Let's Journey Together

Welcome to the first edition of inSpire's eNews. We find ourselves at an exciting crossroads for creative expression—both within our culture and the Adventist church. Technology is talking us places we've never been before and new doors are opening every day. Come and journey with us as we discover how to use our gifts and skills to tell others about the incredible God we serve! -- Rich DuBose

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Bedell Guitars
American Made Guitars with Distinction

If you're looking for a new guitar and have around $3,000 to spend (ahem!), you should check out a Bedell. These hand-crafted American guitars have an amazing tone, and are painstakingly built in Bend, Ore. with environmentally sensitive woods from sustainable forests.

Meet Miguel Quirarte
From inSpire's Creative Directory

Ever since I could remember, I loved to draw. After being the first from both sides of my family to graduate college, I knew I had something that no one could ever take from me - knowledge.

Adventist Christian Fellowship
Secular Campus Ministry Throughout NAD

Campus Catalyst Weekend Training, provided by the North American Division Youth Department through Adventist Christian Fellowship, is taking Adventist public campus ministry to a whole new level.
inSpire 2015 Reflections
A Video Collage

The inSpire weekend (Jan. 23-24) at La Sierra University Church, was an awesome experience! It was FREE and open to all, but was especially intended for Adventist creatives. This video short reflects on the weekend.

inSpire 2015 Songwriting Awards

The results of the inSpire 2015 Songwriting Contest were announced in January and can be viewed on the inSpire website. The Psalmist said, "Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!" (Psalm 96:1, NLT). Today, both old and new songs are needed to proclaim God's praise.

Artist Sponsorship

Attention Musical Artists - How would you like to use your influence to help newly transplanted refugees assimilate into American culture? Each year thousands of
refugees come to the U.S. from other parts of the world where they have been driven out--some by war and suspicion (some have served as interpreters for American troops and are no longer safe in their own country). Others have suffered persecution for their religious and political beliefs.

As you travel around the country and share your music, why not help promote a cutting edge ministry that's being administered by a group of caring Adventists in San Diego, Calif?

Learn more about "Friendships of Hope" on Vimeo.

If you wish to become an official sponsor of Friendships for Hope (FOH), here are five ways you can help:

1. Pass out flyers at your concerts to promote FOH.
2. Dedicate a percentage of your album / concert sales to FOH.
3. Promote FOH online (put their logo on your Facebook page and website).
4. Visit the FOH campus in San Diego and learn more about their mission.
5. Pray that God will use FOH to help people find a new life.

If you are interested, Pastor Will James would love to talk with you and provide you with more details. Call him at: 619-395-5087 (cell).

inSpire 2016 - Sacramento
We’re excited to announce that our next inSpire gathering for Adventist creatives will be in the Sacramento area at the Carmichael Adventist Church on April 15-16, 2016. We’re telling you this far in advance so you can plan ahead.

Learn more about inSpire at www.visitinspire.org

Resources You Can Use

1. **Scrivener** - Check out this software that is especially designed for book authors to help them organize their material for publication.

2. **iSkySoft Studio for Mac** - This is a great program for downloading and converting YouTube videos.

3. **West Coast Songwriters** - This is not a religious group, but they are not opposed to religious music, and it gives artists opportunities to hone their skills through multiple competitions.

4. **Music Production** - If you record yourself (guitar, piano, vocals, etc.) to save money, you know all about the hassles that go along with producing your own recordings. **TalkingMusic** is a great place to go to get practical advice on how to do some of the technical stuff.

5. **Percussion Options** - Some innovative options are available to musicians who want minimal percussion to accompany their songs. Check out some of the **stomp boxes** that are available on Google, including the **Farmer Drum**.
6. **Nathan Green** - Nathan Greene is a contemporary painter whose artistic heritage is grounded in the honored tradition of a golden era in American illustration.

Greene is only in his forties, but his tie to the spirit of the great illustrator/painters of the 1940s like Harry Anderson, Hayden Sundbloom (noted for his classic Santa paintings for Coca Cola), and Tom Lovell is a tangible one. Nathan knew the elderly Anderson personally and looked to the legendary artist for inspiration and creative insight.

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Back2Basics We asked Brittany Winkfield about Back2Basics (the magazine she edits) and the motivation that drives her to produce it.

Editor - Brittany, you publish a magazine called Back2Basics for young adults that is fresh, relevant and graphically pleasing! We'd like to learn more about it, but first, we'd like to learn more about you. Tell us about yourself and what motivated you to publish a new magazine for young adults.

Winkfield - I've been interested in the publishing industry since a very young age, and was blessed to intern at VIBE Magazine in New York City, and Upscale Magazine in Atlanta. I never thought my purpose would be to create a publication, but after seeing a need, Back2Basics Magazine (B2B Mag) was born to serve as a platform for young adults to express, encourage and excite. I was motivated by our mission to inform and inspire young people in their walk with Christ. We are hungry for those who are disaffected and disengaged in the church.

