



Song Writer's Workshop

In March and April, RLB Productions presented a songwriters' workshop focusing on **"Writing Consistently Strong Melodies and Solid Chord Progressions"**. Topics such as **The Elements of Music, Scales and Chords Relationship** and **Techniques on writing consistently strong melodies and solid chord progressions** not only was discuss but demonstrated as well.

The RLB songwriting workshop is both concise and comprehensive. I'm glad I took it because it reminded me of stuff I knew, but hadn't been using, and introduced me to ideas that I hadn't thought of before. By studying the material and filling in the worksheets I now have new tools to write songs that are (both melodically and harmonically) more advanced than before. -Philip Quintas



Ric Robinson & Ray Baker

I attended a workshop on a Saturday morning with Ray Baker. It was a productive morning. Ray spent the entire time instructing and encouraging. At the end of the 3 hours I was inspired to work hard at developing keyboard skills. It has been said often that one way to write better songs is to learn a new instrument or to accept a challenge to improve musical knowledge and skills. I am working to do both. The workshop that Ray offers is a great value. I recommend investigating this opportunity if you are looking for a way to write stronger melodies." -David Warren

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Habitat For Housing

Ray had the opportunity to play music for the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity opening ceremony dinner on Sunday evening, May 20th, at the Double Tree by Hilton Dallas Market Center. About 140 people from around the country come for the week to build about 16 houses for families in the Dallas community.



Jennifer Knoeber Dir. of Volunteer Services & Ray Baker

Hymns Brings Back Memories

The sounds of the saxophone echoed through the halls, with memories of favorite hymns at the Emeritus at Stonebridge Ranch in McKinney. Every other month Ray plays many of the cherished hymns to the residents. Some of the people sing along as they recognize the familiar melody of songs like "The Old Rugged Cross and How Great Thou Art". One lady commented how she remembered singing many of the songs as a child.



Ray usually closes his eyes as he plays and once when he opened them there was a lady standing next to him singing. One resident also accompanied him on the piano. The residents said they really enjoy the hymns.



Ray Plays Bluestem Bistro Jams with Dawayne Bailey

Ray Baker performed at the Bluestem Bistro in Manhattan, Kansas, Ray's hometown on Saturday, May 26th. This was also the weekend Ray attended his 40th high school class reunion. Many of his classmates come out to hear Ray and his wife, Pamela perform. Ray also had the opportunity to sit-in with guitarist, Dawayne Bailey, a classmate who was the featured entertainer for the class banquet. Dawayne formerly played with Frank Zappa, Bob Seger and Chicago. "We have known each other since the days at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary grade school. I remember Dawayne and his brother Daryl who played drums, playing the song Louie Louie at the sixth grade assembly. "This was the first time we play together in 30 years." Ray, stated. One of the highlights of the performance was on the song, "Baker Street" by Gerry Rafferty. Ray nailed the saxophone line as Dawayne spun away with the vocals and guitar riffs. "It was great to see many of my high school classmates and play with Dawayne. I had a good time and I am sure everyone enjoyed the music," stated Ray Baker



Hi Ray, You and Pamela were great Friday night at the Bluestem Bistro! Your performance with DaWayne was nothing short of phenomenal, a magical night. We were amazed by your ability to stand in with an "A" class performance. I took several video clips with my iPhone, and the 1 min 40 second one featuring you on the sax in Baker Street is terrific!!!-BobTurner

Hi Ray! It was great to see you at the reunion. I wanted to tell you that you blew me away with your talent. I really enjoyed hearing you play!! You are fantastic! All the best to you and your family. Love, -Gail Hopkins

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RLB Productions, is a company specializing in arranging, composing, music notation, and music production through computer sequencing. RLB Productions produces professional, orchestrated Sequence Music Track Pre-productions for music demos and CD projects, radio and video productions as well as plays and drama productions. RLB Productions also produces quality notated lead sheets, and choral and orchestral arrangements. The goal of RLB Productions is to help you, the songwriter, lyricist singer or instrumentalist fulfill the call that God has placed in your heart and to achieve your music dreams.

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