

MARTHA MOOKE & COMPOSERS AND SCHOOLS IN CONCERT

Composer Workshop
Classical/Electronics/Experimental



Cue Sheet for Teachers

Recommended for grades 9 - 12 string programs

Prerequisite: Martha Mooke “The Power of Strings” and “The Creative Spirit Unleashed” workshops

Workshop Description

In this three-period, in-depth composition workshop called, “**Plugging in the Creative Spirit**”, high school students will be guided to further advance their compositional skills by working with both acoustic and electric string instruments to create improvisation-driven original works. More involved technological tools and advanced compositional methods will also be explored.

Instructional Goals

- Compose music under specified guidelines
- In-depth integration of technology into the creative process
- Develop critical and analytical skills in relating to music
- Cultivate teamwork through ensemble playing and peer support on solo performances

Course Outline

Period 1: Review: electric instruments, techniques and technology. Students expand their comfort zone with electronics and experiment with more complex improvisation materials.

Period 2: Review: methods in conceptualizing improvisational and compositional ideas. Quartets or quintet (if bass is available) are formed to begin conceptualizing their compositions, using ideas developed based on experiments in improvisation. Players may begin work on acoustic instruments, and branch off to incorporate electronic instrument capabilities into their original compositions.

Period 3: Part 1: Rehearsal of student compositions. Part 2: Performance of student compositions for constructive observations.

Teaching Artist, Martha Mooke

Martha Mooke, composer/electro-acoustic violist, a pioneer of electric five-string viola, transcends musical boundaries by synthesizing classical music training with extended techniques, electronics and improvisation. A Yamaha Artist and leading clinician on electric and contemporary approaches to string playing, she has received awards from ASCAP, Meet the Composer and Arts International.

Mooke is founder/violist of the electro-acoustic Scorchio Quartet. Recording with David Bowie, Philip Glass, Trey Anastasio she has toured internationally with Barbra Streisand, Peter Gabriel, Andrea Bocelli, Star Wars in Concert, and performed with Bon Jovi, Enya, Lou Reed, Iggy Pop, Patti Smith, Tony Bennett, Luciano Pavarotti, Broadway shows and top orchestras.

POST-WORKSHOP IDEAS

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- Explore YouTube to learn about music ensembles that utilize electric non-fretted string instruments.
- Students form bands to collaborate on composition projects.
- Students design an annual concert, program selections of original works surrounding a theme, and perform for the public.