Editor - That's fascinating. So tell me more about the group you're hoping to dialog with. Are they young adults who no longer attend, or are maybe on the fringe and headed away from the church? Maybe you can expand on that a little, and tell us what kind response you are getting.

Winkfield - This magazine is especially for today's dynamic young adult--ages 18-35. Every other month B2B's editorial content is designed to help young people move their lives forward spiritually, personally, professionally and intellectually. Sections such as Relationships, Healthy Living, and Fashion cover topics that focus on career and finance, health and lifestyle, and share an intimate connection with readers.

Editor - Who is this sponsored by? Do you have a connection with the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

Winkfield - It's funny you ask that question because we are in the process of asking for the recognized, official endorsement of the North American Division (NAD). The NAD has undertaken the bold task of identifying causes for the rapid decline in its young adult membership. While the study is ongoing, the need to provide a viable voice to those who remain, and others who are reachable, is an opportunity for every level of church ministry. We see ourselves as full partners with the NAD quest. B2B Mag is a donor-based publication and we are constantly seeking sponsors and advertisers.

Editor - The quality of your content and production deserves greater recognition. It is well done. So, can writers submit articles and stories? Do you welcome unsolicited submissions?

Winkfield - Because B2B Mag is the voice of young adults, all of our content is self-submitted articles. We love to publish the work of talented creatives to share with our readers. Anyone interested can send articles, layouts, photos, poems, drawings, original songs, videos (really anything you create) to info@back2basicsmag.com.

Editor - OK. Is this an online magazine, or is it available in print? What formats are available, and how much does it cost?

Winkfield - Back2Basics Magazine is easily accessible as an electronic publication online [ www.back2basicsmag.com ] and via our mobile app (Apple and Android devices). Nothing to purchase, just a Word to share.
**Editor** - In closing is there anything you would like to say that we haven't touched on?

**Winkfield** - I would like to show share this video.

**Editor** - Thank you for your commitment to those among us who are searching for answers to life's tough questions and issues. May God bless your ministry!
Following God's Call By inSpire with Brad Nickel

We asked Brad Nickel about his singer/songwriter pursuits and the impact that music has had on his life.

Editor - Brad we're excited that you took first place for our 2015 songwriting contest. I hadn't heard your music before so it was a delight to find out about you and some of the songs you've written. Tell us a little about yourself and how you got into songwriting?

Nickel - Well, first of all, I'd just like to say how honored I am to have been a part of the 2015 inSpire songwriter's contest. The recognition and exposure are really encouraging for an aspiring artist like me.

I was born in Canada but have lived half of my life in the States, mostly on the East and West coasts. I had an interest in music at an early age. My dad was really musical and taught me to play the guitar and later urged me to pursue a career in music. I didn't get really serious about songwriting and producing until I was 19. It was after I gave my life to Christ that I really found this intense passion for writing songs. I suppose it boils down to finding an amazing God that is beyond inspiring and more than worthy to sing and write about. I also at one point dabbled in the worldly music scene for a bit and had some amazing opportunities that came along, but doors would keep getting shut in the strangest of ways and i'd keep finding myself coming back to singing about God. I believe this is what God has called me to do and also many others around the world, to be a witness for God and a positive light through music. I think thats the type of music the world needs to hear more of, especially in the times we live.

Editor - I understand that you're presently taking college courses. What are your future plans, and how do you see your music fitting into the picture?

Nickel - Well I did take college courses 2 years ago in Religious studies. Not for the intention of becoming an official pastor but for the knowledge in those courses that would add to my music and speaking ministry, and also my own spiritual growth. It was a great experience, [and I] met amazing young people on fire for Christ and learned a lot. But after that year I felt it was time to move on.

Editor - So, going forward, what are your plans for your music? Will you be touring to promote your CDs and new recordings? Or are you still working on a plan?

Nickel - Well, I'm almost done recording [an] album and the release will be in mid March. After the release it will be a process of promotion and touring shows. I'm really looking forward to getting out of the boring recording studio and back to a live setting and singing for God.

At the end of the day all my plans for music and the future are in Gods hands, ultimately the most important plan I have is to follow Christ and not get in the way of His plan for me, whether that's music or any other road he takes me down.

Editor - Thank you for sharing with us. I know God will use your music to touch many hearts!

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Earth and Sky: Click to listen

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After the web and multimedia degree was fresh and new, I decided to get my undergraduate degree in Interactive Media Design from The Art Institute of California. After learning all aspects of design I really wanted to pursue advertising to grow my knowledge and understand how to place all these creative pieces together. As a brand advocate I am also learning about brand development and creating with our current brand initiative.

I currently hold a master degree in Advertising and am focused in creative direction through the Academy of Art University. I am always looking to grow and use my talents to give back praises to my God.

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