

Songwriters Circle 1997 Song Challenges

We meet every third Friday of the month at West 39th Street Coffeehouse at 8 p.m. to showcase brand-new songs. Bring only original songs and acoustic instruments. 1719 W. 39th St., K.C., MO Phone: 756-1997

Call David Hakan if you have questions about the challenges at 363-1917.

Kansas City



The Home of Great Songs

January Song Challenge - Eavesdrop

Bring a new song that uses conversation overheard at a cafe, coffeehouse, party, etc.

February Song Challenge - Tall Tale

Bring a new song that tells a tall tale. Make it a whopper, yet do your best to make it believable.

March Song Challenge - Romantic Comedy

Bring a new song that shows us how love makes us act crazy.

April Song Challenge - Band Together

Bring a new song that comes from forming a band with other writers/performers and have the band write the song as a collaboration (with 3 or more people).

May Song Challenge - Ghost Story

Bring a new song that tells a ghost story or uses the dead as a supernatural character or image in the story.

June Song Challenge - Miracles & Magic

Bring a new song that deals with everyday miracles or uses magic. Make us believe your "make believe."

July Song Challenge - Zipper Song

Bring a new song that uses a word or line in the song which is repeated by the audience, as in "She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes. **When she comes.**" This is similar to a call and response part of a song.

August Song Challenge - Teach Your Children Well

Bring a new song that deals with a parent/child relationship in some way. Either or both sides can have a voice in the song.

September Song Challenge - And Another Thing...

Bring a new song that tells someone off who deserves a good cutting down to size.

October Song Challenge - New Sounds

Bring a new song that uses two new chords you have never used in a song before. (Swap with other Circle members.)

November Song Challenge - Downstream

Bring a new song that uses stream of consciousness rather than plot to advance the song. Just let the song flow downstream on its own.

December Song Challenge - Saints & Angels

Bring a new song that tells about someone who has been a saint or a guardian angel for you in your life, or a song that uses these images.