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IBMA Songwriter Showcase Announced, Deadline to Submit a Song May 1, 2013

Have you written a new song that the bluegrass industry needs to hear? IBMA will host a **Songwriter Showcase** to feature the work of 10 selected songwriters during the World of Bluegrass Business Conference to be hosted in Raleigh, NC Sept. 24028. The exact date and time of the Songwriter Showcase will be announced in a future issue of *International Bluegrass* and also at www.ibma.org [1].

The IBMA Songwriter Showcase is not a contest. Its purpose is to present new, original bluegrass songs to artists, producers and labels looking for new material, as well as to other industry reps in the audience. Both veteran and novice songwriters are invited and encouraged to submit songs. Songwriters who presented original material at past IBMA Songwriter Showcases are not prohibited from submitting a CD again for this year, but they should present a different song.

IBMA Songwriter Showcase Application Procedure:

Submit a CD of *one original song* to: IBMA Songwriter Showcase; 608 W. Iris Drive, Nashville, TN 37204 OR email an mp3 file with lyrics in a Word document to nancyc@ibma.org [2].

DEADLINE: May 1, 2013. CDs will not be returned. It is not necessary to submit a highly produced song demo. A vocal with a guitar is fine. Please send five copies of your song lyrics if you mail a package. There is no form to fill out or application fee to submit a song for consideration, but be sure to include your contact info: name, address, telephone & email address.

Selection Criteria:

Songs must be?

*Original works OR co-written by the person who submits the CD/file
*Unpublished OR not previously recorded by a major bluegrass artist or a major artist from another genre.

Songs will be chosen on the basis of their?

*Representation of the bluegrass genre
*Potential appeal (Are they likely to draw the interest of recording artists and to get airplay by bluegrass broadcasters?)
*Quality of work (lyrics, melody)
*Entertainment value.

If you have additional questions, contact Taylor Coughlin at the IBMA office: (615) 256-3222, info@ibma.org [3].

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