

Fast-Track Diploma Course Brochure

Welcome to the real world of Music Production and Sound Recording



Your Music - Your Production -
Your Future

Do you want to join a real hands-on, state-of-the-art course for Music Production, DJ Producers, Sound Engineering or Sound for Creative Media?

At IMW you can train in Solid State Logic (SSL), ProTools, LogicPro, Ableton and Native Instruments software for audio engineering/mixing, music or DJ production or sound design for film or video games.

You will get into studio production, record and mix your music to a professional standard to become a DJ Producer, a Sound Engineer or work in sound to picture or video games.

You can also gain entry to a nationally recognised UK qualification at Honours Degree level.

We will train you up to work on your own productions, in hi-end professional recording studios, or enable you to set up your own music production studio IMW can get you *Further Faster*

We have 40 years experience teaching beginners and experienced music makers the production, audio engineering and sound design skills to get qualified and get the job.

IMW is proud to announce a very exciting tie-in with [Peter Gabriel's Solid State Logic company](#). As part of our £2.5 million pound project to expand our training facilities we have built two new studios in our central London Campus to house our SSL technology to include:

- The 48 channel SSL Duality and AWS 948 consoles controlling and recording to Pro Tools
- Your own SSL NUCLEUS workstation console - controlling Logic and Ableton

So, you will have an SSL Nucleus console on your own individual workstation controlling LogicPro and work your way up to the flagship Duality SE 48 channel console running ProTools and Native Instrument software.

We are absolutely convinced that the SSL formula of combining digital audio workstation (DAW) control with high-end analogue recording and mixing is the way to go for your education and training in 21st century music production.

With this course and this technology you can train right up to industry readiness as a musician with more control in the studio, a sound engineer, a dj producer, or a sound designer for film or games.

If you are on benefits (see page 5) fees are just £100 for a place on our 20 week Fast-Track Diploma course. If you are working you can now get a place for £495 (includes a 50% discount). And you can study at times that suit your lifestyle.

Don't delay if you want to secure your place on the next course -they fill up very quickly!



IMW Campus
 Music Production & Sound Recording
The Platform to Launch Your Career

Our courses have been so much in demand that we are now able to offer you direct access to a great course in Music Production at unbelievable value!

IMW gives you hands-on training on the full range of SOLID STATE LOGIC's music production consoles. More hit music and sound for TV, film and multimedia is recorded/mixed throughout the world on SSL consoles than any other! A massive 75% of US No1 singles were recorded on the SSL consoles.

The IMW Campus has a full-on professional recording studio and live room equipped with the SSL 48 channel DUALITY SE and ProTools HD. PLUS a n SSL Matrix production studio with your own individual SSL Nucleus work-station controlling Logic Pro for you.



No other institution in the UK (anywhere in the world?) can offer you professional training at this level of technology at this price! Plus a fast track opportunity to enter for internationally recognised HE qualification at the end!

Our students are into every kind of music. Some are exploring the technology for the first time. Others are already into it but need to enhance their skills.

IMW graduate, Paul Epworth (Producer of Rihanna, Florence and the Machine and Maximo Park) produced, with Adele the 2nd biggest selling album of all time and won an Oscar, 5 Grammys and Producer of the Year awards.

Others secured work at top recording companies and studios including: BBC and Sony in the UK and Pacific OceanPost, Disney and Microsoft in the US.

Our graduates have engineered platinum hit singles and albums or gone on to create, mix or re-mix their own tracks and engineer live gigs. Many have gone on to our Higher Education programme and are really getting to grips with our fantastic SSL technology.

So everything about the course, from the people you will meet, the top quality training and facilities, to the qualification you end up with, means that this is a fantastic opportunity for you to invest in your future!

We have a limited number of places available - demand is very high. You will see from the application form that the dates for the next courses are a little way ahead, however they do fill up very quickly so you are advised to apply as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

PERSONAL GUIDED TOURS
 If you would like to visit IMW Studios
 email admin@imw.co.uk



John Dennis
 IMW Director

IMW Fast-Track Diploma in Music Production 20weeks

Course Details

If you want to work in the sound recording industries, record your own music or you would like to see if this is the career for you or you plan to go on to our Higher Education course in Music Production, then this course is for you!

