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Patriotic/ Childrens judge, Sara Hickman, Singer Songwriter Angel; Americana judge, Glen Edwards, Wild Oats Records; and Instrumental/ Jazz/World judge, Susan Finch, YourMusicHeard.com.

Thanks to our category directors: Alex Townes, Annie Cornelius, Annie Benjamin, Sherrie Davis, Ian Dickson, Don Ashley, Paul Zander & Barbe McMillen.

## ABOUT OUR MC & JUDGES

**Dan Godwin, Fox 4 News Anchor** - You can catch Dan Goowin anchoring the 5:00 a.m. edition of Good Day and later in the morning, doing live segments for the Good Day show. A transplant Texan, Dan grew up in Southern California, in a town called Calabasas, spending his summer days at nearby Zuma Beach, not actually surfing, but hoping to give that impression. Having an education in broadcast journalism from UCLA, Dan started his career as a weekend cameraman at a station in Santa Maria, California near Santa Barbara where he picked up the basics of electronic news gathering, eventually becoming a reporter and weekend anchor. He also worked in Fresno, before coming to Fox 4. He believe Texas is a great place to be a journalist and is looking forward to getting to know the people of this area.

**Roy Elkins**, a well-known music technology entrepreneur, has been leading industry innovations for over twenty years. Elkins is the Founder and CEO of Broadjam Inc., serving independent musicians and industry giants such as Warner/Chappell, The Academy of Country Music, AMD, Yamaha, Peavey, Roland, ProSoundWeb and others. Broadjam.com, the company's popular web site, now hosts one of the largest collections of searchable independent music on the planet. The site is known for its user-friendly services for musicians, including artist web pages, song reviews, song contests, Top 10 Charts and the revolutionary METAJAM software.

Before founding Broadjam, Elkins was the Vice President-Sales & Marketing for Sonic Foundry, and held several Director-level positions with Ensoniq Corporation. He maintains a database of over 5,000 music industry contacts. He is an accomplished musician and songwriter who thoroughly understands the musician's world. <http://www.broadjam.com>

**Monica Benson** has run BOK Music, her own successful independent publishing company since 1990. BOK has placed songs with wide range of artists including Whitney Houston, Misteeg, the Lizzie McGuire soundtrack, the Temptations and in films Bring It On, Miss Congeniality, The Hot Chick, Birthday Girl, Soul Plane, and Barbershop. TV placements include The OC, One Life To Live, The Young and the Restless, Charmed, South Beach, The Ghost Whisperer, Related, The Bold and the Beautiful, CSI, Darcy's Wild Life and Reunion.

**Norman Devasure** - Owner of Sunset Ranch Music/Norman Productions, Nashville. Norman has an extensive career in the country music market, having been Senior Creative Director for HoriPro Entertainment Group and Vice President and co-owner of RPM Music Group. Norman placed Tracy Byrd's mega-hit "Keeper of The Stars" and Jeff Bates' current single "Long Slow Kisses". He has also had cuts by Lee Ann Rimes, John Michael Montgomery, Ty Herndon, Billy Ray Cyrus, George Strait, Lorrie Morgan, Reba McEntire, Daryl Singletary, Tanya Tucker, and Tracy Lawrence to name a few. He also published, pitched and produced RCA artist Brice Long. Norman is currently pitching a couple of new young female artists to the labels.

**Robert A. Case**, President of New Pants Publishing, Inc. (ASCAP) [www.newpants.com](http://www.newpants.com) and Old Pants Publishing, Inc. (BMI) [www.oldspants.com](http://www.oldspants.com) is a graduate of the Colorado Institute of Art, Denver, Colorado in the USA with an Associates Degree in Business with an emphasis in Music and Video Business. Mr. Case's songwriter's songs have appeared in 19 TV shows including One Life to Live on ABC Daytime and the Soap Network and South Park on Comedy Central in the US. Mr. Case's his companies are proud members of ASCAP, BMI, Academy Of Country Music and The Recording Academy.(Grammy)

**Al Johnson**, Singer/Songwriter Venue Manager, Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival - As Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Richardson Al was part of the team that started the Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival in 1993 and instrumental in creating and growing the Wildflower Singer/Songwriter Venue and the Singer/Songwriter Contest. Since his retirement after 37 years, Al has devoted his festival time exclusively to booking the Singer/Songwriter Venue and managing the Singer/Songwriter Contest. Through his network with over 20 Singer/Songwriter venues across the state of Texas and his partnership with the Kerrville Folk Festival and the Dallas Songwriters Association he has had the opportunity to know, hear and appreciate the songwriting talents of many songwriters from across the USA and Canada.

**Susie Luchsing** - Her smile is a genuine one -- and a familiar one. With more than a passing physical resemblance to her sister, singer/actress Reba McEntire, Susie also shares her big sister's musical giftings. But Susie has directed her talents to the country/gospel music field over the past few years, garnering much acclaim from her peers and fans alike. In addition to numerous awards and nominations from TNN, GMA, and CCMA, Susie has been named "Artist of the Year" several times in the field of Positive Country Music. She has also scored four #1 singles on the Positive Country radio charts. However, more than her notoriety, it is Susie's faithfulness in the midst of difficulties and her genuine compassion for others that inspires the people around her.

**Sara Hickman** - Singer Songwriter Sara Hickman has released more than 15 albums, including a half dozen on major record labels, and a few independent albums. She has been a guest performer on at least 25 albums released by other musicians. She had a #3 adult contemporary hit "I Couldn't Help Myself", has twice been a guest of NBC's Tonight Show, hosted her own VH-1 special, produced an independent video, Joy, which won first place in the USA Film Festival, and co-produced a PBS documentary titled "Take It Like A Man." She has appeared and has been heard singing in national ad campaigns for things like Wal-Mart, Daisy Sour Cream, Southwest Airlines, Fannie Mae and many others.

**Glen Edwards** - Wild Oats Records - Founded back in 1988, Wild Oats Records, independent record label & music production company, has earned a reputation for quality & integrity. (In fact, one of our major aims since the very beginning has been to provide artists and songwriters with a real alternative to the many shady operators and slick talkers in the music biz.) They've released a lot of fine CDs -- we work in many genres, but specialize in "American roots music" such as country, Americana, folk, blues, rockabilly, roots rock, etc.

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and  
Songs From  
the Soul of  
Service CD  
Release Party**



**6-7PM** Network with our friend from out of town & listen to SSS CD  
**7-7:30** From The Heart, video  
**7:30 - 8:30** Performances of Songwriters and Singers from the Album

**8:30 - 10PM** Open Mic -opportunity for out of town guests and local members who to perform patriotic and other songs that they will not be performing at the Awards Lunch. Location TBA.

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**Susan Finch** - Susan Finch is a freelance film and video editor and writer living in New York. She has worked on projects for MTV, The Discovery Channel, Nickelodeon, NBC, Moxie Pictures, Sprint, Heineken, Sam Adams, Citibank, Twix, Burger King, Marriott, BP, Wendy's, Target, Foot Locker, Maybelline, Loreal, the film Lost in Translation among many others. Her ebook and music evaluation services can be found at [www.yourmusicheard.com](http://www.yourmusicheard.com).

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