

# Youth Scholars Institute

## 2010 Program

**TITLE:** Songwriting & Recording Workshop

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jeff Snyder, MS, Associate Professor of Music

**DESCRIPTION:** This program will explore all aspects of being a songwriter. The participants will analyze great songs of the past, which includes exploring the music, lyrics, melodies, and hooks that made the songs great. Then the participants will write original songs, either as a group or individually. This will be followed by learning about what to do with music once it's written, including learning about publishing, copyrights, ASCAP, BMI, SESAC, royalties, and everything else songwriters and composers need to know about. Once the songs are written, the students will learn preproduction techniques to create the tracks (the beds) for the music using the latest professional music software and hardware in a professional recording studio. Once the preproduction is completed, participants will each take part in recording overdubs such as vocals, guitars, etc. This includes learning professional recording methods and techniques. A culminating CD of the songs will be made at the end of the sessions. This workshop will be taught by the professor who teaches the electronic music and digital audio classes for LVC's Music Recording Degree, is director of the Music Business Program, and serves as the area coordinator of the Nashville Songwriters Association International.