

# **Song Writers Camp**

The Song Writer's Camp will consist of the following activities:

## **Poetry Readings**

This is very instrumental in expressing emotion and conditions through words. Songwriting is poetry. Many people want to write songs and feel that they can't because they think that every word has to rhyme which, in essence, it does not need to rhyme. Each student will be required to write a Haiku and recite it for class critique.

## **Group Session**

This group session will consist of writing teams. Each team will work on song format (verse, chorus, verse etc..). Each team will assign a musical composer/s, a lyricist, and musical director of the group.

We will discuss the following business steps in recording and solidifying a contract:

- Copyrights
- Copyright Infringement
- Trademarks
- Publishing
- Performance Contracts
- Digital Downloading
- Mechanical Rights
- Sync Rights
- Movie and Television Song placement
- Joint Partnerships
- Band Agreements
- Royalties and Copyright Ownership

## **Composing**

- Movie/Television Scores – How and Where to Submit
- Writing for Recording Artists and Label Publishing Companies
- Sheet Music
- Band Conducting and arrangements

## **Billboard**

- We will do weekly reviews of songs that are in the Top 40 category, as well as CDs that have reached platinum and gold status.
- Review songs that are in steady rotation on radio and satellite radio.
- Discuss image, arrangements and band cohesiveness and performance solutions