View in browser Futureworks University Education for the Creative Industries Turning the page on a new year of professional development always presents us all with excitement and formative challenges that we'll experience together offering you support all the way. Here's to a successful 2023 to you all. To whet your appetites, here's an inspirational selection focusing on the professional achievements of our students, graduates and staff in the creative industries featuring Mayor's Award, Connor Stanley, Enos Desjardins, Bonsai Games, Youth Music, Charli XCX, Women in Games, CAM 3D, Supermassive Games, Sensound Audio, Andy Burnham and more. **Mayor's Artist of the Month** Championing new music from across Greater Manchester is the focus of a new scheme launched by mayor Andy Burnham. The Artist of the Month Scheme is now open to all new and emerging acts and those selected will get the chance to play upcoming festivals and live events; plus the unique chance to perform at Co-op Live, the UK's biggest indoor venue, opening in 2024, APPLY HERE. Congrats to Robyn Murphy who is starting a Ben Turner, second year Music Producer has challenged himself to produce in the Trance new position as Producer at Team 17 in genre for a submission. This will put a spring in Yorkshire. She graduated as a **Games Designer** your step today, **BOOM!** from Futureworks in the Class of 2019! Untold Studios. Congrats to our VFX graduate, **Ersel Erdal**, who Well done to one of our first Games Design degree graduates, Roger Ditchburn who is now is starting a new position as IO Technologist at <u>Untold Studios</u>. Check out their jobs (remote, 3D Designer & UE4 Developer at Northwest London, Mumbai & LA) HERE. based CAM 3D Ltd. Futureworks Music 'LIVE' at The Eagle It's essential for our indie record label Futureworks Music to engage the live circuit, and following our last summers successful event we returned to Salford's Eagle Inn. Audio Engineer Alex Peters perfected the sound while our performers ran riot on stage with an array of multi-genre performances from Mickey Taylor, Malik, Robyn Falke, 25th Hour, Bax, Sedgi, Je Suis Joe, S-Approval plus David Cummins & The Ffusion Project featuring lead guitar from visiting Albanian Altin Gjoni. They did us proud and we can't wait for our next party on April 21st. Watch out Website for announcements. ALTER We've got some fantastic news to announce, Mat Johns, tutor on our Indie Filmmaking degree, has been awarded <u>Early Development Funding</u> from the BFI for PROJECT: HOMESTEAD, a feature film based on his short film A FATHER'S DAY. Check out the internationally successful short version **HERE**. Well done Mat amazing stuff. **PROJECT: HOMESTEAD** Based on the short film A Father's Day. **Genre:** Docu-Fiction / Horror. No one shirks the plunge pool when it's next to the sauna but this is degree-level dedication. Gaddings Dam, which hosts the highest beach in the UK is the focus of a new documentary called Wild Water that includes staff, graduates and students as part of its production team. Released this Spring, Wild Water explores the link between fun, cold water and well being with **Crisis** joining as it's exclusive charity partner. **INFO HERE**. SENSOUND HOME ATMOS SERVICES @ f y in IMMERSIVE AUDIO SOLUTIONS POSE BUILT ATMOS STUDIO URAL WORCESTERSHIRE, UK Sensound is a new Dolby approved Atmos studio set up by Sam Pemberton who graduated in Music Production over ten years ago! Sensound is available for immersive audio services and the studio can also be dry-hired! Good luck with your new venture Sam. NO 10 ATGENERATED IMAGES ĽÜΝΔ OFFICIAL TRAILER Fantastic to see **Benni Hill** an ex-Futureworks **Games Design** Programme Leader having some success as creative director at The Bonsai Collective. His debut game, Luna Abyss is featured in the latest EDGE Magazine (as modelled by Holly Emery, Production Director below). Get yourself a copy HERE. second This music video is from Malik Isaac, one of our final year Music Producers, is called BALLY. The video is excellent and if you ever get a chance to experience him perform this live, DO! YOUTH **MUSIC FUND NEXTGEN** YOUTH MUSIC NEXTGEN FUND Grants of up to £2,500 to help young creatives make their ideas happen. **APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN** OFFICIAL TRAILER Graduate Audio Engineer, Enos Desjardin has been working as Sound Designer/Sound FX Editor on some great new projects over the