**John Fortis to Participate in Pro7ect’s 2017 Songwriters Retreat**

*The renowned songwriter and producer, who has penned hits for Ellie Goulding and Razorlight, will play a key role in this highly creative event.*

**Brighton, UK. September 19th 2016**: Writer and Producer John Fortis who has worked with artists as diverse as Paolo Nutini, The Prodigy, Laura Marling and Lana Del Rey, will be sharing a platform with producers Youth and Andrew Levy at **Pro7ect 2017,** an annual songwriters retreat hosted by Hotel Pelirocco in Brighton.

A creative force to be reckoned with, John brings out the best in the everyone he works with and is renowned for discovering and developing some of the hottest emerging artists in the UK. His writing credits include Ellie Goulding’s *Explosions* (also producer) and *Guns & Horses*, as well as the single *Rock N Roll Lies* on Razorlight’s double platinum selling album *Up All Night*.

“We’re delighted to have John on board for **Pro7ect 2017**,” says singer/songwriter Lisa Fitzgibbon, who co-founded **Pro7ect** with Ivor Novello nominated producer/composer Ian Wallman. “John is what I call a 360 degree artist. As a writer, producer, engineer, musician and all rounder, he is an incredible addition to the Pro7ect 2017 team.”

John Fortis has recently been working with new acts such as Matt Wills (Virgin), Leo Stannard (Black Butter), Yellowdays (Virgin), Tom Walker (Relentless), Dakota, Ria Mae, Ashley Campbell and Grace Lightman.

Commenting on his **Pro7ect 2017** residency, he says: “I am looking forward to collaborating with some new people and making great songs in a very cool place.”

**Pro7ect** **2017**, which runs from the 12th - 17th March 2017, gives songwriters and artists the opportunity to work with A-list producers to write, record and produce great music. The stimulating setting of the Hotel Pelirocco adds an additional element of creativity to the experience. The hotel has 19 individually themed rooms, each reflecting a different aspect of Rock’n’Roll culture, and since its inception it has attracted many celebrity and music industry guests including the Happy Mondays, Primal Scream, Scissor Sisters, New Order, Chrissie Hynde and the Chemical Brothers.

The **Pro7ect** experience is highly collaborative and often results in a large volume of material being written and recorded in a very short pace for time. In 2016, for example, 14 participating songwriters and artists wrote and recorded 15 songs in four days.

“What makes it even more impressive is the quality of the material produced,” Lisa Fitzgibbon adds. “**Pro7ect** is not just another songwriting retreat – with production and A List producer involvement we aim to sell the tracks that are written at the event to help propel **P7** artists into the sync and publishing arena. Two songs from our 2015 retreat have been releases by UK artist Elle Exxe and we have several sync options on songs from this year’s event.”

For the duration of **Pro7ect**, four pop-up recording studios are installed in the hotel suites. Each studio is equipped with the latest recording technology and participants work in producer-led teams to write a track a day for four days. The teams are changed each day and the songs are either written for one of the artists in the room or to spec using tip sheets. Every evening there is a feedback session where teams play the result of their day’s work to the entire group.

The cost of participating in **Pro7ect 2017** is between £789 and £969, which includes food and accommodation for five nights. Places are limited. Invitation by application at: [www.hotelpelirocco.co.uk/hp/pro7ect/](http://www.hotelpelirocco.co.uk/hp/pro7ect/)

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Pro7ect is a global network of musical professionals that facilitate creative opportunities for songwriters, producers and musicians to collaborate at residential writing retreats. We inspire musical collaboration.

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