

Public Service Announcement



Could You be the *Opening Act*? Apply to Youth Songwriting and Performance Workshop Series with Kathryn Calder

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — City of Victoria Artist in Residence Kathryn Calder is facilitating a new series of songwriting and performance workshops for youth entitled *Opening Act*.

Participants between ages 14-24 are invited to discover the world of songwriting: learn about composing, discuss melody and lyrics, arrangement and production, as well as, how to put together an engaging performance. The workshop series will also cover tools for incorporating creativity into a full and busy lifestyle.

The first *Opening Act* series will take place on May 23, June 6 and June 13 at KWENCH in Victoria. There will be two afternoon workshops with a final participant-led performance open to the public.

To apply, youth must live in the Capital Regional District, provide a resume and a short letter of intent outlining why they would like to be part of the program and what they hope to gain from the experience. The *Opening Act* series will also be held in fall 2020 and spring 2021.

Kathryn Calder is a Victoria-based musician, songwriter, recording artist and recording studio owner that was selected as the City's Artist in Residence in 2019. Kathryn's professional experience in Victoria's music industry aligns with the City's Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan, which identifies the need to build on Victoria's diverse and active music scene by positioning Victoria as a "Music City."

Applications must be submitted online by **Monday, March 30 at 11 p.m.** Shortlisted artists will be invited for an interview in early April. For submission guidelines and more information, visit: victoria.ca/openingact

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