

Can you explain what happens at each songwriter round?

There are three songwriter rounds at each venue. You are welcome to stay at one venue for all three performances there or move from venue to venue to catch a particular musician. However, each venue is a listening room, and you will be asked to silence your phones and limit conversation. Additionally, entering and leaving songwriter rounds will be limited to times between songs.

Each round will last an hour and 15 minutes. Three Songwriters will talk about and perform songs they have written during the round. Once the round is finished, the songwriters will move on to one of the other five venues.

How will I know who is playing at each venue?

There will be schedules posted on a sandwich board outside of each venue. You can also view the schedule in your program or on the website.

Can anyone showcase songs they have written during the festival?

The songwriters participating in this event are here by invitation, and the songwriter rounds are performed exclusively by them. There will be an open mic after party at the Pondy on Saturday night, which will provide opportunities for public performances.

What is included with the weekend pass ticket I purchased?

All Songwriter rounds on Saturday plus the John Oates event on Saturday night.

Are there any events during the festival that are free and don't require a ticket?

Yes! The Friday night kickoff and the Saturday night open mic after party at the Pondy are free and open to the public.

Can we take photos of the songwriters?

Yes! But please adhere to instructions given by the Venue Host.

Do all five venues have public bathrooms?

River Burch Gallery and Starr's Guitars do not have public bathrooms. You are welcome to use the restrooms at GMAEC, The Art Garage, or the Pondy.

Will there be adult beverages during the festival?

Yes! There will be a cash bar at GMAEC, the Art Garage, and the Pondy are the venues that will serve alcohol during the Songwriter Festival. Drinks must be consumed on the premises and may not be carried from venue to venue.

Where can we get food during the festival?

Local restaurants will be open and there will be several food trucks in town throughout the day.