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NC Songwriters Co-op Announces 11th Annual Songwriting Contest Winners



**Letha
Costin**
1st Place



**Keith
Hill**
2nd Place



**Garrison
Doles**
3rd Place

Letha Costin, Keith Hill, and Garrison Doles won the top three places in the 11th Annual North Carolina Songwriters Co-op Songwriting Contest. NCSC's hand picked industry professionals based their selection on the entries' lyrics, melody and presentation.

Raleigh, NC December 1, 2008 – Letha Costin, songwriter, female vocalist and bass guitarist for the acoustic "folk & roll" trio Tranzenders, walked away with the winning songs in the 11th Annual North Carolina Songwriters Co-op Songwriting Contest. She led the field of eight finalists with her 2-song submission of "Unmarked Pavement" and "Memoirs of a Mountain;" two distinctively different styles showcasing her songwriting talent.

"It's an honor to be recognized by an organization that is so full of talented songwriters. I'm also extremely excited about doing shows with other co-op members in 2009. It's going to be a great year!" exclaimed Costin.

Rutherfordton, North Carolina resident Keith Hill took 2nd Place with "As If" and "When God Moves a Stone" and Garrison Doles of Orlando, Florida claimed third place with "Mahalia Jane" and "We Give Ourselves Away."

The three winners were chosen by industry professionals Catesby Jones: Hit Singer/Songwriter; Harriet Schock: Platinum Award-Winning Songwriter; Linne Black: hit Nashville songwriter and song pluggger; Michael Graziano: Recording Studio Owner, TV Producer/Director; and Philip van Vleck: Music Writer/Critic for Billboard, Dirty Linen and the Durham Herald-Sun.

Finalists Tracy Newman (Tracey Newman and The Reinforcements) of Los Angeles, CA; Larry Nixon (Nixon, Blevins & Gage) of Raleigh, NC; Nick Parent of Cary, NC; Mary Rocap of Cedar Grove, NC; and Gail Sevin (Daniel Lee "DiEL" of Oakton, VA) were announced as well. All submitted two selections each showcasing their unique style, lyrics and presentation.

Cash, certificates toward equipment purchases from Sam Ash Music, and a gear bag filled with an assortment of gift certificates and products from the Music Loft of Carrboro, Levy's Leathers, GHS Strings, an award from NCSC and more were received by the three winners and five finalists.

The Costin, Hill, and Doles were also honored with certificates from Oasis CD for producing their next CD, press releases from Batson Group Marketing and PR, business cards from Guildmaster Graphics and web hosting from AwesomeWebs.com. Costin, as the first place winner, also received a year's membership in Taxi, the world's leading independent A&R Company and dinner for two at the Gulf Rim Café in Hillsborough.

For more information on NCSC and to hear the music of the winners, finalists and honorable mentions go to www.NCSongwriters.org

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