



IMW Campus

Music Production & Sound Recording

Fast-Track Diploma Course Brochure

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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 towards 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 our nationally recognised UK qualification at HND/ Honours Degree level.

We will train you up to work on your own productions, assist 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 7) 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!

Our courses have been so popular that we are now able to offer you direct access to an exceptional Music Production programme at unbelievable value!

IMW gives you hands-on training across the full range of Solid State Logic's industry-leading music production consoles, the very same systems on which more hit music and sound for TV, film and multimedia are created than any other. In fact, an astonishing 75% of US No. 1 singles have been recorded on SSL consoles.



Situated in central London between Barbican, Old Street and Angel, the IMW Campus is home to a full-on professional recording studio and live room equipped with an SSL 48-channel DUALITY SE and ProTools HD, plus a cutting-edge SSL Matrix production studio with individual SSL Nucleus workstations running Logic Pro for every student.

No other institution in the UK, and few anywhere in the world, can offer professional training at this level of technology and value. On completion, there's even a fast-track opportunity to enter internationally recognised Higher Education qualification routes!

Our students come from all musical backgrounds, some exploring this technology for the first time, others already creating music but keen to enhance their skills. All are part of a vibrant creative community where collaboration and innovation thrive.

IMW's roots run deep in the cultural life of this city. Founded in 1982 by local musicians and activists involved in Rock Against Racism, our organisation has always believed in music as a powerful force for positive change and social unity. That heritage, of challenging injustice, celebrating diversity, and empowering voices through creativity, still fuels everything we do today.

Our graduates include Paul Epworth, producer of Rihanna, Florence + the Machine and Maximo Park. Who, working with Adele, produced the second best-selling album of all time and went on to win an Oscar, five Grammys and Producer of the Year awards.

Others have gone on to work with top studios and companies including the BBC, Sony, Pacific Ocean Post, Disney and Microsoft, engineered platinum hits, mixed their own tracks and engineered major live gigs.

Many have progressed onto advanced HE programmes and continue to push the boundaries of their craft.

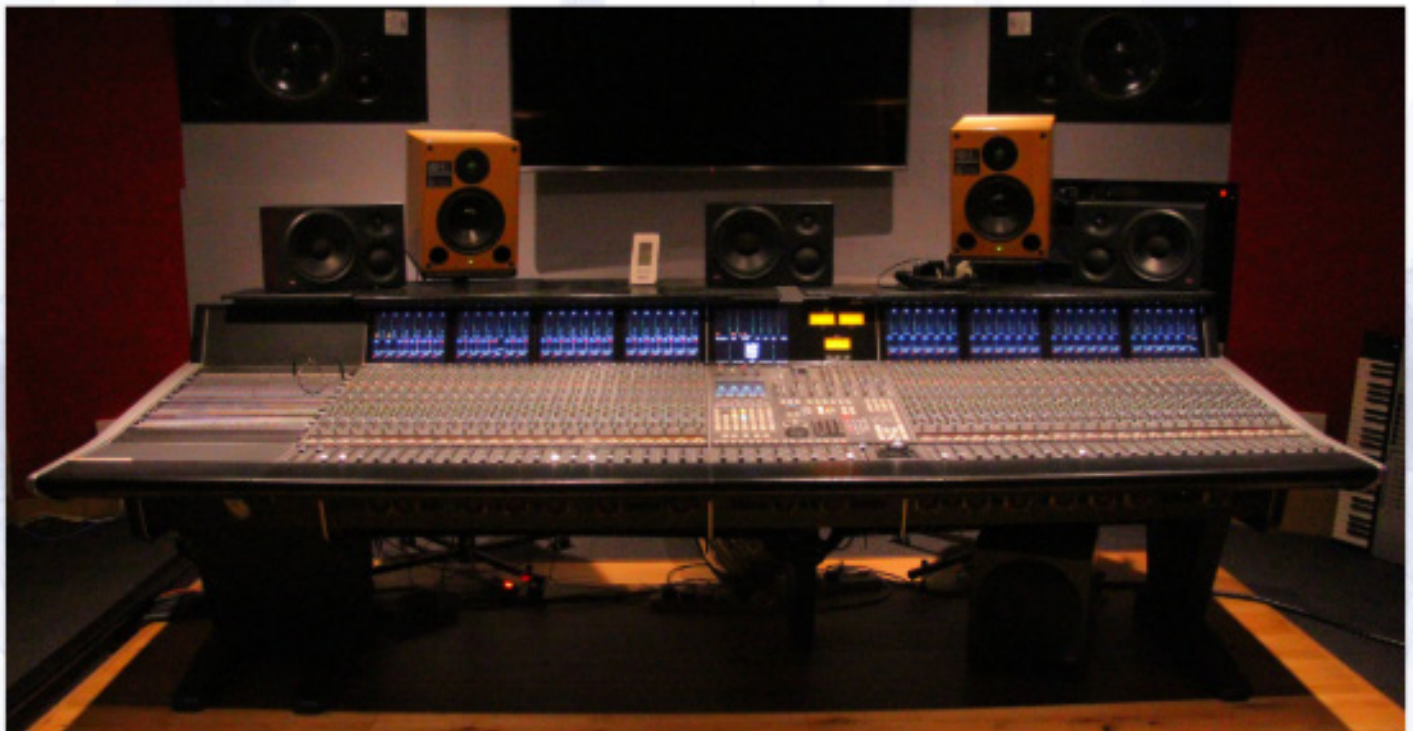
From the people you will meet, to the world-class training and facilities, to the qualification you can achieve, IMW is a fantastic place to invest in your future.

Places are limited and demand is high, so we advise you to apply as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.



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.

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. Practical Project Focus:

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 in 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 7

Personal Guided Tours

If you would like to visit IMW Studios
email: admin@imw.co.uk

TERMS AND CONDITIONS of BOOKING YOUR PLACE WITH IMW

1. A non-refundable deposit is payable to secure a place on a course.

The balance of the fee is payable and all relevant documentation is required 4 weeks before the start of the course. You will secure your place with payment of the total fee subject receipt of ALL relevant documentation. Failure to provide the documentation by the start of the course will mean loss of the total fee.

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.

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. **07**

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.

IMW reserves the right to refuse entry to the course or withdraw a place on the course with no refund, at its sole

7. discretion. IMW accepts no responsibility for theft/damage to property of students whilst on IMW premises.

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.

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.

NOTE

The Fast-track Diploma course leads to a Level 2 qualification offered in partnership with City of Westminster College that is part of the United Colleges Group who you will be enrolled with. As a registered student of the college you will be able to access the facilities of the college and can rely on all their policies and procedures for supporting your study. See cwc.ac.uk/student-support and ucg.ac.uk/policies

*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.