

**8 Week
Online Course**



How Music Works

When: Monday Nights 7-8pm PST (March 8th – April 26th)

Where: Zoom Meeting – Link will be sent to students prior to first class

Who is the class for? This class will establish musical ideas for complete beginners, and reestablish musical ideas with a new perspective for intermediate students of music who wish to have a more comprehensive understanding of how music works. This class is “low context” so the teacher does not assume the student has any background technical knowledge of how music works. This class is a great supplement for students of musical instruments, musicians who aspire to write and compose music, and music teachers who wish to learn about incorporating technology into their lessons.

Who is the teacher? Jon Pontrello of Primary Colors Music Instruction. Jon has taught hundreds of students of all ages in private/group lessons since beginning teaching a variety of instruments in 2008.

Learn more at his website: www.pcmusicinstruction.com

What: Using Google’s Chrome Music Lab “Song Maker” app as a way to visually explain and interact with musical ideas, Jon has created an 8 week course that has been designed to help students develop an understanding of how music works. Even though we are using a computer-based tool, Jon will show how this applies to the piano keyboard, string instruments, and even how to shake a salt shaker in a musical way.

Class 1 – Introduction to Chrome Music Lab – *Solfège: The Alphabet of Melody*

Class 2 – Intervals: *The Building Blocks of Chords – Triads*

Class 3 – Harmony - *Inversions*

Class 4 – Arpeggio – *Bring Chords to life with a rhythmic pulse*

Class 5 – Rhythm – *Walking and Talking Rhythm*

Class 6 – Melody – *Creating Linear Musical Phrases using Chord Tones*

Class 7 – Beyond the Major Scale – *Modes*

Class 8 – Beyond the Triad – *Chord extensions & Voicings*

Why? Understanding how music works will give students the tools and language to develop new ways of making connections in the process of musical discovery.

Cost: \$100

How to Sign up: Contact Jon via e-mail pcmusicinstruction@gmail.com