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**Book Industry Charitable Foundation Hosts Spring Fundraising Event :  
Sips & Songs - Great music for a great cause.**

Ann Arbor, MI (May 7, 2013) - On Saturday, June 8, 2013, fourteen of southeast Michigan's leading singer/songwriters will gather on one stage to benefit the Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation.

This amazing group of musicians is scheduled to include:

Bill Edwards, Joel Palmer, Sigrid Christiansen, Dave Boutette, Dan Hazlett, Bob Skon, Jeff Scott, Lisa Pappas, Angela Predhomme, Dave Rossiter (Hoodang), Jennifer Smith, Mark Jewett, Jamie-Sue Seal, and John Natiw (Potter's Field).

The benefit concert will be held at [Woodruff's](#) in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person (\$30 is tax deductible) and include a drink ticket, snacks and a silent auction. The music begins at 7:00 pm and goes until 11:00 pm.

As an added bonus, there are a limited number of \$100 VIP tickets available. The VIP tickets include a 5:00 pm pre-concert dinner at [Frenchie's](#), with local Ann Arbor author [Steve Amick](#) as the featured speaker. After dinner the VIP guests will be treated to preferred seating at the concert to continue their enjoyment of the evening.

Tickets can be purchased online from the [Binc Foundation](#) or at [Literati Bookstore](#) and [Nicola's Books](#) in Ann Arbor.

The [American Booksellers Association](#) is a lead sponsor for the event, and all proceeds will benefit the programs of the [Book Industry Charitable Foundation](#). The Foundation has been assisting bookstore employees in times of personal financial crisis since 1996.

**About Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation**

The Book Industry Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that coordinates charitable programs to strengthen the bookselling community. Established in 1996, as the Borders Group Foundation the core program provides assistance to bookstore employees who have a demonstrated financial need arising from severe hardship and/or emergency circumstances. Since its inception, the organization has provided over \$5 million in charitable assistance.

In 2011, when Borders and Waldenbooks stores closed, the Foundation reinvented itself and expanded its mission. The Foundation expanded the reach from former Borders employees and their families to all employees in the book industry, starting with book retailers. It is our vision to be an organization dedicated to "book people helping book people".

Support for the Foundation's programs and services come primarily from booksellers. Additional information can be found at [www.bincfoundation.org](http://www.bincfoundation.org).