



Singer Songwriter Collective

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Dear Singer Songwriter,

I am delighted you signed up for our Singer Songwriter Collective at Ghost Ranch this summer. I specifically include "collective" in the course title to guide our cooperative and supportive approach to the craft. We will explore some fundamentals in music theory, vocal technique, rhythm and accompaniment exercises- all of which are designed to be tools for growing your song writing chops no matter your skill level.

The Singer Songwriter Collective also includes reflection and writing exercises geared to help each of us deal better when writer's block pops up. Because some of the best song-writing is deeply personal, each member of the Singer Songwriter Collective will be called upon to co-create a respectful, delightful and safe place for everyone to take artful risks.

Be prepared to play! Of course, sing and play the accompaniment instrument of your choice. But, also enter into the sense of play, having fun, breaking new ground, trying new things.



I am also allocating individual coaching time during the week to work in more detail on your song(s) and/or technique. Keep in mind, on the last night of the week, our class holds a Ranch-wide Concert where you will have the opportunity to perform your own work.

Also, I will be leading music at the daily Morning Light service (8:30am-9:00am), and while not formally connected to our class, I welcome all so inclined who wish to add their musical talents to that service and request you contact me ahead to coordinate.

Notes: for the instrument(s) you bring with you. I highly encourage you to bring at least one acoustic instrument, in order to better facilitate sharing within the group; however, if that is a challenge for you, please contact me to discuss.

Material List:

- Instrument(s) to accompany your own work as well as collaborate with fellow songwriters
- Journal
- (optional) Tab or charts, if you use them

Daily Schedule:

Morning Light: 8:15am-9:00am (optional)

Morning Session: 9:30am-12:00pm

Afternoon Individual Writing and coaching sessions: 2pm-4pm

Evening Circle Share/rehearsal: 7-8:30