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Craig Bickhardt, who'll be featured in the Songwriters Original Showcase at the Act II Playhouse on Sept. 7, has an impressive array of songwriting credits.

Slot One Studio hosts four events with songwriters

Ambler-based Slot One Studio and Slot One Entertainment Inc. will host songwriters in four events scheduled over this month and next:

■ SongFest, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, allows all songwriters to perform their original music, attend songwriting workshops and perform at an evening open stage. SongFest is sponsored by the Philadelphia Area Songwriters Association.

■ Songwriters Original Showcase, created by Slot One Entertainment, is an ongoing performance venue presented at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Act II Playhouse at 56 E. Butler Ave. in Ambler. Slot One artists Ray Adkins and Rick Denzien will perform In The Round with Craig Bickhardt, whose songwriting credits read like a who's who of the music industry — Ray Charles, B.B. King, Johnny Cash, The Judds, Martina McBride, Trisha Yearwood, Allison Krauss, Anne Murray, Art Garfunkel, Poco and Vince Gill, as well as Lisa Biales of Athens, Ohio, a compelling singer-songwriter who focuses on country-rock and folk-

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■ The monthly Songwriter Demo Workshop, which has attracted talent for two years and has resulted in fruitful songwriting collaborations — most recently, a song titled "Dream That Far," are scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 30 and 7 p.m. Sept. 27.

■ Slot One Studio also is the site for Nashville Songwriter's Association's Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter monthly workshops, which attracts songwriters who are serious about developing commercial songwriting skills and partnerships. The chapter covers the Greater Philadelphia-Lehigh Valley-Central Pennsylvania areas. The next workshop will run from 3 to 6 p.m. Sept. 16.

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