University of the Arts Summer Music Program
GarageBand Does it All! - Online

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Pre-Course Assignment

Since its introduction to the consumer music-making market back in 2004, GarageBand has played a significant role in changing the way technology is viewed and used in k-12 music education, providing myriad applications for both teacher and student. Although considered an entry-level DAW (Digital Audio Workstation), GarageBand's power lies in its ease of use and flexibility to accomplish a wide variety of tasks and activities in the music curriculum.

For the pre-course assignment, you will examine some representative ways a DAW such as GarageBand is being used today for teaching and learning in the k-12 curriculum, then share your thoughts in a written reflection.

Please do the following:
1. Review and consider the following links:
    a. Barbara Freedman - Greenwich HS Electronic Music Lab and Recording Studio
       https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVh2GWrkWJo

    b. Will Kuhn – Lebanon High School
       https://vimeo.com/user3075864

    c. Wayne Spoelettzer Torrington HS
       http://www.thsmusic.net/music-tech

    d. Meaghan O'Connor - Barnstable High School
       http://www.meaghanoconnor.com/music-projectsresources/

    d. Music Creativity Through Technology
       https://musiccreativity.org/index.html

2. After reviewing the materials, answer the following questions in a Word or Google doc. Your writing style can be informal, but please answer thoughtfully and thoroughly.
    a. What is your attitude about the use of technology in the k-12 music class room?
    b. In your opinion, what are three of the greatest strengths of using a DAW in the music curriculum? What are three of the biggest challenges?
    c. Do you already use GarageBand or another DAW in your curriculum? If you do, share an example of an effective activity or project you use. If you are not currently using a DAW in your teaching, please describe an example of a project you would like to do with your students.

3. Your reflection should be a minimum of 3 pages. Please share your document with me at smlmuedtech@gmail.com prior to the commencement of the class.