

A special opportunity to participate in a new and exciting initiative - **Songs Festival** - a celebration of the art, craft, and production of songwriting. As part of **Songs Festival** - a series of **online songwriting workshops** are being offered in **February 2025**.

For songwriters selected to fully participate, an honorarium payment of \$150 is offered as a token of appreciation for their time and creative energy - this is open to individual songwriters or band members.

An overview of the workshops:

- **Delivered via Zoom** to ensure accessibility, especially for regional artists.
- **Victorian-based songwriters, 18+**.
- Each workshop includes two 2-hour sessions with renowned songwriter Charles Jenkins or electronic producers/songwriters BANTA.
- Opportunities for 1:1 mentoring

Workshops will cater to various experience levels:

- **Emerging songwriters**
- **Early to mid-career songwriters** looking to deepen their skills.

Topics envisaged to be covered include:

- Collaboration and Co-Writing
- Creative Techniques to Overcome Writer's Block
- Lyric Writing and Storytelling
- Melody and Harmony Development
- Song Structure and Composition

About Charles Jenkins: Charles is one of Australia's most accomplished songwriters, with over 30 years of experience in the music industry. His accolades include 23 albums, multiple tours in Australia, Europe, and the USA, and two ARIA nominations with *Icecream Hands*. He's a sought-after mentor, holding a Master's in Music (UTAS) and serving as an APRA/AMCOS Ambassador. His workshops are renowned for depth, insight, and inspiration:

"He's too good a writer not to be in your life." – Sydney Morning Herald

"Delivers the kind of set that astonishes... Jenkins' position as the songwriter's songwriter." – Time Off Magazine

About BANTA. - Caleb Lindner and Oliver McNamara: Rapidly establishing themselves as one of Melbourne's most esteemed producer duos, comprising musicians Oliver McNamara and Caleb Lindner. Over the past 3 years, BANTA has achieved significant success, earning placements on various Spotify and Apple Music playlists, plus securing sync deals with a range of clients. Collaborations with acclaimed artists like ARIA winner Seth Sentry and UK chart-topper Sarah de Warren. On a songwriting trip to Europe, they laid the groundwork for their innovative 'We Sampled' series, which showcased the unique sounds of each city they visited.

Initial Workshop Schedule and Options:

- Saturday, 15th February 2025: 10 am–12 noon or 2 pm–4 pm
- Saturday, 22nd February 2025: 10 am–12 noon or 2 pm–4 pm
- Optional drop-in and feedback sessions will be available in the following weeks.

Please note:

- If a participant opts for the morning session on 15th February – then they will also be allocated for the morning session on 22nd February
- If a participant opts for the afternoon session on 15th February – then they will also be allocated for the afternoon session on 22nd February

Next steps:

Please contact Craig Kamber ASAP to register your interest with the possibility of securing your place – limited numbers are available - E-mail - kambercraig2025@gmail.com

- Please include in the e-mail subject line – Mornington Peninsula Shire & your name
- Please include in the body of the email
 - which workshops you are interested in
 - delivered by either Charles Jenkins or electronic producers/songwriters BANTA.
 - links to recent songs