SPARKS A-FLYIN' SUMMER 2022

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Welcome to the new issue of our quarterly newsletter – the biggest recent *SPARKS* news is:

- The album's "The Bark Mitzvah Song", which you recall won Best Humorous/Novelty Song at the 2021 New Mexico Music Awards, also was named a **Semifinalist** (which means top 11%) in the 2021 International Songwriting Competition! A blurb with this news appeared in the Passover 2022 issue of the New Mexico Jewish Federation's newspaper at https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e6282568b68cc3f705a6dc3/t/625b5155987fbc7d8d151829/1650151802157/Link-Spring2022.pdf#page=13

- Speaking of the New Mexico Music Awards, it was very exciting to see that the 2022 NMMAs included 3 Finalist recognitions for **Ross Ingram**, who so masterfully engineered (and added drums to) my album in his studio. And last night, it was announced that Ross got 2 wins: best indie song (for the title cut of his solo album Sell the Tape Machine) and best rock album (for Winter Skin, released by his shoegaze band EEP)!

- In case you missed the February release of the **song video** for the title cut of the album, you can view it at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kjp79Z1JMsc. This video got featured in the 2/18/2022 special "Music by Scientists" issue of *Mixture*, an international biweekly newsletter on science, music, art and culture: https://mixture.substack.com/p/music-by-scientists-special-issue?utm_source=url&fbclid=IwAR3nTUR22IlWu8gqQZf-c8oFs_2JXXGRLzgf6UZt7Bhi4hhCQODMQ7eMetg&s=r

- I'll close with the latest bit of **airplay** news: "One-Way Train" will be played again during the last hour of this coming Saturday's "Folk Fury" 6-9pm Mountain show on regional NPR station KTEP 88.5 FM (which can be streamed from anywhere at https://www.ktep.org/). I am very happy and grateful that the album has had 12 different tracks (that I know about) receive airplay so far!

Wishing everyone a peaceful and healthy summer!

Larry