

Light Up a Song

# SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

## INFORMATION SHEET 2018

### We're so glad that you're going to be joining us for an exciting day of co-writing a song!

During this workshop, you will be paired with another songwriter using the criteria that you provided on your registration form. We will use our best judgement to pair you with someone you'll write well with. Additionally, song "mentors" will visit each group to offer guidance or suggestions.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ **Writing Materials:** whatever you prefer – whether it be a laptop or pen and paper.
- ✓ **Instrument:** Feel free to bring your instrument with you, keyboards included. You will likely use it in your co-writing session. *You will also need to bring your own amps and power cables, if necessary.*
- ✓ **Performance Attire:** Bring an outfit to wear during your performance at the Song Reveal concert, if different from your daily wear.
- ✓ **Good attitude:** Come with a positive attitude and leave your ego (not that you have one) at the door.

#### AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET...

- ✓ **Bag Lunch or Lunch Money:** Coffee & tea will be provided, but we ask that you provide your own meals. There will be a 1 hour lunch break in case you wish to leave the premise for lunch. (*Bringing snacks is a good idea too!*)

Schedule	
9:00am – 10:00am	Orientation & Song Tips
10:00am – 12:00pm	Songwriting: Block 1
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Songwriting: Block 2
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Optional Coffee Break
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Songwriting: Block 3
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Supper Break
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Sound Checks
7:30pm	Song Reveal Concert

### What is Co-writing?

Co-writing a song means that 2 or more people work together and collaborate on a song.

There is no right or wrong way for this process to happen. Sometimes, the writers may talk and get to know each other before starting to write, and other times that may jump right into writing.

One writer may be better with lyrics, the other with melody or rhythm, or both writers may have equal strengths. Either way, it's imperative for each person to be open to the ideas of the others.

#### Tips for Co-writing Success:

- Be kind and considerate
- Never say "no" or shoot down ideas
- Be open minded

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## SONG REVEAL CONCERT

October 13th, 2018 - 7:30pm  
Location TBA

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### Song Reveal Concert

After your day of songwriting, you'll have an amazing performance opportunity in front of friends, family, and fans to showcase your brand new song LIVE with pride alongside your co-writer.

You'll also receive a free live audio digital recording of your performance for use as you please!

- *Sound checks will happen throughout the day as songs are completed.*
- *Show starts at 7:30pm sharp, with location TBA.*

**All proceeds from this concert will go to benefit the Peace River SPCA.**

### **Additional Performance Opportunity:**

Want to perform more of your original music at the concert? Send a recording of you performing a song you'd like to play live at the Song Reveal Concert to [info@midnightlightsmusic.com](mailto:info@midnightlightsmusic.com). We'll contact you by October 10<sup>th</sup> if you've been selected!

**Deadline:** Midnight on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Locations:

1. **Songwriting Workshop**  
First Baptist Church, Peace River  
8602 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Peace River
2. **Song Reveal Fundraiser Concert**  
Location to Be Announced