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Kate Northrop: Lyricist, Songwriter

Kate Northrop is an American songwriter based in Europe who works primarily as a lyricist with many talented artists, composers and producers. Her credits include songs with major publishers (Universal Germany, EMI South Africa, Warner Finland, Melodie der Welt), lyrics for a song in the soundtrack of an award-winning German short film, and many more.

She has written lyrics for hundreds of songs, and her credits include a co-write with German Echo Award-winning producer Hardy Krech for the band "Beyond the Black", on the album *Songs of Love and Death*, (Universal/Airforce1 Records, 2015), and regular co-writing with German producer Goar Biesenkamp (known for producing Lou Bega's worldwide number one hit Mambo no. 5) and his team at Unicade Music, including lyrics for the song *A Place to Grow* by the band "Outdoors", which was performed as a charity awareness project in aid of refugees at Musikmesse Frankfurt in April of 2017. She has also contributed to the world of film music, writing lyrics for songs in several productions (Arte/ZDF/ARD) with German film music composer George Kochbeck. In Switzerland, she is best known for her work writing lyrics in English for platinum-selling cabaret/chanson artist Dodo Hug.

Kate was born in Connecticut (USA) and studied music and English literature at Bennington College in Vermont and at the University College of Wales (UK) until she decided to try out life as a travelling musician, on tour with an English singer/songwriter. She toured for several years in Europe and the USA, which enriched both her life and her songwriting skills. Her first CD, "Roots and Wings" (Brambus Records) recorded together with Swiss multi-instrumentalist Sandro Friedrich, was released in 1992, followed by a tour of clubs, pubs and festivals in Switzerland, Germany and Austria. She has lived in Switzerland since 1994.

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