Michael’s Tips on Songwriting

Read.
Listen.
When you love a song, realize it’s saying ‘Write a song like me!’
Learn to play songs you love, take them apart, see how each piece fits.
Write what you want to hear.
Realize that it takes a lot of practice to do anything well.
No two songwriters are the same.
Trust your gut.

Michael Smith, the internationally celebrated songwriter and performer now offers Songwriting Workshops in addition to-and in conjunction with-musical concerts. He has taught songwriting at conferences and hundreds of venues over his five-decade career including the Kerrville Folk Festival, Old Town School of Folk Music, and Lamb’s Songwriter’s Retreat. This self-taught musician is a Tony and Jefferson award-winning composer and contributes original scores to the finest theaters in US. Michael adapts his presentations for small groups, on-going classes and for conference-size gatherings. Speaking engagements on the topic are available as well.

“He’s a great teacher because he’s spent a lifetime being a great student of the challenging art of songwriting. I have attended dozens of workshops presented by many gifted songwriters and yet no other writer has more profoundly influenced my work than Michael.”

JUDY INSLEY

“Michael Smith is a songwriting icon with a lifetime of wisdom that he freely shares with his audiences. He inspires and empowers us all to nurture our inner truths and sing our own songs.”

DAN HAZLETT,
WORKSHOP PRESENTER

“The workshop was absolutely awesome. Michael’s warm presence, relaxed presentation and clearly-expansive insight and depth of experience was simply wonderful.”

JACK KOHLER

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