

Applied Creative Music

COURSE OUTLINE

Applied Creative Music is a 12 week course aimed at developing the learner's understanding of the various elements of the popular music genre. It gives them an insight into songwriting including rhythm, melody, harmony, arrangement and structure, and looks at the most common instruments used from drums and guitar to piano and keyboards. Vocal training is also covered in how to develop the voice for popular musical styles.

Course Breakdown:

1. Elements of the rhythm section, structure of a commercial song with an introduction to singing.
2. Keyboard geography and basic keyboard fingering techniques
3. Song structure and arrangement, the C Major scale and triads
4. Five finger exercise and song structure continued and learning how to play in a group
5. Keyboard posture, vocal exercises and vocal care, diction
6. Bass rhythms, lines and grooves
7. Vocal care and constructing lyrics
8. Percussion
9. Writing melodies, exploring hip hop beat making
10. Exploring house music beat making and arrangement tips
11. Keyboards and guitars
12. Song writing tips and tricks

Learning Outcomes

Learners will be able to:

Lessons 1 – 4

Break down a commercial song into its various components
Identify the layout of the keyboard and will have basic keyboard skills.
Identify the various instruments within a commercial track
Play basic triads and have a grasp on the C Major scale

Lessons 5 – 8

Learners will gain or improve there vocal skills, and learn how to take care of there voice with proper vocal exercises.
Learners will improve there diction and be able to pronounce lyrics clearly.
Learners will improve there lyric writing skills.
Learners will understand how to write bass rhythms and parts.
Learners will be able to identify various pieces of percussion and how they can be applied to improve a song.

Lessons 9 – 12

Learners will understand the basic construction behind 'catchy melodies and how to construct there own melodies.
Learners will be able to identify and construct hip hop and house beats and break them down into the various elements.
Learners will be able to arrange there tracks in a commercial style, learning about verse, chorus and when to bring in other instruments.
Learners will understand the basics of the guitars and be able to identify the various notes and certain chords.