

# Soulful Songwriting Workshop with Kelley Hunt

## Class Description

Songwriting can serve as a surprising pathway to celebrating, healing, and telling the stories our souls want to tell. We all know a great song when we hear one, but how do we go about writing our own, whether we're just beginning or are already a well-seasoned songwriter?

In this class we'll explore the basics of songwriting, including how to craft great lyrics, the A to Z's of what makes a song work, writing from prompts, tips on how to collaborate with other songwriters, melding music & lyrics and a brief exploration of how applying different instrumental voices to a song changes the impression it makes.

You'll give feedback and encouragement to other participants. There will be specific examples from established songwriters to help inspire your creativity.  
*(Bring paper & pen or pencil, do not bring instruments)*

## Getting Started & Generating Ideas

We'll begin with an overview of standard song forms & construction, why we love the songs we love, and start our own song using a variety of writing prompts, and listening to the work of established songwriters.

## Working through it

We'll address the song's Point of View, Identity Questions, and other specifics to hone in on making it stronger. We'll use specific rhythm pattern exercises to help fine tune lyric placement, with specific examples to illustrate.

## Revision & Collaboration

We'll use specific tools to fine tune the song(s) we've started, have a chance to collaborate with others.

## Review / Taking Care of Our Work

Included will be a review of songwriting tips, plus more resources to use going forward, how to copyright & protect your work, decide whether it's time to join BMI, ASCAP, and more. There will be a Q&A session if time allows.