

Creative Writing & Digital Expression for Songwriting (beginners class)

Course outline:

S1: intro to digital music (iPad GarageBand) through re-creating the form of a hit song and creating tracks of your own.

S2: intro to creative writing and freely expressing oneself in the written form, workshopping it, and refining it for the purpose of setting/fitting it to music.

S3: intro to digital art from sketches or photographs (iPad with pen & Sketchbook, Affinity, Canva & OpenArt.ai or similar) and simple design techniques, through looking at popular music album artwork.

S4: (music) Setting up the form (parts, key, tempo, style, etc) and laying down basic tracks (could be based on a guide song).

S5: (writing) Outlining, writing a skeleton, auditioning ideas with the music.

S6: (artwork) Sketching, refining digitally (with ai and manually) & adding title and artist credit

S7: (writing) Filling out, fitting it to the music & further workshopping

S8: (music) refining the music to fit the vocals further and refining.

S9: Presentation and feedback of music part

S10: presentation and feedback of music with lyrics (rapped, spoken or sung)

S11: Presentation and feedback of graphic art part and finagling everything to work well together.

S12: Public (parents/friends/S001 community) presentation of complete product.