

## BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR **Garage Band** users

### **New Project (Basic Knowledge of Start-Up, what the different Menus do)**

#### **(Where the students started when I was with them)**

1. They can simply hit 'Choose' and remain with the Piano, this will take you to the 'Track Stack' where they can begin creating their projects
2. Easier to start fresh—What you will see is a piano (this is a Track) in what eventually will be a 'Track Stack' as I like to call it. Go to the 'Track' Menu at the top click 'Delete Track'
3. 'New Track'—any time they would like to add another instrument/sound they RECORD themselves, with the 'Real Instrument' option they hit 'New Track'
4. Software Instrument: Music/Instruments in Garage Band) (They can create their own music with 'Musical Typing' from the 'Window' Menu)

-This 'Musical Typing' allows them to play notes on a piano with the computer keyboard

-They can choose a different instrument from the 'Track Info' Pane on the right and double click say 'Strings—Hollywood Strings' or 'Guitar' etc ('Musical Typing' can be used with ANY of these instruments)

*\*\*Many of the instruments need to be downloaded on all of the Macs this would take some time to do for all 20 computers BUT would be useful in order to give the students more options when choosing their instruments*

\*\*\*\*They can also use LOOPS that are available under the right pane of the 'Track Info' it is an 'eye-ball'

5. LOOPS: There are categories that appear when you click the 'eye-ball' turning it Blue (i.e. Fx, Dark, Drums, Guitar, Celestial, Dissonant, Piano etc.)

-All the students do here is choose their category, choose their description (they show up underneath all the categories \*\*by click on them they play to preview first), then drag the description over to the 'Track Stack' on the left

*\*\*Again many of the Loops are not included and need to be downloaded as with the instruments mentioned above (there is no charge to do this just takes some time)*

[NOTE: 'Musical Typing' Method needs a 'New Track' every time; LOOPS can simply be dragged into the 'Track Stack']

**\*\*For #4 they are to hit the Red Dot for 'Record' to begin recording. Hit 'Red Dot' (Record button) AGAIN to STOP recording**

## **HOW TO CREATE THEIR OWN PERSONAL TRACK (EDIT TRACKS, CUT THINGS, MOVE THINGS ETC...)**

Once they have some colored tracks set up in the 'Track-Stack' they will want to get rid of/move/copy/extend things they've found

### **TO DELETE:**

Simply click on the portion of music (it will brighten up in colour) and hit 'Delete on Keyboard'

OR

Select the unwanted Track, 'Track' Menu; 'Delete Track'

### **TO MAKE A LOOP LONGER**

-Click the loop in the 'Track Stack', (it will light up) on the keyboard hit COMMAND + C (Copy—\*This can be done from the 'Edit' Menu as well)

-Click directly beside the desired spot in the Track Stack, on the keyboard hit COMMAND + V (Paste)

**\*\*For students who are looking to get into greater detail in the 'Editing Process', there is a 'View/Hide Track Editor Button' at the bottom left of the 'Track stack' (It looks like a pair of scissors)**

-Click the scissors

-You can click anywhere on the sound wave to the right until you get the 'Cross' drag until you are satisfied with what you want to delete/move

-You can then drag around this selection OR you can delete it

**EXPORTING THEIR CREATION TO iTunes (They can then put their creations on Ipods, CDS etc)**

- ‘Share’ Menu—They can Burn it directly to a CD OR
  - ‘Export to iTunes’ from ‘Share’ Menu
  - They now have the option to rename their piece
  - Select ‘Compress’ to prevent the file from taking up too much space
  - ‘Compressing Using’: Mp3 Encoder
  - ‘Audio Setting’: Higher Quality
  - Click ‘Share’
  - The song will automatically open in iTunes and they can play it, add it to an ipod, burn it to a disc from iTunes (if putting more than one song on a disc, exporting it to iTunes first would be ideal instead of only burning ONE song at a time from Garage Band)
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*\*\*There are GREAT/AMAZING tutorials right from the Apple Home Page that are useful to have a look at dealing with ANY software on the Macs as well*

*(Simply type in the ‘Search Menu’ from AppleHome “Garage Band” and tutorials will come up)*

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