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Renowned Songwriters Come Together to Help Teen Girls Write

Hosted at Walt Disney Concert Hall by The Music Center Education Program

LOS ANGELES – Imagine being in high school and your lyrics are performed at Walt Disney Concert Hall. Nearly 100 teen girls will experience just that at WriteGirl’s upcoming 12th Annual Songwriting Workshop on Saturday, February 9th. **In partnership with the Music Center Education Program, Los Angeles teens and their WriteGirl mentors will gather in BP Hall at Walt Disney Concert Hall to work with some of the industry’s top songwriters.** WriteGirl teens will learn how to transform their words into musical forms ranging from pop to blues to rock in a space that has hosted musical legends Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma and Pink Martini.

The workshop will introduce girls to key concepts of lyric writing, including rhythm, rhyme structures, “the hook” and how to write memorable song titles.

Immediately following the intensive writing workshop, at 3:00 p.m. the girls will see their lyrics performed on stage by professional musicians and singers in BP Hall at Walt Disney Concert Hall, a space that is both acoustically and architecturally inspiring.

This year’s songwriting workshop will feature a host of talented women including:

Danielle Brisebois
Natalie Cole Gilbert
Deanna Dellaciopa
Laurie Geltman
Adrienne Gonzales
Kay Hanley
Kari Kimmel

Holly Knight
Libby Lavella
Michelle Lewis
Clare Means
Lisa Nemzo
Holly Palmer
Simone Porter

Heidi Rojas
Lindsay Rush
Celeste Scalone
Renee Stahl
Keren Taylor
Jonelle Vette

“For our 12th annual Songwriting Workshop, we are very excited to welcome a total of 20 incredible singer/songwriters to help coach our teen girls in writing songs,” said Keren Taylor, WriteGirl’s Executive Director. “For a girl to have this experience of learning how music is made, and then hearing her own words set to music, well, it’s a day that will resonate for a long time.”

Throughout the past 12 years, WriteGirl has successfully helped **100% of participating seniors to not only graduate from high school but also enroll in college, many on full or partial scholarships.** This past fall, WriteGirl teens headed to Harvard, CSU Fullerton, UCLA, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Grinnell, Macalester, Azusa Pacific University, and CSU Channel Islands, just to name a few.

More than 350 girls participate in WriteGirl annually — an enormous increase from WriteGirl’s initial group of 30 at its inception in 2001. Over the past decade, WriteGirl’s success can be measured by the achievements of its alumnae who continue to study, work and contribute their unique voices around the world.

ASCAP and The ASCAP Foundation are sponsors of WriteGirl’s Songwriting Workshops for teen girls. The ASCAP Foundation is dedicated to supporting American music creators and encouraging their development through music education and talent development programs.

Also sponsoring this workshop is The Good News Foundation, dedicated to making a positive and meaningful difference in the lives of people in need and at-risk in greater Los Angeles.

Additional Event Sponsors include: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Los Angeles Unified School District Beyond the Bell Division, Whole Foods, International Arrivals, Rock Scissors Paper and Paperblanks.

WriteGirl 12th Annual Songwriting Workshop

Saturday, February 9th, 2013

10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BP Hall at Walt Disney Concert Hall
111 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012

About WriteGirl (www.writegirl.org)



WriteGirl is a creative writing and mentoring program for at-risk girls in Los Angeles. WriteGirl pairs professional women writers with teen girls for weekly one-on-one mentoring, monthly full-day creative writing workshops, public readings and publishing opportunities. Through its *Bold Futures* program, WriteGirl provides college and job preparedness skills building, individual guidance through the college application process and leadership development opportunities. WriteGirl also brings workshops to schools in Los Angeles County serving critically at-risk teens, including incarcerated teens in Santa Clarita at the Roads to Success Academy. WriteGirl is a project of nonprofit organization Community Partners. WriteGirl was honored as the 2010-2011 California Nonprofit of the Year.

WriteGirl publications, available nationwide, online and at local bookstores, have collectively won 46 national and international book awards.

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