SONGWRITING & PERFORMANCE (Ages 12+)

ROCK DEMO
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-7pm
Facilitator: Kadahj Bennett
In Rock Demo, learn the skills needed to become the next dope online performer! Instruments welcome but not needed. Grab any object in your house and be prepared to convert it into band gear. Come together to share and play music all the way from Radiohead to Jon Bon Jovi to Childish Gambino. We will produce a cover or two and create music videos for them. With master classes sprinkled in between rehearsals, get ready to make some experimental digital covers.

THE BLOCK
Tuesday & Thursday 4-6pm
Facilitator: Corey DePina
To write excellent music, you must learn the art of packing a punch with words, sounds and emotions. Here you will learn about the specialized techniques, demands, and forms of creative writing and performance.

RHYTHMS OF GHANA (formerly called African Drumming)
Tuesdays 6-8pm
Facilitator: Ben Paulding
Without West African drumming, American music as we know it would simply not exist. Focusing on the country of Ghana, this class explores the powerful African musical traditions that shaped our world and that remain some of the greatest achievements of global percussive artistry to this day. A fun and hands-on learning environment, Rhythms of Ghana teaches West African bell patterns, syncopated rhythm, and call and response through teamwork, friendship, and collaborations with professional musicians from Ghana. Beginning and advanced sections offered.

VOCES
Wednesday & Friday 4-6pm
Facilitator: Brandon H. Allen
Are you looking for a community where you can showcase your voice and learn how to blend it with others? You’ve come to the right place! Welcome to Voces! Although classes will be online due to the pandemic, together we will explore different genres and how to recognize them, learn from and about the most famous singers/rappers like Logic and Ariana Grande, the basics of music theory (a musician’s ABC’s/bread and butter), beginner songwriting techniques (made easier with knowledge of theory), learn to sing in harmony, do awesome vocal projects and learn vocal techniques that will keep your voice healthy and strong!

**Classes will be held over Zoom. You will need two devices for most projects: one to listen with headphones and the other to record. Some smaller individual projects may be done with the Acapella app if applicable**

Z BLACK BOX
Mondays & Wednesdays 5-6pm
Facilitator: Kadahj Bennett
Z Black Box is our new teen theater program, meant to provide a digital space to create and strengthen a space for community & ensemble. Here we empower young people to speak up and acquire creative confidence through improv, monologues and original work. We will also practice personal wellness through warm-ups and meditations. Come with live experience, leave a compelling content creator!
CREATIVE MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY
(Ages 12+)

BEATMAKERS
Mon & Wed 6-7pm OR Tue & Thurs. 6-7pm
Facilitator: Ed Emerson
Want to see if you can make a hit? Hip-hop, EDM, pop, techno, experimental, movie soundtrack, etc... Produce your own original instrumental tracks or beats for vocalists to sing or rap over. This Fall you’ll learn about music production via Soundtrap! As long as you have access to a computer and an internet connection, you’re good to go!

LIVE ON THE AIR
Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-6pm
Facilitators: Rene Dongo and Brittany Thomas
What do you want to tell the world? Learn how to broadcast your voice on multiple platforms from Instagram and visual mediums, to radio and podcasts. Host interviews, tell stories and produce live content for Boston and all of the world to hear on 94.9FM ZUMIX Radio. Graduates of this program will be eligible to host our daily radio program, Firehouse. Classes will meet via Zoom.

CREATIVE FILMMAKING
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5pm
Facilitator: Jesse Epstein
Explore the art & craft of creative filmmaking! Documenting moments of our life helps us process or at least pay attention to what's happening around us. With a camera, we have an excuse to ask people questions, and to ask questions of ourselves. Using an iPhone, camcorder or whatever recording device is available to you, we'll record our experiences about what's happening in our physically distant world. Gain a deeper understanding of filmmaking styles, cinematography, and editing while developing your voice as a storyteller. No film experience needed. Classes will meet via Zoom.

SPROUTS
(Ages 7-11)
Cost for Semester: $75

SPROUTS MUSICAL THEATRE: RADIO DRAMA
Wednesdays 4-5pm (This class is open to returning students only)
Facilitators: Laura Macias Grondin & Mr Ed
Be part of a fun radio drama, to be broadcast on ZUMIX radio! Sing, act and even draw! We’ll be bringing the play to life via our voices and our drawings. Join the ZUMIX Sprouts Musical Theatre troupe and be part of an exciting drama.

SPROUTS MUSICAL THEATRE: VIDEO COMEDY
Tuesdays 4-5pm
Facilitators: Laura Macias Grondin & Mr Ed
Join the Sprouts Musical Theatre Troupe for a hilarious fall, creating lots of fun characters! Play theatre games and perform silly skits with lots of laughs on Zoom. It's the perfect time to let the sillies out ;) We'll be singing some fun songs too! Have some costumes ready to wear.

SPROUTS UKULELE
Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Facilitator: Chris Lee Rodriguez
Have you ever wanted to play an instrument? How about playing music in an online group with your friends? Explore the world of music in Sprouts Orchestra in Zoom classes. Have fun playing and performing songs with your friends on ukulele. You’ll get to learn the basics of the ukulele and learn how to read and play music on an instrument! You will perform your songs at the end of the semester in a virtual concert.

ADVANCED UKULELE (AGES 9-13)
Mondays 4-5:30 PM
Facilitator: Chris Lee Rodriguez
Are you ready to take your ukulele skills to the next level? Join the Advanced Ukulele Orchestra in Zoom classes to increase your playing ability! Learn new chords and more advanced melodies, rhythms, and music to perform at the end of the program in an online concert. 1 year of experience on a string instrument is required.

If you have any questions about signing up for programs, please contact Jenny M Shulman, Director of Operations: jshulman@zumix.org