

## **Songwriting Workshops with David Hyams**

David Hyams is known nationally for his work as a composer, producer and instrumentalist. In 1999, after many years of working as a sideman and instrumentalist, he released his own "Miles To Go" album and started the band of the same name - now well known at Australian festivals and in 2010 having received their 6th consecutive WA Music industry Association (WAMi) award nomination for "Best World Music Act".

David is also a seasoned songwriter and has collaborated as co-writer (and arranger/producer) for singer-songwriters such as Lynn Hazelton, Peter Brandy and Bernard Carney. He also wrote the title song to the Australian feature "Mad Bomber in Love" and has been nominated for the WAM Song of the year awards 3 times (with an award in the folk category in 1993).

In recent years David has worked on numerous projects involving a wide range of musical styles - country, blues, rock, reggae and hip hop - from the Central Desert community of Mantamaru to a continuing series of songwriting/recording workshops in WA's prisons. The prison workshops were the subject of a TV documentary on ABC's 'Stateline', with a compilation album of the songs ("Songs from the Inside") released in May 2010.

David is particularly known for his ability to work with diverse and remote communities and in January 2010 was the Artist in residence in the Cocos Islands, facilitating a youth project in the Home Island Malay Community.

David continues to work as a freelance songwriter and composer, and in 2009 was signed to Shock Music Publishing Australia, one of Australia's largest independent Music Publishers.

Workshops can be for groups as small as 4 and up to 25, ranging in times from 1 hour, to intense 3-4 day sessions, or weekly sessions for up to 6 weeks.

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