

## Some great resources, activities and events for lockdown!

**Stuck for practical music-making ideas to try at home? Here are a selection of ideas to try. You just need a computer, phone or tablet – all the programs and apps listed here are free!**

**The Ableton ‘Learning Music’** site will take you on an interactive journey to explore some fundamental concepts of music: beats, notes and scales, chords, basslines and song structure.

The **‘Learning Synths’** site will teach you the basics of using synthesizers (or synths). No prior experience or equipment is required, and you'll learn how to use a synth's controls to design your own sounds.

From there you may want to explore **Launchpad** (iOS/iPadOS only) or **Incredibox**, apps that allow you to select different beats, bass lines, melodies, sound effects etc. to create multi-layered compositions.

Next, try **GarageBand**, **BandLab**, or **Ampify Studio** to build a track from scratch. There are plenty of tutorials on YouTube about how to use these apps.

**Studio One Prime** is the free version of the **Digital Audio Workstation** made by **Presonus, Studio One**. It includes many of the features of the paid for versions and includes plenty of loop and sample content to get your creativity rolling.

**Sibelius** is the world's best-selling music notation software. You can download a free version, **Sibelius First**, to compose and arrange music using notation.

Finally, how about improving your aural skills and music theory knowledge? **Complete Ear Trainer** is designed like a video game; this app will make you truly master each interval, chord, scale, etc. before taking you to the next one.

Here's a full list of different at-home resources for you to try!

### On a computer

#### **Online:**

- Ableton Learning Music [learningmusic.ableton.com](https://learningmusic.ableton.com) – learn the basics of music making
- Ableton Learning Synths [learningsynths.ableton.com](https://learningsynths.ableton.com) – learn the basics of using synthesizers
- Chrome Music Lab [musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/](https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/) - online musical experimentation

### **Software (requires download):**

- Ampify Studio [ampifymusic.com/ampify-studio](https://ampifymusic.com/ampify-studio) a drag-and-drop approach to music-making
- Sibelius First [my.avid.com/get/sibelius-first](https://my.avid.com/get/sibelius-first) compose simple scores with up to 4 instrument parts
- Studio One Prime [shop.presonus.com/Studio-One-4-Prime](https://shop.presonus.com/Studio-One-4-Prime) audio mixing, creation, and music editing software

### **On a phone and/or tablet**

**GarageBand** – songwriting app with virtual instruments, sequencer and easy to use sampler (iOS/iPadOS/MacOS only)

**iMovie** – make music videos (iOS/iPadOS/MacOS only)

**Launchpad** – make and remix electronic music (iOS/iPadOS only)

**Incredibox** – make loops using sounds generated by the voice (web version also available)

**BandLab** – an easy-to-use, all-in-one, social music creation platform (web version also available)

**Here are also some great websites to check out, and some musical activities and events that have been happening during Lockdown, to keep you busy!**

### **Useful websites for musicians**

**The Beat Goes On** – A great website all about Samba Drumming, including some free resources about using Junk Percussion

**Jamkazam** – A remote jam platform for musicians – we have investigated these before, but haven't come across this one till now

**Kaboom** – A dynamic percussion duo, also with a great YouTube channel. All about percussion and making amazing beats, with some tutorial videos about using objects from around the house.

**Kent Music** – Information about what's happening in music around Kent.

**Makaton** – Free resources to download

**Sing Up At Home** – Sing Up have made many of their amazing singing resources free during Lockdown, so check out all the warmups and songs on there. There are resources for individuals, families and virtual choirs!

## Activities and events

- [Facebook group: Community music in the time of COVID-19](#) – Set up by Sound Sense member Jamiee Jensen-McDaniel for peer support for community musicians
- [Soundabout Live](#) – Join in with live music-making sessions at 2pm on Tuesdays & Saturdays
- [Electric Umbrella](#) – Live on Facebook four times a day with sing/sign-alongs, an inclusive choir, a live breakfast show and a bedtime story
- [Makaton Choir with Cat McGill](#) – A weekly choir event, now available online
- [BBC Classical music content](#) - Culture in lockdown
- [Rotterdam Philharmonic musicians](#) team up online to play Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup>
- [Concerts online](#) - Various concerts held without audiences to stream online for people having to stay at home - [list of live streaming concerts](#)
- [Free classical orchestras](#) - Live streaming performances
- [Announcements/lists](#) - of worldwide performances being streamed
- [Livestream concerts list](#) - artists and bands
- [Bands and artists](#) - streaming performances
- [Full-length concerts](#) - watch online free
- [Celebrities performing](#) on social media
- [Facebook Virtual Choir](#) - Duet with a choir online
- [Chris Martin \(Coldplay\)](#) streaming from his home – YouTube

**Keep in touch!** Send any music that you make to me by email – [music@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk](mailto:music@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk).

Or if you can't email it, bring it to show me when we are back at school.