The aim of this intensive Diploma course is to give you a qualification in sound recording and music production on SSL consoles running Logic Pro, Pro Tools and Native Instruments software. You will be able to take that next step in the industry or apply to our intensive higher education programme

You will also increase your confidence and competence across all contemporary sound and music production techniques that include recording and mixing using: our SSL 48 channel Duality console; Pro Tools and Logic Pro; workstation based electronic music composition using Logic Pro and Ableton software; hands-on workstation production techniques using the SSL Nucleus control surface.

The main course takes place in our SSL Matrix/Nucleus studio running Pro Tools, Logic and Ableton software. It includes sessions on the production of electronic music including beat building, sampling and synthesis. It will also provide an introduction to techniques associated with creating sound and music for film. The course also includes demonstrations and sessions in the SSL Duality SE/ProTools HD studio, covering practical recording and sound theory.

We have taken great care to ensure that you will get the individual hands-on practice to enable you to fulfil the requirements of the course. The course is designed around the realities of pre-production, recording/mix sessions and post production and introduces the skills you need to meet the demands of working in a professional audio environment.

The course covers:

1. Computer sequencing: track and beat building, comparative platforms and programs focusing on Logic, Protools and Native Instruments; arrangement and editing of sequences; production techniques and sound processing; synthesis and sound design techniques; file management and mastering.
2. Sampling and Digital Audio: overview of software samplers and editing techniques; using and editing audio loops and library SFX; audio layering and synthesis for sound design; intergration of sampling for production and post production.
3. Sound Studio practice: recording live musicians, using SSL consoles; monitoring, equalisation, dynamics and effects: console configuration, track management, overdubs, mixing; mic technique and sound theory.
4. Projects based around live recordings and electronic music production with an option to create a sound and music to picture project to help give your portfolio that extra edge.

You will receive the qualification because you will have produced a portfolio of competent written course work, successful practical assignments and a show reel of 2 projects. You will have satisfied IMW and our partner college that you have reached the level of high competence required to pass all the modules in this course

With this qualification you will be equipped to enter the exciting world of professional sound production, sound design and music production with confidence and ability and qualify, for our higher education Music Production programme.

Course Length : 20 weeks
See Application Form for next Start Date and Class Times

Entrance Quals 2 GCSE's (English & Maths or equiv.)

Fees: £100.concessions*
£495 discounted fee (saving £430). All other UK residents.

*Concessions See page 4



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. A non-refundable deposit is payable to secure a place on a course.
2. The balance of the fee is payable and all relevant documentation is required 4 weeks before the start of the course. At 4 weeks before the course starts, you will secure your place with payment of the total fee subject to receipt of ALL relevant documentation. Failure to provide the documentation by the start of the course will mean loss of the total fee.
3. Cancellation of your booking must be made in writing and be received by IMW 28 days before your start date. Your deposit is non-refundable.
4. If you postpone entry to a course after paying the deposit, a charge of 15% (of total course fee) will be required. Postponements can only be accepted up to 4 weeks before the course is due to start.
If you withdraw from or leave a course for any reason after a deposit/balance/full fee has been paid, you will not receive a refund. Your place on the course is subject to enrolment with our partner college. You will be liable for any loss of fees from third parties due to IMW if you have already started a course.
5. If IMW cancels or postpones a course, or the course is interrupted for any reason, we will either extend the course or offer you a place on the next available course, at our sole discretion.
6. IMW reserves the right to refuse entry to the course or withdraw a place on the course with no refund, at its sole discretion.
7. IMW accepts no responsibility for theft/damage to property of students whilst on IMW premises.
8. Evidence of Concessionary/Islington residential status must be provided and could be required at any time during the course. If your status changes at any time during the course, your fees may change accordingly.
9. Assisted Training scheme places are available to working Islington Residents who are registered disabled. We may not be able to accommodate every one, so please let us know about your access needs when you apply.
10. **Covid Security for your Safety**
All IMW staff have had three doses of the vaccine.
All Students are encouraged to have had at least the first dose of the vaccine on first day of course. All staff and students will show a negative lateral flow test each day of the course.
All staff and students will wear appropriate face masks while on the premises.
IMW will expand or change this list at its sole discretion.

*Concessionary Fees:

To qualify for concessionary fees, you must be in receipt of State Benefits e.g. Job Seekers Allowance or Universal Credit or Income Support etc. We require up-to-date paperwork confirming your status and how much you receive weekly. This must be included with your application form.

Please discuss any DWP requirements with IMW Administrator.



If you are a working Islington Resident and registered disabled you are eligible for a place under our Assisted Training scheme. We may not be able to accommodate everyone. Please let us know about your access requirements when you apply.