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*Inara George and Eleni Mandell in Concert* • Thursday, April 21st, 8:00 PM in the Cal Poly Pomona Music Recital Hall. Tickets are \$15 general/\$10 student, available through the Publicity Office, Room 24-142, (909) 869-3554, or online at <a href="http://csupomona.tix.com/Eventaspx?EventCode=857097">http://csupomona.tix.com/Eventaspx?EventCode=857097</a>

**Songwriting Master Class** • Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:00-5:00 PM in the Cal Poly Pomona Music Recital Hall. Inara George and Eleni Mandell will give criticism and advice to student songwriters. FREE and open to the public.

SPECIAL EVENT: *Inara George and Eleni Mandell in Concert.* Please join the Music department in bringing singer/songwriters Inara George (The Bird and the Bee) and Eleni Mandell (The Living Sisters) to Cal Poly Pomona, Thursday, April 21st, 8:00 PM in the Music Recital Hall (24-191). Proceeds from the concert will create scholarship opportunities for students involved in the Music department's Songwriter Showcase ensemble.

Earlier in the afternoon, Inara George and Eleni Mandell will present a songwriting master class for members of the Songwriter Showcase ensemble. This master class is FREE and open to the public.

### **About the Artists**

**Inara George** is a Los Angeles-based singer and songwriter and, along with Greg Kurstin, a founding member of The Bird and the Bee. The Bird and the Bee's most recent studio album is *Recreational Love*. The Bird and the Bee have had songs placed in film and television shows including in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, *Bones, Tim and Eric Awesome Show*, and *Funny People*. More information at <a href="http://www.thebirdandthebee.com/news/">http://www.thebirdandthebee.com/news/</a>

**Eleni Mandell** has released ten critically acclaimed solo records and three records with her band, The Living Sisters. A native of Los Angeles, she is inspired by the landscape of her hometown and the nation; by words, melodies and even her two children who have toured the country and Europe with her multiple times. A collection of songs written by Mandell and sung by the likes of Jackson Browne, Priscilla Ahn, Inara George (Bird and Bee) and others, is due to be released in 2016 on Yep Roc Records. <a href="http://elenimandell.com">http://elenimandell.com</a>



Eleni Mandell & Inara George

### **About the Songwriter Showcase ensemble**

In 2007, Prof. Arthur Winer hosted a master class with acclaimed songwriter Mike Viola. Mike was running a bit late, so Prof. Winer had students go up on stage and perform to pass the time. Prof. Winer quickly realized that students performing original songs would make a fabulous concert, and the *Songwriter Showcase* emerged.

The *Songwriter Showcase* concerts promote the creativity of Cal Poly Pomona's student songwriters. Songwriters from throughout the University perform original songs in all styles of popular music accompanied by producers, musicians and vocalists from the Music department.

Cal Poly Pomona students must audition original songs to be included in the *13<sup>th</sup> Songwriter Showcase*. This year's auditions were held January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The *13<sup>th</sup> Songwriter Showcase* concerts will take place May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Music Recital Hall. For more information, please contact Prof. Arthur Winer at *ahwiner@cpp.edu*.