

Folk School

The Art of Songwriting

Instructor: Greg MacPherson

Saturday Apr. 14, 2012, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

The Folk Exchange (103 – 211 Bannatyne Ave., come in through the music store)

\$25 or \$20 for students (+GST)

There are 10 spots available for this workshop.



Greg will talk about the creative process of songwriting and offer instruction suited both to those approaching songwriting for the first time and to seasoned musicians honing their craft. From exploring the relationship between words and music to offering tips for breaking free of writer's block, this workshop will help you get your creative juices flowing in a direction you're excited about.

Bring a partly finished song, a new song for trial or come with nothing but a head full of ideas, enthusiasm and questions. Participants are encouraged to bring their principal songwriting instrument (guitar, piano-keyboard, bass, etc) as well as a CD or mp3 of the music they are currently listening to and passionate about.

Greg MacPherson Bio



The sonic quality of Greg MacPherson's songs is in line with the unadorned state of his observations: arrangements are minimal and purposeful; guitars, bass, and drums are played with conviction and dynamic awareness. MacPherson's singing voice — broad, mountain-rending — crowds a room, drives itself into one's chest and remains there long after the night's last cymbal has crashed.

This is music of sincerity, of focused and truthful beauty — not gathered from the fluff of impermanent trend, but shaped from the dirt and tears of human existence. Posterity will deem Greg MacPherson one of the great songwriters of his generation — we would be remiss to not attend to the work of such an artist while he is right here in our midst.

Greg MacPherson has toured North America and Europe relentlessly for the past fifteen years. He has released seven records and was nominated for a Polaris Prize in 2010. He currently owns and operates Winnipeg based independent record label, Disintegration Records.

Please contact eo@winnipegfolkfestival.ca for more information or to register for this or any other class.