



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 SUMMER Intensive 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 **SUMMER we will be focusing social context!** While we explore both the basics and advanced approaches to the craft of composing (including creativity, orchestration, notation, and how composers complete their projects effectively), this summer we'll do it all through the lens of intentionality and social context. Our art is never created in a vacuum. It is always colored by our experiences in the world and often created with very specific intent. This summer we'll learn how each of these elements connects to and supports the others.

**Classes will be held** on Tuesdays and Thursdays in August, with classes falling on August 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25.  
.Our reading session will be held on August 27th.

- Students will be assigned to either a morning session (10-12:30pm) or an afternoon session (1:30-4pm.)
- 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)