

GETTING AHEAD



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Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

Music Performance & Production (Jazz) – UAL Level 3 Diploma

Jazz has existed for over one hundred years! In all that time it arguably experienced the peak of its popularity between the 1930s and 1940s during the 'Swing' era. Swing was mainstream pop music at this time! Jazz has evolved into many different styles and it has affected many other styles of music, such as modern R+B and rock music. Many rock bands used jazz-trained drummers for example: Jimmy Chamberlain from the Smashing Pumpkins, Alan John "Reni" Wren from the Stone Roses and Mitch Mitchell from the Jimi Hendrix Experience. You can hear lots of '7th' chords in R+B songs, which is a stylistic component straight out of jazz! Bands like 'The Internet' are a great example of this.

In studying UAL Jazz diploma at Alton, we look at how modern jazz groups have been influenced by the evolution of jazz.

Listen

Listen to the three modern jazz groups listed below:

- **Snarky Puppy**
- **Polar Bear**
- **E.S.T**

Research

Pick one band and research who has influenced them in making their music. Use this as a way to discover other artists that you may not have heard of before. When you join the class in September you can bring your discovery with you and share it with the group!

This should include;

- **A short biography** (a couple of paragraphs)
- **Three songs that you really like by the influencer**

We look forward to seeing you in September!

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