



SONGWRITING

WHAT IS THIS CLASS ALL ABOUT?

Have you ever wondered what makes your favorite songs so catchy? Do you love lyrical writing and making beats and grooves? Are you looking for a creative outlet in your day? Do you want to learn more about how musical elements like melody, harmony, rhythm, and form work? Then this is the course for you! No previous musical experience required.

WHAT TYPE OF ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES CAN I EXPECT?

Songwriting requires you to do both musical and lyrical writing during class. We will also learn about great songwriters and songwriting teams from Rogers and Hammerstein to the Beatles to Lin Manuel Miranda. There will also be opportunities to record and use our music technology lab to generate ideas. Songwriting will occur both individually and in songwriting teams or groups. Most of the assignments are project-based.

Students will work on creating a portfolio of "workable ideas" and will develop some of these into fully-recorded songs.

At the end of each year, we produce a "Class Album" containing the collected work from the the course for sharing.

SCHEDULE & CREDITS

Songwriting is an every-other-day course for 2.5 credits. Many students like to take it along with Recording and Production as they compliment each other well.

