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Songwriting Groups at Backthird Audio

Are you ready to get serious about songwriting?

Successful writers don't write alone. Of Rolling Stone's [top 50 songs](#) of all time, more than 30 are co-written. And the rest were created in community – with feedback from producers, from bandmates, from fellow writers.

Most great novelists meet regularly with a like-minded group to share new work and get feedback *before* they share books with an audience. Most great songwriters need the same thing. Before you invest in recording, before you send that demo to an agent, before you play untested material in front of an audience of strangers – you need to sharpen it with someone you trust.

Are you ready to join a songwriting group?

What is a Songwriting Group?

A songwriting group is a small group of 3 to 5 people, all of whom write music or lyrics or both. Songwriting groups at Backthird Audio come together at least twice a month to talk shop, learn from one another and – most importantly – workshop new material.

The goal of our songwriting groups is to provide a *larger context* for your music. Because it's not enough to share songs with your friends and family. You need someone who'll be really honest with you, someone who'll push you to grow as a writer – and work through that process with you.

If you're writing songs *for* other people, you should be writing them *with* other people.

How does it work?

You register for a group using the form below. By registering, you commit to meeting **twice a month for two months** with the group in which you're placed. After that you can choose to continue meeting, join a new group or drop out completely. You also commit to doing "homework" for your group, mostly in the form of writing songs!

We'll place you in a group of 3 to 5 songwriters. We'll do our best to place you with writers who live in your area, have a similar experience level and work on

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music that is similar to yours. But don't expect to be with musicians who are exactly like you. That would be boring.

How soon should I register?

As soon as you're ready! Registration closes our first Songwriter Showcase on April 13. Shortly after that, you'll be contacted by your group's leader to set up your first meeting.

Backthird Audio will provide a curriculum for your first few group meetings to help you get going. After the first few meetings, you can choose to stick with our curriculum or do your own thing. It's your group!

What's the cost?

We charge a one-time, nonrefundable signup fee of \$20 when you register for a songwriting group. This covers our administrative time to place you in a group, write group curriculum and create registration tools (like this webpage). Just as importantly it ensures that *only people serious about songwriting will sign up for a group*. Are you one of them?