

A letter from our President:

Welcome to the 10th Anniversary of the Susquehanna Music and Arts Festival

Wow what can I say. For those of you joining us for the first time a huge welcome, for those of you that have been here for most or all of the ten years we have been sharing music..THANK YOU.

This has been the hardest year of SMAF for me as we planned the 10 year celebration I had several personal loses that had me questioning whether I could even do the festival this year. It was also a year of great commitment by some volunteers that stepped up and really helped make it possible to have this festival.

Over the last 10 years this festival has been an incredible celebration of talent and friendship and I truly cannot say enough about the performers that have been here. From Lowen and Navarro to Tom Kimmel, Don Conoscenti, Spirit Wing and of course SONiA & disappear fear, to all of the performers that have been on our stages they have truly made this festival and without them it would never happen. There are also a core group of people that every year help behind the scenes, Laura Cerulli who does everything she can to make things happen on print and the website besides carry tents. Trish Lauricello and Erica Tucker who from day one had done anything and everything I have ever asked of them, early morning set up, late night take down in the rain and more. Rob Lieb who had done sound for me at so many events I cannot name them and early on helped build this festival. Vic and Reba Heyman, Harry Remmers, Lisa Hayes, Tomy Wirght and disappear records who financially kept this festival going in an economy that has been suffering since we started right before 9-11. Jennifer Noppenberg who was our volunteer coordinator for years and even brought her family to help with everything they could every year. Ellen Benowitz who has been there putting up signs every year. Lee Bowers who has run our stage and kept things on time. Jeff King who opened his land to camping when we moved to downtown. Kate Hull who really stepped up especially this year and has always helped with so much of the planning. To Jonie Lehman who ran our gate until the year she left us to move on to another festival beyond this earth. To Sherry and Steve Panzer and Pam Burns who helped in the early years of this festival and without whom it would not have started. To Pat Scott and Ginger, Anne Martino and Meg Byrne who handled our artist merch and artist liaison duties and John Gallagher our glorios sound person without whom the artist would never have been has happy. There are others I am sure but please know if I missed your name here I am forever grateful for all you have done.

To the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and the town of Havre de Grace for your continued support, and the Latern Queen for sharing Hutchins Park with us this year.

I hope you will walk thru Havre de Grace downtown and really enjoy this town, it is amazing. Most of all enjoy the Music and please tell the artist how much it means to you that they are here. Have a GREAT time and THANK YOU so much for all your support in being here with us to share this 10 year Anniversary. Happy Mothers Day!!!

With Peace and Love,

Terry