Miami Dade College

Course Description
MUC2617| Songwriting 2 | 3.00 credits
This course continues the study of the art and craft of popular songwriting. Students will learn techniques of lyric writing, chord progressions, melodic creation, and structure as they apply to popular song. Prerequisite: MUC2601.

Course Competencies:
Competency 1: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate an understanding of harmonic structure commonly used in popular songs by:
- Composing short musical pieces based on common chord progressions.
- Manipulating chord progressions for originality and variety

Learning Outcomes:
- Aesthetic / Creative Activities
- Communication
- Computer / Technology Usage
- Critical thinking

Competency 2: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate an understanding of formal structure in popular songs by:
- Composing musical pieces consistent with accepted popular song forms.
- Manipulating formal structure for originality and variety

Learning Outcomes:
- Aesthetic / Creative Activities
- Communication
- Computer / Technology Usage
- Critical thinking

Competency 3: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate increased proficiency in the creation of melodic content by:
- Utilizing various creativity techniques to inspire melodic themes.
- Analyzing melodic ideas for memorability, phrase structure, stability, consistency with harmony, and aesthetic value.

Learning Outcomes:
- Aesthetic / Creative Activities
- Communication
- Computer / Technology Usage
- Critical thinking

Competency 4: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate increased proficiency in the creation of song lyrics by:

- Utilizing various creativity techniques to inspire lyric themes
- Writing lyrics utilizing various rhyming configurations.

- Writing lyrics conveying various themes.
- Writing lyrics that convey various emotional qualities

Learning Outcomes:
- Aesthetic / Creative Activities
- Communication
- Computer / Technology Usage
- Critical thinking

Competency 5: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate increased proficiency in the preparation of a song demo by:
- Producing a complete arrangement of a musical composition utilizing a currently available recording medium.

Learning Outcomes:
- Aesthetic / Creative Activities
- Communication
- Computer / Technology Usage
- Critical thinking