

AIMP Announces Holiday Parties in New York, Los Angeles, and Nashville, Reveals Year-End Award Recipients

NY Chapter to honor Seth Saltzman of ASCAP; LA Chapter to honor Glow Music Group and Kathy Spanberger of Peermusic

November 22, 2024 (Los Angeles, Nashville, New York) – The <u>Association of Independent</u> <u>Music Publishers</u> (AIMP) has announced this year's slate of holiday parties in <u>New York</u> on December 3, <u>Los Angeles</u> on December 5, and <u>Nashville</u> on December 11. In addition, the AIMP New York Chapter will present its 2024 Indie Spirit Award to **Seth Saltzman**, Senior Vice President, Global Services, ASCAP, and the Los Angeles Chapter will present its Indie Publisher of the Year Award to **Glow Music Group** and its Individual Award in Support of Songwriters and Publishers to **Kathy Spanberger**, President and Chief Operating Officer, Peermusic.

The New York Chapter will kick things off with its "<u>AIMP NY 2024 Holiday Party & Annual</u> <u>Meeting</u>" on December 3 from 6pm-9pm at Little Rebel. Registration is <u>available here</u> through December 3. Drinks and appetizers will be served.



Seth Saltzman

During the event, the NY Chapter will present its Indie Spirit Award to **Seth Saltzman**, Senior Vice President, Global Services, ASCAP. Saltzman has worked at ASCAP since 1984, first joining in the role of Radio Monitor and rising through the ranks to become Senior VP of Member Management, working closely with writers and publishers at all levels of their careers. He headed the Distribution Department, helping ASCAP to greatly expand its membership and

distribution operations, and also worked and lived overseas on behalf of ASCAP while leading an international joint venture, visiting and working closely with performing rights societies around the world.

Saltzman has conducted and played piano for countless musical theater productions in New York and New Jersey and regularly presents musical lectures about Broadway and Hollywood composers. He is currently the keyboard player with Joe D'Urso and Stone Caravan, a rock band in NY/NJ that plays original rock and roll. In 2022, Saltzman was recognized by Berklee College of Music with an Alumni Achievement Award for his many contributions to society, the music industry, and beyond.

"This has been a landmark year for the AIMP with not only another successful Global Music Publishing Summit in New York but also the additions of the Atlanta Creative Entrepreneurship Summit and Miami Music Publishing Summit, along with our many great regional events at each Chapter," said Michael Lau, National Chair of the AIMP and President of the AIMP NY Chapter. "I look forward to celebrating the year with the New York Chapter as well as recognizing Seth Saltzman, who has been an industry rockstar at ASCAP."

Next, the AIMP Los Angeles Chapter will host their "<u>AIMP LA Holiday Party & Annual Awards</u>" on December 5 from 5pm-8pm at the BMI offices in Beverly Hills, CA. Registration is <u>available</u> <u>here</u> through December 3, and all net proceeds will benefit the Linda Komorsky AIMP Scholarship. Wine, beer, and appetizers will be served. Walk-up registration will not be available for this event, and all guests must pre-register.



During the event, the LA Chapter will present its Indie Publisher of the Year Award to **Glow Music Group** with Founder **Kari Kimmel** accepting. An independent artist, songwriter, and producer who has landed thousands of placements of her music in films, television shows, trailers, video games, and commercials, Kimmel decided to represent other independent bands and facilitate the licensing of their songs, establishing Glow Music Group in 2014 as a fullservice synchronization agency and publishing administration company. Together with her husband Jonathan Haskell and her staff, Kimmel has grown Glow Music Group's roster to over 1,500 current bands spanning diverse genres, as well various vintage artists and catalogs starting in the 1940s.

