



KW Glee Announces Songwriting Contest Winners

*Nashville-Published Songwriter Lisa McEwen &
Grammy-Nominated Songwriter Michael Logen*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — KW Glee is excited to announce the winners of our Term 26 Songwriting Competition! Over 60 entries were received from songwriters locally, nationally, and internationally. The winning entry will receive \$1,000 Canadian.

“We are thrilled with the reach of this songwriting contest,” says Producer, Music Director, & Arranger **Steve Lehmann**. “There were songs submitted from around the world as far away as Australia and Korea — it’s incredible.”

The winning song is an upbeat power pop tune called “GO!” written by Lisa McEwen, a Nashville-published songwriter and recording artist and Michael Logen, a Grammy-nominated songwriter and recording artist.

Originally from Oakville, Ontario, McEwen has written extensively throughout her career for numerous projects, including major label and indie artists, theme songs for various charities, podcasts, and content for YouTube channels. Lisa's songs have earned her many credits including a “Song of the Year” nomination at the InterContinental Music Awards (ICMA). Her catalogue includes BMG Nashville Publishing and Tom-Leis Music. Lisa is a graduate of Humber College majoring in vocal performance and a finalist in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition. Learn more about Lisa McEwen at <https://linktr.ee/Lisamcewen>.

Michael Logen's songs have been featured on many TV shows including multiple placements on “Suits”, “Parenthood”, “The Fosters”, “One Tree Hill,” and the hit show, “Nashville”. His song “Couldn't Ask For A Better Friend” played prominently throughout the 2016 Rio Olympics when it was chosen by Folgers as the theme for their award-winning ad. Michael has played across the

globe opening for such artists as John Hiatt, John Legend, India.Arie, Jonny Lang and Mat Kearney. A prolific songwriter, Michael's songs have been recorded by many other recording artists. His song "Breaking Your Own Heart" co-written with Jennifer Hanson was recorded by Kelly Clarkson on her Grammy-winning, platinum-selling album "Stronger". Learn more about Michael Logen at <https://www.michaellogen.com>.

"Original music has always been a huge part of what makes KW Glee unique," says Artistic Director **Amanda Kind**. "This song is unlike any other original song our group has done before. Its high-energy music and motivational lyrics are a great fit for what we do. It has Olivia Rodrigo and Avril Lavigne vibes, so we know the students are going to love singing it."

KW Glee will premiere the winning song "GO!" at their concerts on May 21 & 22 at the Centre In The Square in Kitchener. Tickets are on sale on Monday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m. For more details, please visit: <https://centreinthesquare.com/event/kw-glee-live/>



About KW Glee

Since it launched in 2010, KW Glee has been committed to teaching, developing, and inspiring singers. The group has grown steadily over the last decade to become Canada's Top Commercial Music Choir building an internationally-recognized reputation for artistic excellence and leadership. The group now offers opportunities for singers ages 6 to 8 (Mini), 9 to 13 (Junior), 14 to 21 (Senior) and adults (Pop Therapy).

In addition to developing music, dance and performance skills, KW Glee is committed to building confidence, diligence, and diplomacy in its members. This pop choral organization is

distinctly different from other choirs, because the participants sing music right off the charts all while delivering full-throttle choreography and creative staging that brings each song to life in an innovative way.

KW Glee has had many incredible performance opportunities over the years including widely revered concerts with the KW Symphony, Waterloo Region Arts Awards, Waterloo Region's Got Talent, a flash mob for the KOOL FM Poster Boy Campaign, as the headlining act for the City of Kitchener's New Year's Eve event, and more.

Original music is important to KW Glee. The group has worked with amazing songwriters including Juno and CCMA nominees Jamie Warren and Giselle Sanderson as well as noted producer Jason Berry, singer-songwriter JP Sunga and Mark Pelli from the hit Canadian group Magic!, Stephen Sparrow from the British group Morning Parade, and many others. There are over 20 singles written for and/or recorded by the group, some of which are available on iTunes and other major online streaming services.

Learn more about KW Glee at www.kwglee.com.

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