these views, we couldn't say "no" to this challenge -plus writing songs under a deadline was new for us. Needless to say the experience of creating these songs was both fun and invigorating - and well, to be honest, scary. Our only comfort was if the songs stunk, nobody was going to walk out in the middle of church.

Quite the contrary; the congregants were so taken by the songs and the lyrics that they encouraged us to record the music. Some of them were even generous enough to donate money to help kick-start the recording process. Within three years, we released two CDs of the material written for that program.



Oh yes...recording the CD's. That was a barrel of laughs (and tears). How utterly ironic that we would work out our spiritual, personal and relationship issues through a collection of songs that spoke to the very CORE of these issues.

So during these early years in New Thought, we were charged and inspired, and extremely motivated - researching and touring the East Coast New Thought community (Unity and CSL in Atlanta, CSL Nashville, Sacred Center NY), meeting new people, reading books, and writing songs. Craig had the idea to start our business, *Greater Good Productions*, a legal partnership. Although not intentional at the time, the name would come to remind me that I was in the business of BEING and CREATING my Greater Good, for me, my family and for the world.

As a result of all this whirlwindy stuff, lots of performance opportunities opened up, like working with Marianne Williamson, Neale Donald Walsch and some incredible New Thought ministers.

With the growth of our working relationship, then coupled with our marriage, came handfuls of ups and downs. It had become such a difficult balance for me to strike, with my love of Craig and my love of music and song all meshed together. Everyone thought it was so cute and I thought it was ugly like a wet cat!

I'm happy to report that there are fewer wet cat moments now than there ever were. We also have a greater respect for each other as individuals OUTSIDE of what we do together.

And just when things were feeling a little too comfortable, we decided to move cross-country from NY to OR so we could tour in the West coast New Thought community. Just when I thought this journey was tough, we both had to throw caution to the wind and grow into another new vision. It's been well worth it - we've performed at numerous centers including CSL Seattle, Santa Rosa and Unity San Francisco and Seattle, thus far, to name a few.

The long and the short of it is, something broke open for me, and Craig too, that first Sunday in Morristown NJ. For the life of me, I didn't have a clue about what I was doing and some days I still don't. But I'm glad for everything. Something yearned in me, and that something took the reigns and said "Suck it up, girl!! This is your life and I'm not gonna let you waste it!!" Tough love. I like to be roughed up a bit. It makes the softening up so worth it.



Laura Berman albums:

Detour

Laura Berman

Love Will

For Booking, contact: craig@greatergoodproductions.com

Listen to Laura at: www.laurabermanmusic.com

If you are a touring artists and would like to be featured in [From The Road](#), submit your article to music@unity.org "

6 - CD REVIEWS!



Kickin' This Stone

Johnsmith

reviewed by Sue K Riley

I first discovered Johnsmith's music at a Northeast Folk Alliance conference. His music has a Celtic, Irish feel and his lyrics touch on family relationships, personal relationships, and finding the right balance in life. His songs all have a positive message, and are fun to play with a soloist or a band.

"Iris Blue" is a song using beautiful flowers as metaphors for personal relationships. It is a love song to his wife, but the lovely twist in the song is the realization that any type of relationship has its ups and downs, or as John sings "It ain't been all roses". This is a beautiful song for any week with the theme of love or personal relationships.

"Don't Put Me in a Box" speaks of breaking loose of other peoples expectations of what you should do with your life. John sings "I am more than what they see, I am one more mystery, oh please, don't put me in a box". This is a great song about having the courage to step into your authentic self.

"Survivors" is a lovely Mother's Day song. John uses a metaphor of a tall, graceful tree that has withstood storms and drought, but has survived. Through any storm or lightening strike, a mother reaches out with her loving touch, because that's what a mother does.

John also has some great Father's Day songs on other CDs. One speaks of a father letting his son try his wings, entitled "Dad, Don't Worry so Much".

Johnsmith is a lively performer, with strong rhythmic guitar playing, a great voice, and a winning smile, and he is a joy to work with.

You will find that you've discovered a treasure in John and his music and you will enjoy listening to his songs over and over.

To contact Johnsmith email at: jsmit577@earthlink.net

Listen to Johnsmith's music at: www.CDBaby.com/johnsmith

Visit Johnsmith's website at: <http://johnsmithmusic.com>

7 - MUSIC RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

MUSIC PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Your Music Ministry Team has as its primary directive to produce and provide music resources for your ministry and with Sue Riley at the helm, that is exactly what it has been doing. Below is a list and partial contents of all nine (that's right 9!) of the songbooks now available through the AOUCI.

