



BENT RIVER RECORDS SONGWRITING COMPETITION 2021

Bent River Records is pleased to announce the first edition of our Songwriting Competition, open to all students in the Department of Music at MacEwan University. The contest was conceived as a way to honour the generous and ongoing support of one of the label's major donors, Dr. Craig Monk, the Provost & Vice-President, Academic at MacEwan. **The call for entries is now open!**

DEADLINE for Submissions: 4:00 PM MST on January 31, 2021

ABOUT THE COMPETITION: This contest is open to all current students in the Department of Music at MacEwan. The task is to compose a song based on a set of parameters that will be shared once the candidates have contacted us to express interest in participating in the contest.

Email us at bentriverrecords@macewan.ca with "Songwriting Competition 2021" as the subject line, to express interest and receive the secret guidelines.

PRIZE: The winning composer will receive **\$750**, and the song may be recorded for inclusion on the upcoming 2021 music department CD.

FORMAT: Entries may be in the form of sheet music, a lead sheet, an audio recording of the composition, or any combination of these formats. A video may be submitted, but be advised that it will only be presented to the judges in audio form, to maintain an anonymous judging process. The judges will assess the song itself, rather than the quality of the recording submitted. Entries may be in any musical style and with the instrumentation of the composer's choice; however the piece must be able to be performed as a solo or duet and the recording will be produced as a solo or duo performance in MacEwan's studios. The songwriter will also submit a one paragraph statement (max 150 words), explaining their process and how their submission connects to the theme provided.

RECORDING: For the purpose of the recording, the composer may also be the performer, however Bent River Records reserves the right to select a performer for the winning composition. The recording will be done in studio in early 2021. Bent River Records will pay session fees of \$250 per performer, for up to two (2) performers on the recording.

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Email us your submission before the deadline of 4pm on January 31, 2021.

JUDGING: Adjudication will be done by a panel of jurors selected by Bent River Records, and will contain members of the department of music and representatives of Bent River Records. The anonymity of entrants will be maintained; judges will not know the identity of the composers they are evaluating until after they have juried the pieces.

The songwriter will retain all intellectual property, and BRR will only have the right to print a limited run of the music department CD and a single version, both which will be for promotional purposes only.

DIVERSITY: Bent River Records values everyone equally and strives to represent diversity through our actions. We are committed to fostering an inclusive culture that represents artists and staff of diverse backgrounds, respecting and valuing everyone equally, whatever their race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or physical ability. Because we recognize the systemic barriers that have led to many people being underserved within the music industry, we encourage applications from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color), LGBTQ+ people, and those who are members of other marginalized communities. We are also committed to selecting a jury that represents a diverse range of demographics.



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