



**allcove Beach Cities, Indivisible Arts partner with BeachLife Festival to hold
“emerge & see” Songwriting Competition**
Winner of interactive contest will win a chance to perform at 2024 BeachLife festival

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REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (August 18, 2023) – A trio of community partners supporting youth mental health are offering a one-of-a-kind opportunity for a lucky young person via a unique songwriting competition entitled “emerge & see.”

allcove Beach Cities and Hermosa Beach-based Indivisible Arts, in conjunction with the BeachLife Festival, will host the inaugural emerge & see contest Saturday, August 26 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the allcove center in Redondo Beach.

“This emerge & see contest is a great example of how creative outlets can give young people a chance to express themselves, and support their overall well-being,” said Ali Steward, Chief Partnership Development Officer for Beach Cities Health District and one of the leaders of allcove Beach Cities. “While one lucky winner is going to get an incredible opportunity to perform at BeachLife next year, everyone who comes to emerge & see is going to have a great time and will see that allcove Beach Cities is a therapeutic, welcoming venue for young people.”

“This is the first of its kind, an original songwriting competition which shows young people that writing a song is an accessible way to express yourself, with everyone welcome to be a part of the experience,” said Rafael McMaster, founder of Indivisible Arts. “The message we want to share is that writing a song is a power that we all have, even for those who do not consider themselves a musician.”

The format for emerge & see calls for an interactive experience, where the audience writes the lyrics guided by a songwriting format inspired by David Bowie. Ten youth original songwriters from the South Bay will take the winning lyrics into separate rooms, used as music studios, where they will write original music to the lyrics provided by the audience. Song performances follow and the audience will use electronic voting devices to choose a winner. The winner will perform at next year’s BeachLife Festival in May 2024. And a lucky audience member will win two tickets to BeachLife Ranch, coming up September 22-24, featuring Jack Johnson, The Doobie Brothers, and Brad Paisley.

WHAT:	emerge & see Songwriting Contest
WHEN:	Saturday, August 26, 2023, 5 – 8 p.m.
WHERE:	allcove Beach Cities, 514 N. Prospect Avenue, 4th floor, Redondo Beach
WHO:	Young people ages 12-25
COST:	Free
TO REGISTER:	Visit https://allcove.org/event/emerge-see/

Located at 514 N. Prospect Ave. in Redondo Beach, allcove Beach Cities offers mental and physical health resources, education and employment counseling, peer and family support, and substance use prevention programs. allcove Beach Cities will be a safe place for youth that reduces stigma, embraces mental wellness and increases community connection.

To learn more about allcove Beach Cities, visit allcove.org/centers/beach-cities/.

About allcove

Pursuing a vision where every youth belongs, chooses the support they need and thrives, allcove is developing an innovative network of integrated youth mental health centers designed with, by and for youth that reduce stigma, embrace mental wellness, increase community connection and provide access to culturally responsive services. allcove centers are anchored in a model of care that considers the holistic needs of young people. We welcome young people between the ages of 12 and 25, providing a place to take a moment of pause and access a range of services that include mental health, physical health, substance use, peer support, family support, and supported education and employment. allcove centers are designed to create meaningful, positive experiences for every young person who comes through our doors. For more information, please visit allcove.org.