

## GarageBand for Laptops: More than just a Tool for Creating Songs

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GarageBand is one of my favourite music software programs for creating music. I've used it over the years to write over a hundred songs with learners of all ages. Here is a screenshot video of a GarageBand session from a song I created collaboratively a group of students at Grandview Elementary in East Vancouver.



[You can watch this GarageBand session play on this link](#)

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### Learning Resources for GarageBand

Aside from the hundreds of YouTube videos exploring GarageBand, I do have a favourite online learning resource called [Lynda.com](#). I have also created a playlist on my [Youtube channel](#) dedicated to GarageBand class demonstrations from the Music Technology classes I teach at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.



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There is so much more that you can create in GarageBand besides sassy pop songs! Here are some ideas that you could explore with your students.

### Make a soundtrack for your video



GarageBand allows you to add a Quicktime video to your session. You can [click here](#) to go to an instructional video I created explaining how to add a Quicktime video to your GarageBand session and make your own soundtrack!

### Create a Podcast with your class



Using the computer's internal microphone or an external USB microphone, you can write, record and edit your own podcast. Add a simple musical background or sound effects using the loops provided by GarageBand.

### Create a creepy soundscape!



GarageBand is also a great tool for making creepy soundscapes for a variety of purposes, but my favourite of all is Halloween soundscapes! You can [click here](#) to go to an instructional video I created that explains how to make your own soundscape!

For more learning resources please visit us at the KPU website for [The Learning Centre](#)