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Closing Words for 2008

As 2008 comes to an end, I would like to share a few thoughts with you. First of all, I have listened to some great songs from some great songwriters over the past 6 months. I hope you will all take the time to listen to some of the other artists who have posted their originals to Blue Muse. I find inspiration in listening to the songs of others as it helps me to better understand my own strengths and weaknesses. Critiques from others have some value, but I personally believe that we can provide the best assessment of our own material if we learn to listen objectively to our own music and lyrics as well as the music and lyrics of other songwriters. I do not offer any unsolicited advice to other artists on this subject.

I hope the articles provide information that is useful to you. I continue to look for interesting articles by other authors. In the meantime, I will periodically share my thoughts with you on a variety of subjects that I feel are very specific to songwriting. Please take a moment to check out my latest article, "Developing a Songwriting Process". If there is only one message that comes through, I hope it is the message that we should continue writing songs.

I see Blue Muse Publishing, Inc., first and foremost, as an advocacy for songwriters, musicians, and singers. For now however,

the scope of actual services from the publishing side is somewhat limited to the development of a handful of clients. The primary objective of the publishing side is to find independent markets and/or business partners for a signed artist as a percentage of sales. That is, my reward is directly tied to the success of the signed artist. Separately, I see BlueMusePublishing.com as a resource for developing artists as well as a resource for larger organizations to provide direct assistance to artists with or without the involvement of Blue Muse Publishing, Inc. That is, if someone contacts you as a member of the website, then you have no obligation to Blue Muse.

This brings me to the final business of 2008 which is announcing the winner of the 2008 Blue Muse Award for Songwriter of the Year. There are mixed emotions involved in the recognition for this award. I am mostly excited at the prospects for this artist. However, I am also sensitive to many others who deserve recognition for their hard work and talent. I can only say that it is a tough decision, but I believe it was a fair decision.

Without further preface, I am proud to announce JD Wood as the Blue Muse 2008 Songwriter of the Year. JD will receive an engraved award trophy. A photo of the trophy will be

posted to the Awards Page on Blue Muse next week. In addition to the award, JD's music has been submitted to the U.S. Copyright Office for protection, compliments of Blue Muse Publishing, Inc. Blue Muse Publishing will also release JD's new cd entitled, "In My Dreams" early in 2009. This music will be promoted independently through a variety of sources. However, BMP will simultaneously solicit interest from corporate sponsors, synchs for film and tv, and deals from larger publishers and labels on behalf of JD. I wish JD the best of luck in 2009 for this exciting collection of songs. If you only listen to a few of JD's songs, make sure you listen to "Come And Tell", "I Am Strong", and "In My Dreams".

Beginning December 1st, all other members of BlueMusePublishing.com are automatically eligible for the 2009 Songwriter of the Year. I hope that you will continue to write new songs and upload them to the site as I have enjoyed listening to them all.

Until January, I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Prosperous New Year!

All the best,

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