

DCM Songwriting Club with Dr. Martin Wilson



DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to bring musicians together to learn the basics of songwriting complete with music harmony, melody, rhythm and lyrics.

(Instrumental songwriters welcome!)

THE MUSIC:

- Learn the Musical Alphabet!
- Learn How to Put The Musical Alphabet into musical words and sentences:
 - Scales such as the major scale, their formulas, and how to set the key of the song
 - Intervals: the space between notes
 - Harmony & chord building: how intervals build harmony & chords
 - Chord progressions for your songs: eg. what chords are in the key of C Major and how do I put them into a progression for my song?
 - Song forms & how to write the chart for your song

THE LYRICS:

- A Good Theme and Identifiable Idea
- A Memorable Title
- A Strong Start
- A Good Payoff
- Song Forms

GOALS

- Write 1-2 songs minimum per semester to start
- Future Goals:
 - Perform songs solo or with a band
 - Record demos of songs
 - Pitch songs to artists, bands and song pluggers

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES (Optional):

- Write, Learn, rehearse and perform your songs!
- DCM Open Mics: 1st Friday of every month at DCM @ 7pm
- DCM Recitals:
 - Saturday, February 7, 2026: DCM Winter Recital- 3pm-6pm @ Mt. Seymour United
 - Saturday, June 20, 2026: DCM Year End Recital- 3pm-6pm @ Mt. Seymour United

REQUIRED MATERIALS :

- Staff paper, lined paper, plain paper, & pencil with eraser to take notes and sketch out ideas
- Binder: to keep all charts, lyrics, notes and handouts in order
- Access to TeacherZone, our lesson and learning platform, on computer or device

WHO & WHEN:

- Friday's 3:45pm- 4:45pm (In a group class, your work can be individual or combined with others)
- Ages: 12 yrs to Adult (depending on interest may split class into different age groups)
- Minimum 3 per class, Maximum of 6
- Instructor: Dr. Martin Wilson: [see bio on our website](#)

SCHEDULE & COST

- \$28 per class: Paid on the 1st of each month for all classes that month.
- Students are registered from September until June in both semesters:
 - Two Semesters: September to January & February to June
 - Must commit to entire semester after first two classes in each semester
 - Students must provide a 4 week written notice to unenroll from the 2nd semester

IMPORTANT 2025-2026 DATES:

Saturday, February 7, 2026: *DCM Winter Recital*, 3pm - 6pm @ Mt. Seymour United

Sunday, February 8, 2026: *BF Tribute Rehearsal*, 3pm - 9pm @ Mt. Seymour United

Sunday, March 1, 2026: *BF Tribute Show*, 7pm - 9pm @ Cap U Blueshore Theatre

Sunday, June 7, 2026: *BF Battle of the Bands Rehearsal*, 3pm - 9pm @ Mt. Seymour United

Saturday, June 20, 2026: *DCM Year End Recital*, 3pm - 6pm @ Mt. Seymour United

Sunday, June 21, 2026: *Band Factory Battle of the Bands Show*, 7pm - 9pm @ Cap U Blueshore Theatre