



instructor corner

Thad Humphrey, Drum Instructor

Methods to Help Write Music

Have you ever wanted to write your own music but don't know where to start? It might seem overwhelming at first, but here are some methods that have been helpful to me over the course of my music journey, which might be useful to you as well.

1. Identify Your Influences:

Figure out what your influences are. Listen to your favorite bands that you would like to sound like, and pay attention to what they write about in their lyrics. What kind of chords do they prefer? Explore these elements to gain insights into your own musical preferences.

2. Experiment with Different Approaches:

Try playing in ways you've never played before. It's

easy to become stuck in a loop of writing things that sound too similar to each other. Experiment with new approaches, such as using a scale you don't normally employ or incorporating a drum groove from a completely different style of music. Challenge yourself to step outside your normal writing process.

3. Just Start Writing:

Getting started on writing is the most crucial part. Like any other musical skill you learn, it might take a lot of time and practice until you start getting results you really like. However, it's a very rewarding process that will improve with dedication and persistence.

Those are some of the things that have helped me learn to write music! Now, go out and have fun creating your own sounds!

upcoming events



DEC
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SAMA student bands
performing at
Area 51 Food Park
6:30-10pm



DEC
3&17

Winter Recitals



DEC
10

Mark Salazar's Birthday



DEC
14

Andi Tupponce's Birthday



DEC
17

Jacob Vallejo's Birthday



DEC JAN
18-1

SAMA is closed for
Winter Break.
Classes resume Jan. 2nd

student of the month

Jase O.

has been an absolute joy and pleasure to work with since he started lessons with me several years ago. In the time that he's been playing the piano, he has grown into a budding young artist, full of enthusiasm, joy, and hilarious cartoons that he draws on the whiteboard every week. Jase never comes to lessons without a smile, and it is always an honor to see his happiness radiate through his playing (and his art!). Always the perfectionist, you can always count on Jase to consistently make no mistakes when he performs. I look forward to seeing him grow as a pianist in years to come!"

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