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

- In September, I had a great time using my music and education backgrounds in giving a continuing education workshop for the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor, illustrated by examples of humor on the *Sparks* album.

- Josh Meyer, the multi-talented Flagstaff, AZ artist whose commissioned acrylic painting graces the *Sparks* CD's front cover won the $10,000 blacksmithing "Forged in Fire" competition that aired October 12 on the History Channel! If you missed it, it should be available to view later somewhere like Netflix: Season 9, Episode 23. With the connection between fire/heat and sparks, perhaps it's not surprising that what Josh posted on Facebook about his experience is something I could have easily said about recording my album: "It was everything I was hoping for. It tested my skills and creativity and ingenuity and ability to think on my feet like no other challenge I've ever done."

- The album continues getting additional **airplay** here and there and when "Letters" was played on regional PBS station KTEP-FM on November 26, it was a milestone because it's the 13th different song that I know about that has received airplay so far (which is now the majority of the 24-song album)!

- I also had some recognition in November for non-*Sparks* songs, such as winning second-place in the Performing Arts category of the STEM Art and Film Festival held by Sigma Xi in conjunction with the 2022 International Forum on Research Excellence.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and healthy 2023 (which should have new events – stay tuned!),

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