

Press Release



Matt McChlery reaches 'Finalist' Position in the 2014 UK Songwriting Contest

It was with much anticipation and excitement when the results of the 2014 UK Songwriting Contest were announced on Christmas Eve. Matt McChlery's song "Fingerprints" achieved a 'Finalist' position in this year's competition in the Faith/Christian category with a score of 9/10. This betters previous

entry's in the 2010 contest where he achieved a 'Commended' award in the Faith/Christian category for his song "Ten Thousand, Thousand" and 'Semi-Finalist' for "All Around" in the Indie/Rock category.

The song "Fingerprints" is a reflection of the verse Jeremiah 29:11 that says: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" It was written at a very hopeful time in Matt's life shortly after his marriage to his wife, Verity. It has since been recorded and appears on Matt's latest EP 'All Things New'.

Matt McChlery lives in the UK and is a Wisbech-based singer songwriter. He teaches at a local primary school as well as working part-time for his local church - The King's Church, Wisbech. The songs he writes are primarily of a religious nature and are intended for use by a church congregation although listening to the recordings on CD is good fun! He is also an author and a blogger (reaching 'Finalist' position in the 2013 New Christian Media Awards) and writes for a blog in America (the churchcollective.com) as well as his own and is a music reviewer for UK Christian radio station Cross Rhythms.

The UK Songwriting Contest began in 2002 and was formed with support from the BRIT Trust to promote the craft of songwriting and to encourage and discover new songwriters and it is well known in the music industry as a launching pad for new talent. This year's judges were:

- Marc (Kipper) Eldridge - Grammy and Emmy Award winning producer (Sting, Stevie Wonder, Mary J Blige)
- Stuart Epps - Internationally renowned producer (Elton John, Robbie Williams, Led Zeppelin)
- Richard Niles - Award winning Hollywood Producer (Paul McCartney, Kylie Minogue, Take That)
- Lucie Diamond – singer, songwriter and Country Music Awards winner
- Mark Cawley – Number one hit songwriter (The Spice Girls, Tina Turner, Dianna Ross)
- Simon Ellis - BRIT Award winning songwriter and producer (Jameila, Brintney Spears, East 17)
- Natalie Chua – a previous winner of the UK Songwriting Contest in 2004, member of Platinum selling band 'Angelis'