

Student Evaluations for Robert E. Thomas
from Music Technology Courses

What did you like best about this course?

The crash course in composition was the most interesting + helpful

GAINING UNDERSTANDING FOR ALL TYPES OF MUSIC. BROADENED WHAT "MUSIC" CAN BE. CUBASE IS AMAZING IT'S EVERYTHING I COULD EVER NEED.

Ability to creatively write your own pieces and edit them. I look forward to coming to class.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEORY AND UNDERSTANDING OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ABLE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE TEACHER.

The ability to experiment on my own is coupled with the knowledge the instructor retains.

Learned more than just sequencing (theory, etc.)

Learning the electronics and application software including synthesizers and editing capabilities.

I LIKE THE PROGRAM AND I LIKE THE CASUAL CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT'S OUT THERE IN THE MUSIC SOFTWARE INDUSTRY. LOTS OF HELPFUL TIPS.

I liked when we had time to work on our compositions & the instructor patiently answered all my stupid questions. I also liked listening to recordings you brought in.

Being able to improve with arranging musical ideas

Attempting to apply new material to new compositions.

In what ways has this course or the instructor encouraged your growth as a musician?

encouraged my compositional interest

Introducing the vastness of experimental and electronic music scenes along with teaching me useful things with MIDI

to add new style to my music writing

you used a variety of examples to give me ideas on how to progress with my musical style

HAVING TO HAVE A SONG DUE EACH WEEK REALLY PUSHED ME TO WORK HARD FEELS LIKE MY MUSIC IS AT A WHOLE NEW LEVEL. I FEEL LIKE I GAINED 'A SOUND'

THE KNOWLEDGE OF MUSIC THEORY IS VERY IMPRESSIVE AND HAS ~~AND~~ ENCOURAGED ME TO LEARN MORE THEORY.

a rather side of computer generated knowledge ^{He introduced} I was not
formerly aware of.

Stimulated Creativity that has been in hibernation

I've been using my own Recording equipment
more AND I've gotten Better At it.

before now I never thought I could make
electronic music

Wow - I never wrote any music before. That
was real growth.

I've been introduced to a concept of endless ^{possible} sound combinations
to increase musical creativity.

By trying to get more out of fewer
ideas instead of less out of more ideas.

He's made recommendations on how to enhance a concept a student
has already worked on.

What did you like/find helpful about course content/pacing/presentation of material?

The lectures were concise and the learning hands-on

learned alot about ^{the} technology in general

Content followed a logical and appropriate
timeline

Lots of time to work on pieces and ask questions at beginning
of class

Showing how new material is applied on our individual computers helps alot.

Other Comments:

It helped me learn how to apply Finale to different situations.

It has opened my eyes to other genres of music.

Learning finale was really helpful to me.