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**Sweetwater Studios Announces 2021 Songwriting Contest**

*Winning artist will have the chance to bring their song to life at Sweetwater Studios with three-time Grammy winner Phil Naish, and the Sweetwater Session Musicians*

**Fort Wayne, IN, March 17, 2021 –** [Sweetwater Studios](http://www.sweetwaterstudios.com/), the world-class recording studio complex of music retailer Sweetwater Sound, has announced the opening of their 2021 Songwriting Contest, wherein qualifying songwriters will have the chance to enter and win a full recording and production package from the skilled producers and session musicians of Sweetwater Studios. The winning artist will be welcomed into the studio to record the contest-winning song with three-time Grammy-winning producer Phil Naish [Elton John, Kenny Chesney, Kenny Rogers], as well as the Sweetwater Studios in-house musicians which consists of Naish as well drummer Nick D’Virgilio [Genesis, Tears for Fears, Sheryl Crow], guitarist Don Carr [the Oak Ridge Boys, Marie Osmond, James Brown] and bassist Dave Martin [Ricky Skaggs, Eric Johnson, Steve Vai]. The studio is currently accepting entries, and all interested participants can enter their song demo by clicking [here](https://sweetwaterstudios.com/2021-songwriting-contest/).

**Big studio trappings, ‘neighborhood studio’ feel**

Although Sweetwater Studios has attracted a wide-range of famous musicians as clientele– recent projects include sessions with funk maestro Bootsy Collins, thrash-metal titans Anthrax, gospel singer Russ Taff, and former Tower of Power vocalist Marcus Scott – the studio has at the same time worked steadily with an equally robust assortment of independent and up-and-coming artists locally through its recording workshops, partnerships with area radio stations, and contests. “It’s always been important for us to be accessible as a studio and maintain the ‘neighborhood studio’ feel that’s been a part of Sweetwater from the beginning,” explained Sweetwater Studios Vice President of Campus Sales Operations and Artist Relations Thad Tegtmeyer. “We’re truly proud to be able to offer a world-class recording experience to any artist that walks through our doors, while still giving it the personalized touch that our customers nationwide have come to expect from Sweetwater.”

The personalized touch meets world-class approach was a game-changer for last year’s contest winner Greg Jones. Jones, a rootsy singer/songwriter from nearby West Lafayette, Indiana, attested to this as part of a recent [interview on NPR](https://soundcloud.com/wfyi/record-your-ep-contest-winner-small-studio-signal-boost) about his experience at the studio working with Sweetwater Studios Producer/Engineer Shawn Dealey [Counting Crows, Avril Lavigne, The Weakerthans]. “Hearing how my music could sound in that environment really opened my eyes,” he said. “I’d always questioned if I could make music good enough, and hearing it come to life at the studio really reignited the fire in me to write more.”

“That’s the kind of feedback that we live for,” said Naish “We’re really privileged to work with the big artists that come through our doors but hearing that we gave someone the chance to see their dreams come to life and hear their music at a level of quality that they never thought possible is incredibly rewarding. We really want people to know that these things are possible, and that they can happen here at Sweetwater Studios for anyone.”

For complete rules and entry form, please visit: [here](https://sweetwaterstudios.com/2021-songwriting-contest/)

For more information about Sweetwater Studios, please visit: <http://www.sweetwaterstudios.com/>

 **About Sweetwater Studios**
Sweetwater Studios is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sweetwater Sound, Inc., the largest online music instrument retailer in the country. With three world-class studios designed by Russ Berger and access to a greater diversity of musical equipment and professional audio gear than any other recording studio in the world, Sweetwater Studios is able to accommodate just about any recording, mixing or mastering project, no matter how simple or complex. Sweetwater Studios also has an exceptional staff of producers, engineers, session musicians and studio technicians to ensure that any artist will get personalized, first-class treatment from start to finish.

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