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

We have been including the CD with 2 minute song clips of each song, Piano/vocal scores, PLUS Lead sheets and lyric sheets, as well as contact information for each of the songwriters and artists. In an email to music@unity.org let us know:

Are the scores easy to read?

Do you find the Lead Sheets valuable?

Do you find the Lyric Sheets valuable?

Do you find the CD valuable?

Do you find enough usable songs in the book to make it worth the purchase?

Is there a way we can make the books better for you?

Please take a minute to give your opinion. Your feedback will help us when producing the next songbook.

These products are made available through the Sacred Music Resources Department, and the Music Ministry Team at your Association of Unity Churches International.

Order by calling 866.236.3571 (wholesale) or 800.669.0282 (retail) or go online to www.unity.org.

SHINE ON! 26 songs Includes: **Do All You Can** (Devotion), **God You Are** (Daniel Nahmod), **Stand** (Karen Drucker), **I'm Here To Remind You** (David Ault), **Life Is A Dance** (Karl Anthony), **Even On A Bad Day You're A Child Of God** (Dana Clark), **Pour Over Me Holy Spirit** (Sue Riley), **This Is What I Know** (Jan Garrett) **What Must Be Done** (Greg Greenway) and a variety of congregational, and solo songs for Independence Day, Easter, and Christmas. \$24.95

SEEDS OF LIGHT - 24 upbeat, congregational songs, and solos including; **Unity** (David Friedman), **Here and Now** (Jana Stanfield), **You Remind Me** (David Roth), **I Dreamed of Rain** (Jan Garrett), **Sacred Love** (Daniel Nahmod), **You Are Healed** (Karen Drucker) **The Part of Me That Is You** (Sue K Riley), **I'm Here** (Fred Bogert), **Lead Me To The Light** (Bethani), **Spirit Calls** (Ginger Curry) \$24.95

SPECIAL SERVICES AND CHANTS Volumes 1 & 2 - Finally, a songbook with songs specifically written for those special services and ceremonies unique to our New Thought traditions. You'll find songs for Burning Bowl, New Years, Candle Lighting, Child Christenings, Church Anniversaries, Volunteer Appreciation, Love In Action, and NT songs for traditional

Mother's and Father's Day, Easter and Thanksgiving services. Plus several chants in each book that will get your congregation on their feet \$24.95

ONE VOICE SONGBOOK - 28 songs. Includes some four-part arrangements for choral use, duets, and solos. The clips CD is enhanced to include Power Point lyrics. **Use Me** (Rickie Byars Beckwith) **Colors Of Praise** (Faith Rivera) **God's Refrigerator** (Karen Taylor Good), **I Am A Light** (Devotion) **I Am One** (Jana Stanfield), **Love, Love, Love** (Chris Foster) **The Way of God** (Richard Mekdeci) **Your Prayer is My Prayer Too** (Karen Drucker) \$29.95

HOLY NOW - 25 songs including, Peter Mayer's incredible title song, **Holy Now**, **I Release** (Rickie Byars-Beckwith), **If I Were Brave** (Jana Stanfield) **I Am** (Devotion), **Healing In The Hands Of Time** (Karen Taylor-Good), **Love Is My Decision** (Daniel Nahmod), **Earth** (David Roth), **The Grand Design** (Greg Tamblyn), **Growing Love** (Fred Bogert) **The Lord's Psalm** (Richard Mekdeci) **Today** (Lisa Firestone), **Welcome Song** (Armand & Don Rowell) \$24.95.

The LOVE NOTES SAMPLER SONGBOOK - We have taken one song from each of the 28 discontinued Love Notes programs plus added 3 bonus choral pieces to make a 31 song compilation of the popular flagship program. **Will You Come Home** (David Roth) **You Heal Me** (Karen Taylor Good), **Here's To Life** (Richard Mekdeci) **Step By Step** (Chuck Pyle), **More Than Enough** (Jana Stanfield), **Strength To Surrender** (Linda Webb-Khakaba) and more. \$29.95.

