

# Music Mentoring Retreat for the Blind

**SongSight**  
Music Mentoring Retreat

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We **impact the blind community** by fostering  
creativity, community, compassion, and confidence





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# Scott MacIntyre

## A Message from our Founder

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As a blind person, life has its challenges – I can't play sports or drive a car. But it also has its benefits – I don't see skin color or what people look like on the outside.

Despite my limitations, being blind uniquely positions me to influence those around me. I learned to leverage my disability and my musical talent to connect with people at the heart level, and when I became a finalist on American Idol, millions of people were inspired to dream, innovate, and achieve.

Today, my wife Christina and I have a passion for helping other blind musicians, just like me, find their voice and discover the power of music to transform lives. SongSight offers this opportunity to the next generation.

Our focus is fourfold:

**Creativity:** We ignite artistic potential, helping blind musicians discover their unique musical voice.

**Community:** We build a safe space for connection, where blind musicians can learn and grow together.

**Compassion:** We meet each person where they are, offering support and encouragement to push boundaries and embrace musical aspirations.

**Confidence:** We help blind musicians adopt a mentality of unique influence and self-advocacy which benefits the whole community.

Together, we can bring hope to the world, as more blind musicians use their gifts to unite and inspire.

*Scott MacIntyre*

Scott MacIntyre  
Founder



# About Our Program

The SongSight Music Mentoring Retreat is a project of Artists for Community

Transformation and is the first program of its kind which immerses blind and visually impaired musicians in the world of music.

*"I was really insecure and always doubted whether I was enough, but I learned that imagination is powerful, and you can achieve your dreams whether you can see or not. Now when someone tells me I did a good job, I believe it." - Sarah*

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## Unleashing Creativity

We nurture the artistic spark within each musician, empowering them to explore and express themselves through music.

## Building Community

We foster a safe and supportive space for blind musicians to connect, learn from each other, and grow together.

## Compassionate Growth

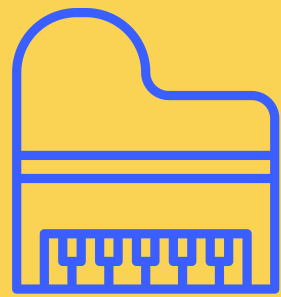
We meet every individual at their own level, offering encouragement and guidance to push boundaries and unlock their musical potential.

## Empowered Voices

We empower blind musicians to become self-advocates, fostering a mindset of unique influence and inspiration for the entire community.



# Mission, History & Vision



## Our History

**We address the specific challenges and opportunities faced by blind musicians, allowing them to overcome barriers, embrace their musical dreams, and share their many talents.**



## Our Mission

**Empower blind musicians to become musical agents of change for the world.**



## Our Goals

**Attendees and mentors make connections, develop valuable life skills and ignite a passion to make a change within their communities.**

# Breaking Down Barriers for Aspiring Blind Musicians

By addressing the specific challenges faced by blind musicians, SongSight allows them to overcome barriers, embrace their musical dreams, and develop self-belief and vision for a better future.

## Challenges faced by blind aspiring musicians

- Limited access to qualified mentors: Finding blind or sighted mentors with the expertise and understanding of visual impairment can be difficult.
- Isolation and lack of confidence: Blindness can lead to feelings of isolation, hindering the development of self-belief and a vision for a musical future.
- Unfamiliarity with accessible music resources: Navigating the world of music creation and recording can be challenging without specialized knowledge and tools.

## Solution: Fostering Hope and Confidence Through SongSight

- Expert mentorship: Connecting attendees with renowned blind and sighted musicians provides invaluable guidance and role models.
- Collaborative environment: SongSight fosters a supportive community where blind musicians can connect, share experiences, and learn from each other.
- Accessible music resources: The retreat provides training on specialized tools and techniques that empower blind musicians to create and record music independently.

## Results of the SongSight experience:

- Skill development: Attendees gain confidence and hone their musical abilities in a supportive and encouraging environment.
- Shift in perspective: SongSight empowers individuals to move from self-doubt to self-advocacy, viewing themselves as "musicians on a mission of hope."
- Inspiration: SongSight participants are equipped to inspire others through music, just like Scott MacIntyre, creating a ripple effect of hope and possibility within the blind community.

# Impact & Success Stories

*“This retreat was like a rebirth for me. I hadn’t sung since losing my sight, and **this experience gave me new hope** that I could sing again. It was very emotionally healing and made me realize how much love there is in the world and take hold of it.” - Colleen*

*“Coming from a broken background and harsh upbringing, **I was brought to tears in so many ways during the retreat.** It was very impacting for me to be immersed in a group of selfless and gratitude-filled souls. This needs to happen more often.” -Tony*

*“Making new friends and spending so much time with Scott meant a lot to me. It’s really cool to know that I have people to lean on and that I can take the **skills I’ve learned and transfer them everywhere** I go in life.” - Mariana*



# Programs & Initiatives



## **Music Mentoring Retreat:** 3-day retreat, approx. 15 attendees

Blind musicians from across the US congregate in Scottsdale, Arizona for an intensive 3-day retreat with celebrity and industry mentors. Activities focus on personal and musical development, setting and achieving goals, self-advocacy, and community building.

## **Empowerment Opportunities:** Post-retreat opportunities for select attendees

We give select attendees the opportunity to have their original songs professionally recorded and released to the world, to perform in public venues, and to receive free music lessons and equipment they couldn't otherwise afford.

