

## **NASHVILLE SONGWRITERS RESIDENCY**

### **1. RESIDENCY**

Three month residency facilitated by Mark Moffatt with a \$15,000 grant to cover accommodation, airfares and a living allowance. Mark is contracted by the Australia Council to facilitate the residency and be a mentor. Prior to the residency you will develop with Mark a schedule and plan of activities. You will be immersed in the Nashville music scene, building knowledge, relationships and business contacts. The residency enables songwriters to:

- Develop their writing skills
- Build networks
- Connect with other artists to co-write and collaborate

The residency aims to introduce the resident to the creative and business community in Nashville, and where possible, to create opportunities for the recipient to engage in song writing, recording, showcasing, publicity and industry networking.

### **2. ACCOMMODATION**

You are required to organise your own accommodation in Nashville for the duration of your residency.

### **3. OVERSEAS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

You will need to introduce yourself via email to Mark and start developing a plan for the residency and schedule of activities. Once you have confirmed dates with Mark you will need to arrange your own travel and living arrangements, at your own expense. Please confirm your travel dates with your Australia Council contact as soon as you can, prior to the residency.

### **4. INSURANCE**

Artists are responsible for organising and paying for their own travel insurance for their residency, including health insurance that is required by their country of residence. Proof of cover should be provided to Australia Council prior to commencing the residency.

Please note that neither Australia Council nor Mark Moffatt will be held responsible for loss, damage or accidents occurring during, or relative to, the residency. Artists are

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responsible for any damage caused to any building or inventory (beyond normal wear and tear) and must report this to the relevant venue immediately.

## 5. VISA REQUIREMENTS

The Australia Council does not advise or provide information on visas. For up to date entry visa requirements, you must check with the appropriate embassy or consulate and arrange your visa requirements well in advance of your departure date.

All Australian travellers are strongly encouraged to check the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs website [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au) prior to travel.

## 6. LOCAL AREA

Nashville hosts the highest concentration of music businesses of any American city. Although historically the home of country music, it is now a key music writing, recording and touring hub for many styles of music, including R&B, blues, folk, hip hop, indie rock, roots, alt country, punk, metal and pop.

### Federal holidays to note:

Martin Luther King Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in January
Lincoln's Birthday	12 February
Washington's Birthday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in February (also known as President's Day)
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	4 July
Labor Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in September
Columbus Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in October
Veterans' Day	11 November
Thanksgiving Day	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday in November

## 7. NASHVILLE SONGWRITERS RESIDENCY ALUMNI

Sinead Burgess, Larissa Tandy, Ruby Boots, Chris Altman, Travis Caudle, Ben Wright Smith.

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## 8. NASHVILLE MUSIC VENUES

Below is a list of venues you may be interested in researching and then we advise talking to Mark in your preparation period prior to the residency about what you would like to achieve.

<b><u>VENUE</u></b>	<b><u>CONTACT</u></b>	<b><u>NOTES</u></b>
Hotel Indigo 301 Union St Nashville, TN 37201 <u>(615) 891 6000</u>	Jack Scott <u>615.414.7752</u> <u>www.writerartist.com</u>	<u>http://facebook.com/jackscottna shville</u>  <u>http://www.facebook.com/Hotell ndigoDowntownNashville</u>  Songwriter Round
The Basement	Mike Grimes <u>basementmike@gmail.c om</u> Mike Grimes Co Owner The Basement and Grimey's New and Preloved Music 1604 8th Ave So Nashville, Tn 37203 <u>www.thebasementnashv ille.com</u> <u>www.grimeys.com</u>	Will probably have to start with their New Faces open mic night but very good venue for rock/pop and great sound etc
Bluebird Café		The Bluebird is now owned and operated by NSAI <u>https://www.nashvillesongwriters .com/</u> It's recommended that the recipient join the organisation. Mark can help with introductions.
Belcourt Taps and Tapas	Wednesday nights: Matthew Vrba  <u>matthewvrba@gmail.co m</u>  Other nights: Emma Grandillo <u>bellaeeg@yahoo.com</u>	Songwriter round on Wednesday – 3 to 4 songs each from 8-11pm
R'ichards Café 4420 Whites Creek Pike	Richard Trest (owner) <u>booking@richardscafe.c om</u>	Venue has full PA and equipment. <u>www.richardscafe.com</u>

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Whites Creek, TN 37189		
Puckett's Grocery	allison@puckettsgrocery .com	They only like to book local musicians.
DAVE & BUSTERS OPRY MILLS MALL	Pat <a href="mailto:nashvillemusicgroup@yahoo.com">nashvillemusicgroup@y ahoo.com</a>	James Breedwell Writers night - Tuesdays
Boskey's Grille 6751 McMinnville Hwy, Manchester TN 37357 <a href="tel:931-728-8989">931-728-8989</a> <a href="http://www.golfwillowbrook.net">www.golfwillow brook.net</a>	Rachel Gauger Brown Marketing & Event Coordinator <a href="mailto:rachelgauger@aol.com">rachelgauger@aol.com</a>	Need a PA system to play this venue and it is a longer show – possibly requiring cover songs too. Paying gig.
JJ's Wine Bar Franklin, TN	Jill / Spencer <a href="tel:904-704-5158">904-704-5158</a>	Play for tips. Longer shows. Not a songwriter night/showcase event.
Jackalope Brewing <a href="http://www.jackalopebrew.com">www.jackalope brew.com</a>	<a href="mailto:bailey@jackalopebrew.com">bailey@jackalopebrew.c om</a> Robyn Virball <a href="mailto:robyn@jackalopebrew.com">robyn@jackalopebrew.c om</a>	Longer show. Not a songwriter night.
Back Alley Diner 217 Arcade Alley Nashville, TN 37219 <a href="tel:615-251-3003">615-251-3003</a>	Tuesday Songwriter Nights – 2 contacts that alternate Tuesdays  Kelly Murray - <a href="tel:770-314-7256">770-314- 7256</a> John Nemeth - <a href="tel:864-419-6944">864-419- 6944</a>	Contact at the venue itself: Jacobie Olin  You can also find John Nemeth on Facebook
The Commodore Grille	Rick and Tammy Stewart run Friday and Saturday night songwriter rounds: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/rick.p.stewart">https://www.facebook.co m/rick.p.stewart</a>	

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