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## Schoolhouse Songwriter Series Leaps into Fall on September 23

*Top regional singer-songwriters perform at the Old Franklin Schoolhouse in an intimate, evening of music, sponsored by the Metuchen Arts Council*

*Metuchen, NJ:* On Saturday, September 23, the popular quarterly Schoolhouse Songwriter Series, which has been going strong since 2014, presents its autumn edition. Local singer-songwriter and host Sharon Goldman has invited three top regional singer-songwriters to present an intimate, candlelit evening of music at the historic Old Franklin Schoolhouse, which has become a hub of cultural activity in the Metuchen and surrounding community.

The evening, which includes refreshments, is sponsored by the Metuchen Arts Council. Doors open at 7:30 pm and music starts at 8 pm. The cost is \$10 per person (\$5 for kids under 12).

For this last installment of 2017, the three guest singer-songwriters include two returning favorites, NYC's Paul Sachs and Jon Shain, based in Durham, NC. Along with Brooklyn-based Carolann Solebello, they will share their original music in an in-the-round format (made famous by Nashville's Bluebird Cafe, in which each artist sings a song and then passes on the next performer round-robin style).



**PAUL SACHS:** Born and raised in New York City, Bob Dylan, Tom Waits and Springsteen are the songwriters that influenced Paul's lyrical and gritty songs, and pushed him into the folk music circles of the city. In 2013 he won the prestigious New Folk Songwriter's contest at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas.



**JON SHAIN:** Durham, North Carolina's Jon Shain is a veteran singer-songwriter who's been turning heads for years with his words, his fiery acoustic guitar work, and his evolved musical style — combining improvised piedmont blues with bluegrass, swing, and ragtime. When he is not recording, producing other artists, or performing, he stays busy giving private instruction in Piedmont blues fingerstyle guitar, and teaching group workshops in songwriting and blues guitar.



**CAROLANN SOLEBELLO:** Born and bred in New York City, Solebello's smooth, compelling voice and warm acoustic guitar nods to rural folk traditions, but she creates lyrics that lie curled in the shadow of the towers, bridges, and highways of her urban home. Best known to folk audiences as a founding member of Americana trio Red Molly, she now tours both as a solo act and with modern folk quartet No Fuss and Feathers.

The Old Franklin Schoolhouse is located next to the Metuchen Fire Department at 491 Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen. Attendees can park on the street or in the Borough Hall parking lot across the street from the Old Franklin Schoolhouse.

For more information about the Schoolhouse Songwriters Series, contact Nancy Goldberg at 732-632-8502 or at [ngoldberg@metuchen.com](mailto:ngoldberg@metuchen.com); or visit [www.metuchenarts.com](http://www.metuchenarts.com).

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