



Lesson: Create a Basic Drumbeat

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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 a simple drumbeat loop using Virtual Instruments and MIDI

Procedure:

1. Discuss the basics of drumbeat with the students, using appropriate listening examples.
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.
3. Quantize to quarter, eighth, or sixteenth notes, depending on student level.
4. Double-click the track and drag to create a region.
5. Select a bass, snare, and high-hat sound on the keyboard and create a basic drumbeat.
6. Create a loop to repeat the beat or copy and paste for the desired length.
7. Share the final project with the class, having each student evaluate and positively critique each drumbeat.
8. Save the beat as a Musicloop in the student folder for later use.

