



Hey high school musicians...

## Do You Want to Learn to Write Music?

Gain the skills to turn your ideas into musical realities? Develop your college portfolio?  
Become the world's next great songwriter/producer/film composer/orchestrator?

### Sign up for the SPRING Semester of ACO's Compose Yourself!



#### The ACO Compose Yourself! program is designed to help high school musicians:

- Cultivate positive approaches to creativity
- Learn professional standards of notation
- Develop strong composing skills in a supportive, hands-on environment.

The **Compose Yourself!** program has a long record of providing a positive space for creative development while preparing students for the rigors of college and beyond. This SPRING we will be focusing on the power of editing! Most young composers feel such a surge of pride and relief once they've filled the final bars of new piece that they just don't want to look back. After all, it's in the nature of creatives to always be looking forward. But it's only when the piece is "complete" that we're able to gain the objectivity and perspective we need to fully find, understand and elevate the deepest artistic potential of our work. This semester we'll learn how to gain that objectivity, how to achieve intimacy with our own sound worlds, and how to effectively use that combination to take our work beyond even our own hopes and vision.

**Classes will be held from February to June**, with classes falling on the week of: Feb 2, 9, 23, March 2, 16, and 23, April 13, 20, and 27, May 18, and June 1 and 8. Our reading session will be held during the weekend of June 12.

- In order to accommodate as many students as possible, our class schedule is set according to student availability once registration is complete.
- In-person and hybrid classes are generally scheduled after school hours or early evening during the week. Virtual classes are generally scheduled on the weekend.

**ACO is committed to assuring that all interested students are able to participate**, regardless of need. Tuition is \$750, with scholarship opportunities available. Look for the appropriate check box on the registration form to inquire about scholarships and financial aid. We encourage students with interest in any genre to register. All musical backgrounds, whether vocal or instrumental, are welcome! We regularly accommodate students from across the world via Hybrid and Zoom classes.

**Classes will be held at an  
ACO partner facility in  
Midtown Manhattan**



**Classes will be taught ACO  
Education Director,  
Kevin James**

Use this link to register!  
[bit.ly/CYtuition](https://bit.ly/CYtuition)