

Bill Gerstel Music Scholarship to Bandwriting Collective Summer Program

Bandwriting Collective are songwriting and recording professionals that mentor young songwriters and teach them how to write and record their music. Bandwriting Collective's mission is to empower kids with the skills to really express themselves. It doesn't matter what style of music kids play, as long as they are proficient in their instrument and charismatic. Bandwriting Collective creates a cooperative atmosphere that inspires students to take risks with their creativity.

The summer program is a two-week session where the beginning is spent writing and creating music as a group and later recording the songs in a state-of-the-art recording studio. There are many guests from fields related to professional songwriting. Participants will receive a CD of their work at the end of the program. They also end each session with a performance at a major NYC venue.

Rehearsal Rooms: 10 state-of-the-art rehearsal rooms are located at 251 West 30th Street equipped with instruments such as:

- Guitar Amps: All rooms have 5 or more pro-guitar amps, from vintage Fender to custom boutiques (30 watts to 100 watts).
- Drums: 5 piece professional (Yamaha, Pearl) kits with Sabian cymbals.
- Keyboards & Acoustic Pianos: Two-tiered keyboard rigs with weighted keys on bottom and synths on top.
- Bass rigs: Each room has different cabinet combos dependent upon size of room, including 8 x 10 units, 2 x 15 plus 2 x 10 units, etc. All rigs have modern bass heads (Ampeg, SWR, GK, Hartke).
- Vocal PAs: extremely effective in all volume situations from delicate acoustic to heavy metal. Vocal monitors for drums and singers in every room.

Recording Studio: Shelter Island Sound is located at 40 West 27th Street and is equipped with a legendary collection of hand-picked, meticulously maintained vintage gear, from the custom modded 1979 MCI analog console, to the vintage outboard, to the amazing mic cabinet.

The mission of the Bill Gerstel Music Scholarship is to provide the opportunity each summer for a musically-gifted PS3 4th or 5th grader to attend a summer program to foster his/her creativity and expand his/her musical and songwriting abilities.

The tuition for the 2-week program is \$1,200.

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