Benjamin Krumwiede | Session 2:

Molding Music: A Beginner's Guide to Composition

List of Required Supplies: Computer with internet access, headphones, handout, writing utensil

Space/Facility Requirements: Computer lab with enough computers for each student

Student Time Required: 50 minutes

Additional Links:

- Link to Part I: https://youtu.be/Pv0k5NNiPcg
- Link to Part II: https://youtu.be/DyztGdYdwMQ
- Link to Song Maker: https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/
- Link to Artist's Website: https://www.krumwiedemusic.com/

*It is recommended that the student has an electronic version of the Session 2 handout so that they can simply click on the links.

Step-by-step Instructions

1. Students should have the Session 2 handout page from the beginning of the class.

2. Watch the YouTube video titled "Molding Music Session 2 - Part I." Here is the video's link: https://youtu.be/Pv0k5NNiPcg - 10 min.

3. Watch the YouTube video titled "Molding Music Session 2 - Part II." Here is the video's link: https://youtu.be/DyztGdYdwMQ - 10 min.

4. Answer the question in the handout for this session. - 5 min.

5. Write two or three pieces in Song Maker. Write at least one of the pieces so that the notes always fall on the beat. Make sure to SAVE the project!!! - 25 min.

Session 2 Handout

Link to the Session Video Part I: https://youtu.be/Pv0k5NNiPcg
Link to the Session Video Part II: https://youtu.be/DyztGdYdwMQ

Guidelines in List Form

1. Melody should have interesting contour that has character

    a. Contain mostly steps

    b. Large leaps countered with a step in the opposite direction

    c. Contains direction changes

2. Vary rhythm

    a. Mostly medium to short note values with some long note values

    b. Phrases should begin with shorter notes and end with longer note values

3. Be repetitive in a varied manner

4. Sections should be clear

Definitions

Step - Moves up or down from one block to the very next block in Song Maker.

Leap - Skips one or more blocks in Song Maker.

Rhythm - The way in which sound occurs in time.

Beat - A steady pulse in music that musicians use to measure the music. In Song Maker, a beat consists of two horizontal blocks.

Question

What is the problem with strictly following a set of rules when writing music?

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