In 2024, Kimmel is currently working on a new Disney series as Music Director and Series Songwriter and two national ads airing in 2025, and Glow Music Group has had songs air in a myriad of shows and films. This year's highlights include *La Brea, Lisa Frankenstein, Love Is Blind, Resident Alien, Chucky, That 90s Show, Criminal Minds, Cobra Kai, The Fabulous Four, NCIS, English Teacher, American Horror Stories, Hysteria,* and *Rescue: Hi Surf.* Glow Music Group also had a song included in the Oscar-winning film *American Fiction.* Other recent placements for Glow Music Group artists include renowned brands like Gatorade, Coke, Michael Kors, Ralph Lauren, and CVS as well as films and TV series such as *Poker Face, Seal Team, Snowfall, The Morning Show, Reacher, Shrinking, The Long Game, Shadow Force, The Kill Room,* and *Spirited.*



Kathy Spanberger

The LA Chapter will also present its Individual Award in Support of Songwriters and Publishers to **Kathy Spanberger**, President and Chief Operating Officer, Peermusic. A music publishing executive with a 44-year tenure at Peermusic, Spanberger oversees all music publishing activities for Anglo American territories for the world's largest global independent music publishing company, including talent and copyright acquisitions, day-to-day operations, and the implementation of the company's long-term strategic initiatives. She holds a central role in shaping the future of the company by guiding and directly supervising all U.S. signings spanning Pop, Urban, Latin, and Country markets as well as acquisitions, synchronization, and licensing activity. Spanberger also oversees Peermusic's international operations in Australia and Canada. She ranks among the few publishing executives in the marketplace responsible for all creative and administrative operations and one of the very first females in the music publishing industry to serve as President/COO of a music publishing operation.

During her leadership of Peermusic's U.S. operations, the company has won many of the industry's top awards, including 135+ BMI awards and 65+ ASCAP awards, including Song of the Year. For her achievements, Spanberger has been named five times to Billboard's prestigious Women in Music power list and has also been honored as a Billboard Indie Power Player. She advocates tirelessly to protect the rights of music creators and their songs, and her many civic and industry commitments have included serving on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for 12 years; as former President of the Association of Independent Music Publishers (AIMP); and as a former member of the Songwriters Hall of Fame's West Coast Committee.

"2024 has flown by with so many wonderful memories and achievements for our Los Angeles independent music publishing community," said Marc Caruso, President of the AIMP LA Chapter. "We have much to celebrate as we get together this year, including honoring Glow Music Group and Kathy Spanberger for all of the work they have done to champion our industry. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our Chapter a success this year!"

The AIMP Nashville Chapter will round things out with their members-only "<u>AIMP Nashville</u> <u>Holiday Party</u>," on December 11 from 4pm-6pm at Wedge Pizza & Pub in Nashville. Attendees will be treated to cocktails and appetizers as the Chapter celebrates this year's accomplishments and prepares for 2025. Those who would like to join the Chapter or who wish to check their membership status can contact <u>aimpnashville@gmail.com</u>.

"From our 9th annual AIMP Nashville Country Awards at The Ryman to our 10th annual Songwriter Series, 7th season of our AIMP Nashville Pubcast, and many successful panels and networking events, I couldn't be prouder of what our Nashville Chapter has accomplished this year," said Ree Guyer, President of the AIMP Nashville Chapter. "I'm excited to celebrate with everyone and gear up for yet another great year for our Chapter and community."

The AIMP Atlanta Chapter will hold its first Board of Directors meeting of 2025 on January 2.

"It's an honor to bring much-needed music industry education to the independent music publishing community in Atlanta through the AIMP Atlanta Chapter, and I'm humbled by the progress we have made over such a short time," said Tony D. Alexander, President of the AIMP Atlanta Chapter. "From our AIMP Atlanta Creative Entrepreneurship Summit to our regular Lunch and Learn events, webinars, and other initiatives, we are empowering local songwriters, producers, publishers, and other rightsholders to earn a living for their creative work. We look forward to celebrating with them as we prepare for the opportunities and challenges of 2025."

About AIMP

The Association of Independent Music Publishers (AIMP) was formed in 1977 and has local chapters in Los Angeles, New York, Nashville, and Atlanta. The organization's primary focus is to educate and inform music publishers about the most current industry trends and practices by providing a forum for the discussion of the issues and problems confronting the music publishing industry. The opportunity to exchange ideas and opinions with others on issues of mutual concern is fostered by the atmosphere at the AIMP's monthly meetings, forums, and workshops, the videos of which can be seen (along with more general info on the organization) at <u>aimp.org</u>.

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