

# **P.S. 035 Manhattan High School**

Course Syllabus Course Code: UPSCQQB

Course Name: Keyboard and Guitar

Teacher Name: Ms. Brickel

Year and Term: 2019-2020 Term II

## **Learning Standards:**

### Creating

MU:Cr1.H.5- Generate melodic and rhythmic ideas for melodies

MU:Cr3.1.H.5- Evaluate and refine simple melodies

MU:Cr3.2.H.5- Share completed chordal accompaniments to simple melodies

### Performing

MU:Pr4.1.H.5- Demonstrate how chosen music is influenced by personal interest, purpose, context

MU:Pr4.2.H.5- Identify prominent elements of music such as form, texture, melody, rhythm

MU:Pr4.3.H.5- Explain how intent of performance contexts are conveyed through musical choices

MU:Pr5.1.H.5- Apply self-reflection and criteria to evaluate performances

### Responding

MU:Re7.1.H.5- Describe how selected music is influenced by purpose, or personal experience

MU: Re7.2.H.5- Identify how social or cultural context informs a response

MU:Re8.1.H.5- Identify how social or cultural context influences expressive intent

### Connecting

MU:Cn10.1.H.5- Improvise musical motifs to illustrate a story or abstract idea

MU:Cn11.1.H.5- Perform and listen to music from various times and cultures

## **Course Description:**

This course is designed to teach you the basics of playing the keyboard and guitar, along with becoming familiar with the basics in music theory such as rhythm and note reading, recognizing tonalities, and also recognizing and reading chordal structures. We will begin the semester by learning some basic music theory so that we can begin exploring the keyboard and guitar with proper hand and fingering/hand position. On the keyboard, we will end the semester playing with both hands. On the guitar, you will be able to transition between at least 3 different chords. We will be practicing these skills using exercises as well as songs both as a class and individually.

## **Unit Map:**

### **Keyboard:**

Rhythm Basics

Melody Basics

Improvisation

Playing with one hand

Chords I, IV, V

Playing with two hands

### **Guitar:**

Strumming

C chord

Em chord

Am chord

D chord

G chord

### **Course Materials:**

Notebook

Folder

Pen/pencil

### **Grading Policy:**

**Attendance (30%):** This is a performance based class and you have to be present to play! Please come to class and be on time to receive all of the credit for this portion of your grade.

**Class Participation/Class work (30%):** This is a performance based class so playing your keyboard is required throughout class. Additionally, you should participate in the group learning/music theory portion of class by answering questions

**Song Performances (30%):** Throughout the term, you will be learning various songs and will be expected to play through each song before moving onto the next. Your grade on each song will be based on a performance rubric.

**Homework (10%):** Homework will include practicing music theory skills such as rhythm reading and note labeling.

### **Other Expectations:**

Music is a really fun, unifying subject so let's work as a (class) team with an open mind! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [mbrickel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mbrickel@schools.nyc.gov) or stop by room 210.