SONGS FROM A WORLD AWAKENING - 30 solo and congregational songs in lead sheet form, packaged for use by any size church with a **CD ROM** containing the full sheet music, lyrics for projection, liner notes and artist contact information, and an audio CD with the **piano tracks** for churches and groups without musicians. Includes: **The Grace Chant** (Richard Mekdeci), **My Dedication** (Claudell County) **La Oracion De Proteccion** (Coco Ramos) **Feel My Love** (Greg Tamblyn), **As I Give I Truly Receive** (Michael Stillwater), **Healing Hands** (Carol Johnson), **I See Divinity In You** (Nancy Abercrombie) \$24.95

SONGS FROM A WORLD AWAKENING COMPANION CD - This CD takes the piano tracks and adds vocals with harmonies and some extra instrumentation to create a fabulous 30 song CD. Originally created as a service to assist music directors in using the tracks, this is a great CD of great music for \$14.95

SPIRIT IS JOY - 25 songs including: **Blessed Always** (Rickie Byars Beckwith), **I Don't Need To Know** (Daniel Nahmod), **I Am The Thinker** (Sue Riley), **One More Time Around The Sun** (Fred Bogert) **God Is** (Richard Mekdeci), **Right And Perfect Place** (Terry Dearmore) \$24.95.

SPIRIT IS JOY PERFORMANCE TRACKS - This is a companion CD to the Spirit Is Joy songbook with tracks created by Music Ministry Team member Fred Bogert. Fred duplicated the music in the book exactly and added audible "helps" to assist song leaders and soloists in coming in at the right places. \$19.95.

CAN I GET AN AMEN! - Coming June 2009 Lots of upbeat Gospel, interfaith, thematic, chants and songs - including our first Rap song! Many of our favorites like Karen Taylor Good (**Color Blind**), Eddie Watkins Jr. (**We Come Together**), Harold Payne (**Music Speaks Louder Than Words**) and David Ault (**Work of Heart**) plus lots of

great songs right from our Music Directors and Ministers in the field like Erin McGaughan, Claudia Carawan, Blair Tabor, Leddy Hammock, Sue Riley, Cliff Rubin and more.

8 - "PosiPalooza! Music That Matters"



Fridays at 2:00 pm Central Time www.unity.fm
Listen to past shows in the archives

Log on to hear your favorite songs by your favorite artists as well as the newest Posi and New Thought music available. Hear "Posi Potpourris" - a variety of great music by different artists as well as Guest DJ's and themed programs.

MAY SCHEDULE – Richard's taking May off to get married! May is Encore month.

May 1 – Encore! – Season For Non Violence Songs of Unity

May 8 – Encore! - Live As Life With LeRoy White!

May 15- Encore! – Amazing Grace – Multiple versions of a timeless tune and the story around it.

May 22 – Encore!- Meta- Love songs

May 29 – Encore! Guest DJ (Rockin')Rick Lowe of emPower Music & Arts – takes over the microphone to bring you some of his favorite songs and stories.

9 - The MAILBOX - YOUR LETTERS / Q&A

Hi Richard,

Thank you for your great work with Sound Connections.

I have been the minister here in Melbourne, Australia for only a short time ,and we are starting to get our music updated a bit.

We are a small church,(50 to 60 People) but we have some great musical talent, and I hope to get us in shape musically very soon.

Your on line music magazine is inspiring to us. I am also a musician and radio presenter on our local community station, and now I have time to think,

I hope to check out some of the web sites you mention, and listen to more music and artists you promote in your articles.

We are excited in Melbourne because the World Parliament of Religions is held here in december, and we know that there is a large group of New Thought visitors arriving in Melbourne for this event.

We are at www.unitymelbourne.org.au

Keep up the great work,

More later,

Love and Light.

Rev. William Livingston (Bill)

Unity of Melbourne. Australia.

Richard,
Can you please send me info on the copyright arrangement that has been arranged for use of the music of New Thought artists?
Blessings,
Jan
Rev. Jan Little
rev-jan@sbcglobal.net

*Hey Jan,
You're asking about Empower Music Rights umbrella license. You can find info on that at www.empowerma.com/musicrights
After checking it out, let me know if you have any questions.
R*

Hi,

Could you let me know what hymnals and music is available for our church? We are currently using "Wings of Song" and are looking for some other options.

