

MUSIC COMPOSER




- ♪ The Persuader
- ♪ The Creator


Music composers write and arrange original music in a variety of musical styles for various mediums such as television shows, feature films, video games, advertisements, movie trailers...etc.

SKILLS NEEDED

- ♪ DAW Software: Cubase, Pro Tools
- ♪ Instruments: Piano/Synthesizer, guitar, other instruments
- ♪ Musical theory and composition
- ♪ Initiative
- ♪ Passion for music
- ♪ Being able to tell a story with music
- ♪ Empathy

EDUCATION / TRAINING

		
Bachelor's degree: Recommended	Master's: Supplement in music theory & composition	Suggested majors: Music theory, composition

 *I would tell students to focus on their people skills. Focus more on real friendships than on networking and making contacts in the industry.*

- Oscar Flores, Composer 

THINGS TO DO IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

- A** Get involved in the arts community and score a project:
- B** Write music for your high school theater and band.
- C** Work with aspiring filmmakers in college.
- D** Create a band, write and perform your own music.
- E** Intern: You can intern with a local film/TV/video game composer, engineer, recording studio/label or even a movie studio.

WHERE DO THEY WORK?

Established composer:

Assist with his work, learn more about the craft and establish connections.

Freelance:

Music composers create music for all different kinds of things such as:

- ▶ Feature films
- ▶ Television shows
- ▶ Movie trailers
- ▶ Video games
- ▶ Commercials
- ▶ Corporate videos
- ▶ Digital videos
- ▶ Documentaries

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