



Music Theory

Overview

Explore the field of music theory and melodic composition and how they are relevant in today's production age. Learn music theory and examine how to guide a listener's emotion by choosing particular combinations of melody, harmony and rhythm. Study various genres of electronic music to understand how their leads, basslines, chord progressions, arpeggiated melodies and other elements are written and combined to create the most musical tracks.

Course content and features

- Understand the differences between musical scales and how they give a composition a particular harmonic sound.
- Study and practice writing melodies using scales, intervals and melodic motion
Explore the elements of rhythm such as meter, note placement, Note length and accents.
- Write layered melodies and chord progressions using the principles of harmony.
- Learn how multiple musical elements interact using principles of Counterpoint and Syncopation.

Course objectives

- Understand Scales, Intervals and melodic motion.
- Write leads and basslines in key using musical scales
- Combine leads, basslines and other melodic lines using musical Intervals
- Write chord progressions using scale triads
- Create advanced chords using chord inversions, extended and suspended chords
- Write rhythmic arpeggiated melodies
- Gain an understanding of musical tension and its use in melodic composition.
- Combine music theories to develop a more melodic style with clear and precise harmonic structures
- Understand the elements of rhythm and their effect on melody and harmony.
- Write chord progressions and layered melodies using principles of harmony.
- Combine multiple musical parts to write a cohesive, consistent composition.

Learning methods:

Each session commences with a group demonstration and discussion, followed by solo work on one of our eight Mac workstations where you will practice set themes and techniques derived from real-world applications of the technology. Upon demonstrating your command of the necessary skills you will be further encouraged to add originality to your recreations and save various versions of your work.