Thanks,

Debbie Mangano

Administrative Assistant

Unity in the Olympics

*Debbie,
The WOS is the only and most current "Hymnal" we have.
However your Music Ministry Team has produced several songbooks containing contemporary solos, chants and congregational songs over the past 8 years.
They are geared for church use ,most with piano/vocal, lead sheet, lyric sheet and a CD with 2 minute audio clips of each song.
Two of the songbooks have CD's with tracks for the songs.
The books are available online at www.unity.org . Click Shop and look for Music Products in the left margin.
Prices listed are for retail. As a Unity church, you would receive special wholesale pricing usually about \$10 less.
Hope that helps,
RM*

Digital Conversion Info

Important: If you have a **wireless mic system**, check your operating frequencies!

All full power analog TV transmission is scheduled to cease (originally on Feb 17, 2009, now in June). Digital TV broadcasts will be consolidated below channels 52. UHF Channels 52-69 (698 - 806 MHz), generically called the 700 MHz band, will be reallocated to public emergency broadcast and telecom companies. The FCC will prohibit the use of wireless microphones in this range in the near future, perhaps as early as February. There are still many systems in the market today that operate in the 700 MHz band.

More Info here: <http://www.sweetwater.com/feature/wireless/trade-in.php>

Shure and Sennheiser are offering trade-in rebates when you replace your 700 band wireless system with a new one of theirs.

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Shure is offering rebates of up to \$1,000 on the purchase of new Shure wireless systems when you trade-in Shure (or other manufacturer) 700MHz frequency band (698-806MHz) wireless systems and related components purchased before February 1, 2007.

Details

- Rebates are available for purchase of Shure models UR14D, UR24D/SM58, UR14S, UR24S/SM58, UR1, UR2/SM58, UR4S, UR4D, ULXP14, ULXP24/58, ULXS14, ULXS24/58, ULX1, ULX2/58, ULXS4, ULXP4, MX690, MX890, SLX4L, P7TR, P7T, P7R, PGX14, and PGX24/SM58.
- Other manufacturers' qualifying 700MHz frequency band wireless systems and related components may also be traded in.
- For information on Shure wireless systems purchased on or after February 1, 2007, please contact (800) 25-SHURE (800-257-4873).

Sennheiser offers a rebate/trade-in program that is aimed at helping end users to switch to a new Sennheiser system in a range below 698MHz, in the most economical fashion. The trade-in applies to systems and components purchased between January 1, 2006, and January 1, 2008.

Details

- Rebates are available for purchases made between December 1, 2008, and December 1, 2009.
- Rebates apply to new Sennheiser wireless systems, additional transmitters, or receivers.
- The Sennheiser Freeport System is excluded from this offer.
- To receive a rebate, an equal number of old wireless systems, additional transmitters, or receivers, which operated in the range 698-806MHz, must be traded in.
- Non-Sennheiser brands can also be traded in.
- Single components (transmitters or receivers) are rebated at half the system rebate value.

- A tiered rebate is available for customers who purchased Sennheiser systems within recent years.
- Sennheiser is also offering a simple flat rebate for systems and components purchased before January 1, 2006.

10 - Conferences and Events



May 28 – 31, 2009
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God Is I Am

Moderato ♩ = 100

Solo a cappella first time:

Harmony and band second time

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5 C Dm/G F/G G Dm F⁶ C

God is _____ in ev' - ry thing I see. God is _____ wher - ev - er I may be.

9 Am F⁶ Dm C/G G⁷ C

God is _____ the life in you and me. God Is I am.

Building with additional harmonies

13 C Dm/G F/G G Dm F⁶ C

God is _____ in ev - 'ry - thing I see. God is _____ wher - ev - er I may be.

17 Am F⁶ Dm C/G G⁷ C

God is _____ the life in you and me. God Is I am.

21 C Dm/G F/G G F⁶ C

God is _____ in ev-'ry-thing I see. God is _____ wher-ev-er I may be.

25 Am F⁶ Dm C/G G⁷ C

God is _____ the life in you and me. God Is I am.

1. Second time instrumental

29 C A⁷ D Em/A G/A A

am. God is _____ in ev-'ry-thing I see. God is _____ wher

2.

33 G⁶ D Bm G⁶ Em D/A A⁷

ev-er I may be. God is _____ the life in you and me. God Is I

37 1st D 2nd D Bm G⁶

am. am. God is _____ the life in you and me.

41 Em D/A A⁷ D

God Is I am.

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