



The Song Bomb: Songwriters Beating Resistance (28 days in a row)

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Song Bomb Brief:

The Song Bomb is an opportunity for songwriters to lighten up, forget all the 'rules' they know about songwriting, and just write songs. The goal is to support songwriters of all levels from those just starting out to touring professionals in vanquishing Resistance, the force that pushes us all towards procrastination Facebook and Farmville. Check out www.thesongbomb.com to see what Keith and 28 other nationally-touring songwriters like Girlyman, Ellis and Vance Gilbert write each day, to be inspired, and as a catalyst to write a song yourself.

Song Bomb History:

Between finishing his first album in June of 2004 and April of 2007 Song Bomb founder Timmy Riordan wrote a grand total of about 3 songs and got tired of it. Tired of not writing and tired of being a songwriter scared of writing bad songs. So he committed to a week of writing a song every day and got one of his best songs ever. In the next two years Timmy worked often to complete the one week challenge--which he named the 'Fearless Songwriting Week'—and started developing a network of friends who worked to complete the challenge with him. In 2010 when he decided to try writing 28 songs in the month of February, it was natural for him to invite 28 friends from across the country, such as Anne Heaton, Mike Himebaugh and Ellis, to pace him through the month by each writing a song themselves.

Artists who participated in last year's Song Bomb ended up writing songs that have or will appear on their albums and that have become fan favorites. One award-winning musician, Ellis, had already completed recording her album *Right on Time*, but liked her song, entitled *Royalty to Me* and written for her Grannie, so much that she asked for (and received) fan donations to go back into the studio to record it for the album!

Keith Hampton's Bio:

Keith Hampton writes songs about homecomings, heartaches, and other mysteries and sings with a voice that has been compared to a 'full body hug.' His lyrics are both introspective and universal and his songs are intimate yet expansive, a quality that's reflected in his heartfelt live performance style. He is the founder of Brave Records which distributes his own recordings as well as a diverse roster of songwriters, classical musicians, and world music artists including the compilation *Coming Home: Boston Song Collective*. As if he weren't busy enough he is the host of events at Water house Foods in Madison, WI and just released his third album, *Tyranena*. <http://www.keith-hampton.com/>

Quotes from 2010 Song Bomb participants:

I ended up writing a song that said what I've been meaning to say [to my Grannie], and that I loved so much I put it on my latest record.

-Ellis

I am grateful for [Timmy's] motivation, for the sense of community he is creating among songwriters, and for the opportunity to just sit down and give myself permission to write.

-Jenee Halstead

Like so much in art world, we find ourselves able to produce when we have deadlines & themes, inspiration & other artists cheering us on. [The Song Bomb] gave us all of that.

-Annie Wenz

Song Bomb 2011 Participants:

Keith Hampton
Girlyman
Vance Gilbert
Connor Garvey
Shannon Wurst
Chuck E. Costa
Sarah Sample
Nate Spencer
Christopher Smith
Adam Rothberg
Megan Burt
Tony Memmel
Emily White
Jenny Goodspeed
Chris Kokesh
Raina Rose
Ryan Fitzsimmons
Kara Kulpa
Justin Roth
Tom Smith
Dan Cloutier
Shannon Hawley
Brad Yoder
Mai Bloomberg
Jenn Cleary
Emily Arin
Jason Myles Goss
Ellis



**Keith Hampton
teams up with
Fearless
Songwriters across
the country to create
new songs every day
in February.**