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WINCHESTER PUBLIC ACCESS: This Friday night on 'Soap Box'

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Winchester, MA — **Check here for a full run down of upcoming and recent guests on WincCAM's "Soap Box."**

- 7:15 p.m. Christopher Long, author of *A Shot of Poison: An Insider's Tales of One of Rock's Most Outrageous Bands* (CG Publishing)
- 8 p.m. FAN Splash is part of the Family Action Network; they want to renovate Borggaard Beach in Winchester and make it an accessible small water park. You can learn a bit more here: www.fansplash.org
- 8:45 p.m. Steev Riccardo, former A & R man for Enigma Records, the man who signed POISON to a record deal.

Plus, you never know who else will call in and chat with the hosts of Winchester's fun two hours of conversation - every Friday night on Wincam.

Orlok The Vampire on 'Soap Box'

Last Friday, April 9, on "Soap Box," Keith Carter, director of the 3D epic Orlok, The Vampire, spoke with Joe LaRocca and Joe Viglione at Wincam.org. Viewers/listeners found out how German Actor Max Schreck's Nosferatu from 1922 holds up in the new millennium! The DVD from Music Video Distributors comes with 3D glasses! Also on Soap Box was London author Meegan Jones (calling in from the U.K.!) Her Sustainable Event Guide www.sustainableeventguide.com is all about her work on developing sustainable management solutions for live events. The press release says "Apart from producing practical solutions to sustainability challenges, working with industry peers she has researched and developed benchmarking and systems for assessing the impact of events. She uses her experience in marketing and event management across the retail, music and media industries to create scenarios which engage and activate the audience, performers, crew and the supply chain."

On Previous Soap Boxes:

Friday's Soap Box, April 2, 2010, Los Angeles actress Lisa Cavanaugh phoned in (she's in Boston now) to talk about her famous friends in the bands Porno for Pyros, Jane's Addiction, Ratt, and her life with Christian Brando. Fil Ramil called in from The Regent Theater to discuss the Steely Dan tribute featuring Jon Herington, Lead Guitarist and Music Director for STEELY DAN...Spanky McFarlane from Spanky & Our Gang interrupted her card game to talk about the Tommy James & The Shondells book and the Leonard Maltin book that Soap Box turned her on to (Yes, you can watch the show worldwide on www.wincam.org ... so though Spanky is in California, she can watch it online) ...and Matt Turk turktunes.com phoned in from Los Angeles to give us an update on his music. He should be in the Wincam studios when he returns from his West Coast tour.

The Los Angeles based Robert Hofler is a senior editor at Variety who also authored *The Man Who Invented Rock* Hudson and Variety's "The Movie that Changed My Life," appeared on the Wincam.org Friday night Soap Box on March 26th. Hofler was previously an editor at *Buzz*, *Life*, and *U.S.* magazines. Hofler will discuss his book about the notorious Allan Carr who was called "Hollywood's premier party-thrower during the 1970s. The book gives great insight into the behind-the-scenes life of the man who worked closely with Mama Cass Elliot, Olivia Newton-John, Ann Margaret and who promoted the film TOMMY. Probably best known as producer of the blockbuster *Grease*, Carr's life of excess is chronicled in great detail by Hofler. His advice to the stars and A-list guests like Elton John, Mick Jagger, Alice Cooper and others makes for an intriguing tale of glamour that swings up from the underworld.

Film Critic Leonard Maltin Appeared on Soap Box 3/19/10

Along with Lillian Roxon's 1969 epic, *The Rock Encyclopedia*, another book from that era had a dramatic influence on this writer, and that was Leonard Maltin's *Movie Guide*. Where Roxon gave snapshot music reviews in a concise format (a concept that AllMusic.com capitalized on via publishing information on the internet), Maltin did something similar for movies, an easy-to-read "encyclopedia" of sorts, that continues to this day. The 2010 edition (published in August of 2009) has 1664 pages, which says something about the endurance - and popularity - of Maltin's idea.

On February 9, 2010 Harper Studio publishers released Leonard Maltin's *151 Best Movies You've Never Seen*, a paperback book which explores "an assortment of under appreciated screen gems."

The publisher's press release notes that the critic, who has appeared on the tv show "Entertainment Tonight" since 1982, is also a teacher at the USC School of Cinematic Arts and introduces movies on DirectTV. In this effort he focuses on films that slipped through the cracks over the past 20 years or so, 2005's *Mrs. Palfrey At The Claremont*, the 2006 epic *I Served The King Of England* and Meryl Streep's *Marvin's Room* among the titles.

Wincam Production Coordinator Joe LaRocca (and owner of LaRocca Films.com) interviewed Maltin with this writer on Friday, March 12 at 7 to 7:30 p.m. There was also be a special program for Winchester residents following the interview, SoapBox being a forum that has a variety of different guests and ideas. Tune in Fridays from 7-9 p.m. as you never know what surprises will show up on your video (and audio).

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