

# REV // MUSIC

## **Our Song Process**

Rev Music is a collaboration and our desire is to always be more than just a handful of artists, songwriters or producers. While the heart is to be as inclusive as possible, there are many parts of the process where it does require involvement to be more limited. Hopefully, this will help to explain how anyone can be involved and also bring clarity to some of the “hows” and “whys”.

### **Songwriting:**

Many songs are started or finished outside of an organized songwriting session. Writing at home, getting together with others, facetimeing, or even writing within a group message is one of the best ways for songwriting. If you desire to become a better songwriter, most songwriting will happen on your own time.

Several times a year, we host songwriting opportunities for anyone who would like to be involved. There is no experience required or any other qualifiers other than we are writing songs to be sung as worship. The goal of these is to grow as songwriters and build community. If a song comes out that can be used in a church gathering or for another use that is awesome, but it is secondary to the purpose.

Additionally, there are times where there may be songwriting days, studio writes, or even songwriting retreats. We try to include as many people as possible, but the capacity is much more limited. Invitation is based on experience, creative balancing (who compliments whose strengths) and a strong interest in songwriting.

### **Song Review:**

Approximately 3 times a year, there is a song review where songs are listened to and songwriters are given feedback. All songs will be given feedback and based on the review some may be selected to build out a demo. It is important to note that MOST songs are not chosen. All songs submitted will be added to our Rev Music Soundcloud playlist unless requested otherwise. This is a great way for a song to still be shared among our team and encourage one another.

Soundcloud Playlist

<https://on.soundcloud.com/Yiyd3>

Song Review Link

<https://forms.gle/neihKfzRF4AzzK9j6>

### **Song Selection:**

Once a song has a demo built out, it may be tested in a live setting or another way to see how well it connects. Both the song review and the demo/testing phase inform whether or not a song may be chosen to record. There are many other factors as well that are taken into consideration when selecting what songs we choose to record and

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distribute as “Rev Music”. This decision is carefully made by the Rev Music leadership team and informed by pastoral leadership.

## **FAQ**

### **Who “owns” the songwriting rights to songs submitted to the song review or that Rev Music records?**

Currently Rev Music does not take any publishing rights for the songs recorded and released. So all publishing and songwriting rights remain with the writers.

### **Can I record a song that I was a part of writing at a Rev Music writing event or that I already submitted to a song review?**

Rev Music does not gain or hold any publishing or songwriting rights for songs at this point in time. So if anyone wishes to record a song they wrote they can do it freely whether or not the song has been used by Rev Music, written at an organized event or submitted to the song review.

### **How is the featured singer decided on for recorded songs?**

We are extremely careful and slow to who we invite to be featured on a song. First, it has nothing to do with who wrote the song or tested it out live. While there are many areas of Rev Music that are inclusive, this is one of the parts that is more exclusive by design. There is much discernment and many different factors that go into making these decisions. We will always err on the slow side of pushing someone into a spotlight because we feel a responsibility to not only steward the art well but also the artist.

### **Do the performing artists/musicians get paid royalties?**

No. There are no royalties or payments involved for those who perform or play on Rev Music songs.

### **How do I get involved in Rev Music?**

Come join a Write Nite or another open team event. If you are not sure when that is, send an email to [worship@revolution.church](mailto:worship@revolution.church).