

Music for Movies - A look into creating music for film

Week 1

Course Objective

In this 3 week class, students will...

- Explore the basics of creating music for short films
- Learn to create ambiance, emphasize key film moments, and build and release musical tension
- Learn to write, record, edit, and mix music using a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation)
- Study work and professional lives of film/tv composers.

Materials/Equipment

Equipment

- iPad
- Multi-port Adapter
- Midi Keyboard

Apps

- Soundtrap
- Garageband
- Voice Memo
- iMovie

Week 1 Lessons

Day 1

History of Sound In Film

A look into the history of sound and music in films

Make Something - ABA Part 1

- Students will use ABA song structure to make a song with pre recorded samples
- Students will create their projects around a short video clip

Project Brainstorm

- Students will begin brainstorming ideas for their 3 week projects
- Students will be asked to create:
 - 2 individual pieces

Resources

- The Making Of "Wakanda" With Ludwig Göransson | Presented By Marvel Studio's Black Panther: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcO5klPyfX4
- Jonathan Wolff on E! News: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVldNNHQWVw
- Musical Form: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5wTqFteQVY

Day 2

History of Recorded Music

- A look into how music is used to communicate
- Students will explore the history of recorded music from the first recordings on wax disc through the digital age

Make Something - ABA Part 2

- Students will continue to work with ABA song structure
- Students will add to their projects with new samples
- Students will create their projects around a short video clip

Project Brainstorm

- Students will begin brainstorming ideas for their 3 week projects
- Students will be asked to create:
 - o 2 individual pieces

Resources

- From Phonographs to Spotify: A Brief History of the Music Industry: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bVketPj5to
- How 'The Mandalorian' Score Found The New 'Star Wars' Sound https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQlcZbzr9Wk
- Hans Zimmer Breaks Down His Legendary Career | Vanity Fair https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGs NT4iL2c

Day 3

Soundtrap/Garageband Basics (Part 1)

• Students will explore the layout and basic functions of Soundtrap/Garageband

Writing For Film 101

Students will explore the basics of writing music for films

Brainstorm Deadline

• Students will finalize their individual and group project ideas

Weekly Wrap Up and Discuss Week 2

• Students will create an "Action Plan" for their 3 week projects

Resources

- How to Simply and Effectively Score a Short Film: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNuCl5Cu7wQ
- Stranger Things Composers Break Down the Show's Music | Vanity Fair <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llrBQim8dzk</u>
- Hans Zimmer making of THE LION KING Soundtrack https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\$307eBeTQo0
- How to Score the Same Movie Scene as Four Different Genres | Reverb.com <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBibvL8Ddnc</u>