



Lesson: So Many Drums

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Resources: Studio One DAW, PS49 MIDI keyboard

NAfME Standards:

3. Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
4. Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines.
7. Evaluating music and music performances.

Objectives: Students will learn to organize multiple drum tracks into a single folder.

Procedure:

1. Discuss the principles of drumming using appropriate listening examples and previous lessons.
2. Create a new song in Studio One and select “Instruments” in the browse menu. Select an appropriate percussion instrument sound and drag and drop repeatedly to create multiple tracks.
3. Create a complex drumbeat with only one drum part per track, naming each track after the sound used.
4. In the “Track” menu, select “Add Folder Track”. Drag the drum tracks into the folder to make a single collection. Clicking on the folder icon will open and close the folder.
5. Open the “Mix” window. Notice the folder has a single fader for volume control.
6. Discuss the reasons for using multiple tracks versus a single track for drum beats.