

SUMMER

SONGWRITING RETREAT

29 Jan - 1 Feb 2027



6pm Friday 29 January – 11am Monday 1 February 2027

Parehua Resort, 52 York St West
Martinborough, New Zealand

Presented by **Charlotte Yates**
songwritingschool.co.nz



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DAY 1

FRIDAY 29 January 6 – 9pm



6PM MEET & GREET

Please arrive in time for dinner.

Settle into your accommodation and come to the onsite restaurant to meet up with your fellow songwriters. Check-in is from 2pm.



7 - 9PM SESSION ONE - WHERE ARE YOU AT?

Our first formal session.

Identifying where you're at on your songwriting path now, and where you would like to get to. What's holding you back?

DAY 2

SATURDAY 30 January 9am – 12.00pm

9 - 10.30AM SESSION TWO - FINDING YOUR VOICE

Our second session followed by morning tea

How to express yourself in your songs more effectively.



11AM - 12PM SESSION THREE - DEVELOP YOUR PROCESS

Our third session followed by lunch

Inspiration is wonderful but fleeting. Learn to support your process and write consistently

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DAY 2

SATURDAY 30 January 1 – 9pm



1 – 3PM SONGWRITING SESSIONS

Co-writing sessions followed by afternoon tea

3.30 – 4.30PM SESSION FOUR – CREATIVE CHOICE

Our fourth session followed by a little free time and dinner at 6pm

Learn how to easily generate creative choices for your lyrics, melodies and chord progressions.



7 – 9PM SONGWRITERS CIRCLE

Our first songwriters circle where you can share what you've been writing and hear what others are doing. Relax and enjoy the music.

DAY 3

SUNDAY 31 January 9am – 3pm



9 – 10.30AM SESSION FIVE – LIVE PRODUCTION

Our fifth session followed by morning tea

Ways to share your work with an audience more successfully.

11AM – 12PM SESSION SIX – MAKING DEMO RECORDINGS

Our sixth session followed by lunch

Navigating first steps to recording your songs to share.



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DAY 3

SUNDAY 31 January 3.30pm-9pm



3.30 - 4.30PM SESSION SEVEN - BURNING QUESTIONS

Our seventh session followed by a little free time and dinner at 6pm.

A Q & A session answering those songwriting questions you really want answered! Participants are encouraged to send in questions before the retreat which will be answered in this session.



7 - 9PM SONGWRITERS GIG

Our Songwriters Retreat Concert where you share what you've been writing and hear what others are doing in a 'mock' concert setting on site.

DAY 4

MONDAY 1 February 9 - 10am



9 - 10AM SESSION EIGHT - MOVING FORWARD

Our eighth session followed by morning tea

How to develop a path to move you forward in the right direction for the next 12 months



PACKING UP AND FAREWELL.

Please pack up ALL your kit. Please stay for the (traditional) group photo, exchange contact details and fill in our feedback survey. Official check-out is 11.30am. Thank-you for joining us.

Booking Information:

SUMMER SONGWRITING RETREAT 2027 will be held at the Parihua Resort, 52 New York Street West, Martinborough 5711, NZ for the first time. I'm excited to invite you to come immerse yourself in songwriting at this peaceful and well-appointed haven.



Parihua Resort is a stunning 5-star venue set within a vineyard. Accommodation (own room), all tuition facilities plus meals are included from our first dinner at York Bistro, the onsite restaurant, from Friday 29 January to our last breakfast on Monday 1 February.

There's plenty of parking, good coffee and WIFI. Transport to & from Wellington Airport can also be arranged – just let us know your arrival & departure times.

To book:

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costs - \$NZ1,587 (full fare) or
\$NZ1,487 (SWS student discount)

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*Fee non-refundable less than 30 days prior to the event.

*Payment plans are available on request.

***Winter Songwriting Retreat will run at Parihua Resort over 25-28 June 2027 (Matariki).**



What will I come away with?

The **Summer Songwriting Retreat** is designed for songwriters looking to develop their songs and their songwriting skills. It will help you map the journey of a song from first ideas to release.

From making your songs connect with an audience to how to best share your material, you'll learn in practical writing sessions. You'll receive plenty of in-depth experienced tuition in a friendly, supportive environment.

You'll have the opportunity for feedback and to ask questions, while sharing the air with like-minded people as keen and curious as you are to find out more about songwriting.

Previous attendees have released singles, eps and albums and now perform their own songs regularly around the country. Plenty come back for repeat retreats, either to the **Summer** or the **Winter** Programme.

Come get your songs well and truly humming in this beautiful 5-star setting, free from daily distractions. It really works plus the food is outstanding!

About the presenter, Charlotte Yates



Charlotte is an award-winning professional independent New Zealand singer-songwriter with a growing catalogue of twenty-four solo and collaborative releases. She owns and operates **Songwriting School**, an online songwriting tuition subscription and has been presenting songwriting residential retreats for ten years.

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WHAT TO BRING – something to write with (pen/notebook/laptop/tablet), your instrument & headphones (if relevant), your phone to record ideas or performances and at least two original songs to share.