



Lesson: Two-Measure Loops using MIDI Drumbeats

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Level: Beginning

Resources: Studio One DAW

NAfME Standards:

- 3. Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
- 4. Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines.
- 7. Evaluating music and music performances.

Objectives: Students will create an 8-measure drumbeat by repeating a two-measure loop using Virtual Instruments and MIDI.

Procedure:

1. Discuss the basics of drumbeat with the students, using appropriate listening examples including single and two-measure patterns.
2. Create a new song in Studio One and select "Instruments" in the browse menu. Select a drum kit from the "Presence" folder and drag and drop to create a track. Quantize to quarter, eighth, or sixteenth notes, depending on student level.
3. Double-click the track and drag to create a two-measure region.
4. Select a bass, snare, and high-hat sound on the keyboard and create a basic two-measure drumbeat.
5. Copy the measure three times to create an eight-measure repeated pattern.
6. Share the final project with the class, having each student evaluate and positively critique each drumbeat.
7. Save the beat as a Musicloop in the student folder for later use.

