

DARDEN SMITH

WRITE SONGS.
TELL STORIES.
MOVE PEOPLE.

Darden Smith is in more than the music business, he's in the transformation business — using the power of songwriting to transform lives. Internationally acclaimed songwriter. Over 30 years in the music business. In-demand speaker and educator. Established two non-profits. Darden Smith uses his creativity and gift for songwriting to move people — whether in the concert hall or the corporate boardroom — from where they are to where they aspire to be.



MUSIC

Over the past three decades Darden has released fifteen albums and toured extensively in America and Europe. His 2017 release, *Everything*, Smith brought together musicians such as Roscoe Beck (bass), JJ Johnson (drums) and Charlie Sexton (guitars). Fellow songwriter Mary Gauthier says of the album, “These songs are medicine for a world gone wrong.” In the words of Daily News critic Jeffrey Sisk, “Darden Smith is one of the most respected American musicians working today.”

SERVICE

Darden Smith is the founder and creative director of [SongwritingWith:Soldiers](#), which brings professional songwriters together with wounded soldiers in retreat settings to collaborate on songs about combat and the return home. Since 2012 the organization has held over 30 retreats and worked with over 300 veterans and their families.

CREATIVITY

Darden is constantly looking for ways to bring the craft of songwriting off the stage, out of the studio, and into the lives of others. Working with groups and individuals, he uses [collaborative songwriting](#) as a unique tool for opening up new ways of seeing ourselves and our place the world. In songwriting workshops, Smith helps beginners and longtime musicians to rediscover creativity and self-expression. At [conferences](#) and corporate gatherings, he shows how the lessons of a working artist can guide others toward achieving a more meaningful workplace. On university campuses, Smith empowers students and faculty to pursue purpose-filled lives through trusting their creative instincts. And for nearly two decades, his [Be An Artist Program](#) has inspired passion and imagination in students of all ages.

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