

ROCK WORKSHOP

SYLLABUS

SUMMARY

Madison Music Foundry's Rock Workshop is solely an educational program. Therefore, it is not a goal to create bands that stay together after the program ends. Although we are thrilled when this happens, we believe that the achievement of the goals listed below is what matters most.

GOALS

- To provide participants the opportunity to be creative outside the classroom or workplace.
- To foster a team atmosphere where band members learn to work together.
- To teach acceptance of and encourage willingness to try others' ideas.
- To represent what it's truly like to be in a band.

NINE-WEEK CURRICULUM

Session 1:

1. Get to know each other
2. Learn gear etiquette
3. Write song 1 music ideas

Assignment: Practice song 1 ideas, write more song 1 ideas, write song 2 ideas.

Session 2:

1. Write song 2 ideas
2. Write all remaining parts for song 1 and finalize form.

Assignment: Write lyrics for song 1, write song 3 ideas, write song 2 ideas

Session 3:

1. Write song 3 ideas
2. Practice song 1
3. Integrate written song 1 lyrics
4. Write remaining lyrics for song 1

Assignment: write remaining lyrics for song 1, practice song 2 parts, play all the way through song 1, practice song 3 parts

Session 4: Recording Session 1

1. Learn studio etiquette
2. Record song 1 instruments
3. Record song 1 finished vocals
4. Choose a band name
5. Write song 2 ideas
6. Start writing song 2 lyrics

Assignment: write song 2 lyrics, practice all instrumental parts



Session 5:

1. Discuss Recording Session 1
2. Finalize song 2 form
3. Finalize song 3 form
4. Practice song 1 with vocals

Assignment: write lyrics for song 2 and 3, practice all song parts

Session 6:

1. Play through songs 2 and 3.
2. Integrate lyrics where written.
3. Write lyrics for songs 2 and 3.
4. Play through song 1.

Assignment: Write remaining lyrics for songs 2 and 3.

Session 7:

1. Talk about promotion.
2. Finalize lyrics for songs 2 and 3.
3. Play through songs 2 and 3 with vocals.

Assignment: Practice all songs. Memorize lyrics.

Session 8: Recording Session 2

1. Record songs 2 and 3
2. Record lyrics for all songs
3. Take pictures/ video.

Assignment: Share show details, pictures, videos, and recordings with friends. Practice all songs. Memorize lyrics.

Session 9: Dress rehearsal

1. Teach stage presence
2. Play through the set, practicing stage moves, instrument changes, banter

Assignment: Practice all songs in front of a mirror or video camera.