

# Songwriter Festivals

With over 35 plus years of experience as a songwriter, I've had the privilege of participating in numerous songwriter nights, particularly in the vibrant music scene of Nashville. Notable events such as **Tin Pan South** and the **Frank Brown Festival** have been integral parts of my journey for over two decades.

**Tin Pan South** in Nashville stands out as a significant event, drawing songwriters and music enthusiasts alike. **The Frank Brown Festival**, which I've been a part of for more than 20 years, has also been a key platform for showcasing songwriting talents.

While not a festival, the [Bluebird Café](#) holds legendary status as the most well-known songwriter listening room in Nashville. It has served as a pivotal space where many songwriters and artists have been discovered, adding to its iconic reputation.

Participating in these festivals and events has not only enriched my own experience but has also been an invaluable opportunity for both new and seasoned songwriters. The chance to network with fellow writers who share the same passion and profession provides real-time experiences that contribute significantly to one's growth in the field.

In the world of songwriting, these events offer a wonderful avenue for collaboration, learning, and exposure. For those starting their journey and for those with years of experience, the camaraderie and shared experiences at such festivals are unparalleled, making networking a powerful tool for any songwriter. **Check these Festivals out below:**

## [Tin Pan South](#)

If you want to binge on great songwriting, get to Nashville for this five-day event put on every April by the Nashville Songwriters Association.

## [Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival](#)

If you love sugar-white Gulf of Mexico beaches and great songwriting, you need to check out this event that happens for 12 days each November. Barbara played there first in 2000 and has been back every year since.

## [Gatlinburg Songwriters Festival](#)

Set in beautiful Gatlinburg, TN in the heart of the Smokies, this new festival features some of Nashville's finest along with local and national independent artists. Workshops and a songwriting contest round out the experience.

## [Key West Songwriters Festival](#)

Hit writers hit the Keys for this BMI sponsored music & fun fest.

## [30A Songwriters Festival](#)

Located along the beautiful Gulf Coast of the Florida Panhandle, the feature a stellar line-up and open applications for writers who want to play.