## **Collaborative Satellite Workshop:** Off-site 2-day workshop in partnership with blind-services organization

We bring the best elements of the SongSight retreat, in abbreviated form, to partner blind centers around the country to enhance programming for the blind in local communities and expose more individuals who are blind to the life-changing power of music.

## **Community Outreach:**

We intentionally interact with a wide array of individuals who are blind and musically inclined across the country at various schools and blind centers through in-person events and Zoom workshops in order to raise awareness about SongSight and encourage the blind community at large in overcoming adversity and becoming productive members of society.



# Every Note Counts

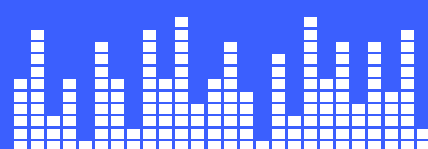


## Help Ignite Musical Dreams for Blind Musicians: Every Note Counts!

We're reaching out today because every contribution, big or small, makes a significant difference. Would you consider a single gift of \$5000 to help us continue nurturing the artistic dreams of blind musicians? Your generosity, combined with the incredible support of the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust's generous \$25,000 donation this year, allows us to:

- **Connect blind musicians** with expert mentors, fostering a supportive community where they can learn and grow alongside inspiring role models.
- Provide **access to specialized tools and resources**, empowering them to explore and create music independently.
- Help them **overcome self-doubt and build confidence**, transforming their perspective from one of limitation to one of possibility.

Every note counts in the song of hope we're singing together. Your contribution, no matter the size, will directly impact the life of a blind musician.



Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust is supporting SongSight Music Mentoring Retreat with a generous **\$25,000 donation.**

**75%** Personal donations make up nearly 75% of our operating revenue

# Donate Today

How we put your donations to good use

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We are grateful to all of our donors who invest in the lives of our community.

All donations are tax deductible and will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes.

Corporate Sponsorships or custom amounts are welcome!

**Scan Our QR Code to Make a Donation Today!**



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**\$50**

Gift bag for one attendee

**\$75**

Musical instrument for the retreat

**\$100**

Mentoring lunch with alumni

**\$200**

One instrument focus mentor

**\$300**

All snacks for the retreat

**\$500**

Outreach workshop at a blind center

**\$750**

Musical Instrument Museum for all attendees

**\$1000**

All retreat T-shirts

**\$1500**

Photography and videography to share the journey

**\$2500**

Mentoring retreat for 1 attendee

**\$5000**

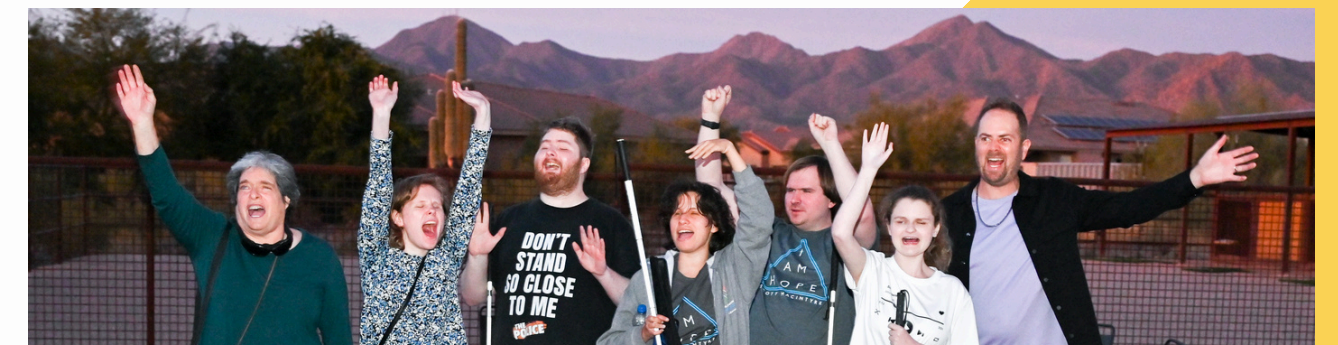
Audio production for group song

**\$6000**

Mini satellite retreat at a blind center

**\$7000**

Celebrity mentor for the retreat



# Sponsorship Opportunities

How we put your support to good use

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## Silver Sponsor

# \$5000

Build your brand awareness at events and more

- Logo on SongSight website for a year
- 4 Posts on SongSight social media sites, as well as multiple posts on Scott MacIntyre's socials, honoring your sponsorship
- Sponsor logo on print materials

## Gold Sponsor

# \$10,000

- Logo on SongSight website for a year
- 8 Posts on SongSight social media sites, as well as multiple posts on Scott MacIntyre's socials, honoring your sponsorship
- Placement in email marketing for 4 mo
- Sponsor logo on print materials
- Personal thank-you video from American Idol's Scott MacIntyre to your organization which you can share with colleagues / employees

## Platinum Sponsor

# \$15,000

- Everything included in Gold Sponsor
- Includes video interview and public relations release
- Exclusive branding with the next SongSight group song music video
- Exclusive lunch with American Idol finalist and SongSight founder, Scott MacIntyre, to introduce several members of your staff and get to know Scott

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## Change a life through music.

Your gift will help us serve, inspire, and empower blind and visually impaired musicians to develop musical and life skills, achieve their goals, and become agents of change in their communities.

Your support empowers blind musicians and fosters hope!  
Connect with us today at [info@songsightretreat.com](mailto:info@songsightretreat.com)



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