

Songwriting and Recording Course

This two semester course will encourage students ages 12-20 in the development of their original music through the study of song forms, melodies, the interaction and use of rhythm and harmony, and lyric writing. Additionally, students will be guided through the art of producing and recording their own songs in a fully equipped professional recording studio. Students will complete a minimum of two songs each in studio per semester.

Participants will develop their skills through analyzing and critiquing music that inspires them, as well as through creative collaboration with other writers. The course can be taken for a grade and counted for high school visual and performing arts credit or taken purely for enrichment.

Required Texts:

- *Successful Lyrics Writing: A Step-By-Step Course & Workbook* by Sheila Davis- This book is a guide to writing professional lyrics through an understanding of music theory, principles, and song form.
- *The War Of Art* by Steven Pressfield- A book that challenges and guides artists to develop a reasonable/practical structure and discipline to their creative process in order to work through creative barriers and artistic distractibility.

PREREQUISITE:

- Basic proficiency on an instrument/voice
- Understanding of major/minor chords

Tuition/month: \$125 September-May
min. of 5 students/max. of 10 students

Class will meet on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 in Tierrasanta at the instructor's teaching studio and occasionally at Pool Room Studio (poolroomstudio.com) beginning 9/3/15

About the instructor:

Ron DePuy is a professional musician, songwriter, worship leader, and music teacher who divides his time between his wife and three children, teaching private music lessons to a committed group of piano, guitar, banjo, bass, and voice students, performing as a soloist for private, public, and corporate events, playing in four bands covering a variety of musical styles including jazz, blues, contemporary, and folk/country, and leading worship in corporate church settings.

Prior to moving to San Diego in May 2001 to begin his career as a church worship pastor, Mr. DePuy co-owned and operated a music school with his wife in Portland, Oregon, employing 17 music teachers and instructing over 600 students. During this entrepreneurial season of life, he served the school as lead instructor, mentoring instructors, developing curriculum, and teaching on average 80 students per week.

Mr. DePuy is a published songwriter who has written, recorded, and produced two CDs of his original music along with countless other original and collaborative contemporary works; he has, also, mentored, equipped and empowered countless young songwriters, as well as co-written three children's musicals.

This extensive music background, together with his experience as a business owner and entrepreneur has instilled in Ron a passion to see children taught within an educational framework which prioritizes creativity. He is a proponent of instilling an entrepreneurial spirit in all children that they might discover their full creative and innovative potential while achieving academic and artistic excellence.

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