

# Westfjords Songwriting Workshop

June 17-21, 2026 / Ísafjörður, Iceland

"Við Djúpið is the ideal festival for music-lovers and wellness-seekers alike."  
- [Forbes](#)

## FESTIVAL DESCRIPTION

The **Westfjords Songwriting Workshop** gives aspiring songwriters of all genres a chance to work closely with leading songwriters from North America and Europe over a five day intensive in **Ísafjörður, Iceland** during the summer solstice. The workshop occurs concurrently with **Við Djúpið**, a world-renowned music and arts festival, and includes daily masterclasses with acclaimed guest artists, collaborative opportunities with other songwriters, and a final concert in which all songwriters may perform works they have written.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ~ Masterclasses with four acclaimed guest artists
- ~ Festival pass to all festival concerts
- ~ Artist writing room
- ~ Opportunity to perform your work at a final festival concert
- ~ Group dinner at the legendary Tjöruhúsið fish restaurant

## SCHEDULE:

- **Wednesday, June 17:** Group dinner at Tjöruhúsið
- **Thursday, June 18:** San Fermin Masterclass
  - San Fermin acoustic concert
- **Friday, June 19:** Sorcha Richardson Masterclass
  - Workshop participants performance
- **Saturday, June 20:** SOAK Masterclass
  - Resident artist performance (evening)
- **Sunday, June 21:** Solstice sun-hunting trip (optional)

[Reserve your spot](#) / [Workshop website](#)

## FEATURED SONGWRITERS

The workshop will be led by four senior songwriters, whose careers have taken them across a wide range of genres and collaborations.



### SAN FERMIN (USA)

Founded in 2013, San Fermin quickly earned critical acclaim for their ambitious, collaborator-driven debut praised by NPR and Pitchfork, propelling bandleader Ellis Ludwig-Leone to form a full-time touring band that has since performed on major stages like Tiny Desk and Lollapalooza and released several additional celebrated albums.

<https://www.sanferminband.com/>



### SORCHA RICHARDSON (Ireland)

Sorcha Richardson's debut First Prize Bravery chronicled her journey from Dublin to New York and Los Angeles, and its follow-up Smiling Like an Idiot topped the Irish independent charts and cemented her as one of Ireland's most exciting songwriters.

<https://www.sorcharichardson.com/>



### SOAK (Ireland)

SOAK, the moniker of Mercury Prize nominated Irish singer-songwriter Bridie Monds-Watson, is a leading voice in contemporary indie music, known for life-affirmingly raw pop that pairs lyrical vulnerability and atmospheric production with intimate, immersive live performances.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soak\\_\(singer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soak_(singer))

\*Additional guest artists to be announced.