last year; in particular Lockwood & Co which starts this week exclusively on Netflix. W Women in Games Careers, Development & Networking Expo Women in Games @ DEVELOP Fizz & Cake Global, Online @ WIG Hopin Platform In-person, Brighton, UK Women in Games @ W.A.S.D. W ASD Fizz & Cake Cologne, DE. In-person events with: WIG X ISFE, WIG X Keywords Studios and the WIG Ambassadors Collective In-person, London, UK Women in Games Individual Apr 27 Ambassador Only Event **Annual Conference** Powered by Keywords Studios. Global, Online @ WIG Hopin Platform Global, Online @ WIG Hopin Platform Women in Games X Dove Women in Games Awards May TBC Games Jam Exclusive In-person Event, Streamed Global Access Online Globally, London, UK **Women in Games Corporate Ambassador Networking Event Development & Networking Expo** In-person, London, UK Global, Online @ WIG Hopin Platform For sponsorship enquiries, contact sponsorship@womeningames.org Fresh from winning the **TIGA Diversity Award** last year, 2022 was exceptionally busy for Women in Games. They launched their first international Chapter in Asia and now have over 1,000 Individual Ambassadors in over seventy countries, along with over fifty Corporate and Education Ambassadors. Looking at the calendar of events for 2023, make sure you gamers get at least one in your diary! Book gigs & festival slots, get radio airplay, contact label A&R, managers, agents & more Whatever your music goal, The Unsigned Guide can help you achieve it. From gig promoters, venue & festival bookers, artist managers, studios, record labels and A&R contacts to music publishers, press & PR companies, radio stations, new music blogs, music press, producers and booking agents, we list over 8,000 UK contacts in our directory who work with emerging bands & artists. View everything the directory covers here. **ARTIST CREATIVE &** FINANCE. MEDIA LIVE **MANAGERS** BRANDING LAW & MUSIC **BUSINESS** MUSIC MUSIC RECORD RECORDING & SELLING & **TRAINING & PUBLISHING** LABELS PRODUCTION DISTRIBUTING YOUR MUSIC CAREERS If you're studying in our School of Sound and Music Production, your complimentary subscription is ready for you to start building your music career - check your inbox for your log in credentials or contact us for help HERE. Congrats to Games Designer Connor Martin who graduated in our Class of 2021, and has got a job as a junior games designer at **Supermassive Games**. This is the 7th graduate that they have had from our BA <u>Games Design</u> programme. At Futureworks, <u>Connor</u> was successful at Tranzfuser where he teamed up with 2 others from the course and entered the Employment Pathway and they won Best Design award and nominated for 'Best Game' and 'Best Soundtrack awards for their above game "Senor Banana: Citchen Khaos". SUPERMASSIVE **GAMES**® THE ZANGWILLS Big GIG ALERT! Sam Davies, graduate Music Producer and guitar playing member of upcoming band The Zangwills headline Club Academy on the 4th February; get tickets HERE. Sam recently returned to Futureworks to chat to our students about life after study, so we wish him the best of luck next weekend! MY 2023 LIST Restart Kendo Start Aikido Finish my masters Plan PhD Go away somewhere outside of the UK Fix my wrist Fix up the 8mm Projector Learn how to shoot 8mm Film Keep up Japanese and Welsh Lessons Get another Tattoo Get a new piercing Get back on Doctor Who Finish 1Q84 Trilogy Do something just because it makes me happy Keep my weight at 50KG For those of you that set up some intentions for the new year, we thought we'd share Megan Powell's fun but challenging to do list. Megan is a graduate Indie Filmmaker and currently studying on Year 3 of a Masters degree at USW in Cardiff. Good luck with them all! SON ON TEST immediately open up intriguing and addictive possibilities for polyrhythms. The ability to mute channels or instantly 'invert' patterns — turning programmed steps off and empty steps on - adds a lot of flexibility for experimentation. Channels 5-8 occupy a separate smaller area of their own, and these really are esoteric! They're algorithmic note generators driven by interactions of events on channels 1-4, and sometimes the accent lane. As such they are 'programmable', but in a way that's really not as most of us know it (captain). More about this, if you're interested, in the 'Logic' box. Next up (or rather, down) is a section labelled Shares. which, to ruthlessly summarise, reduces event density on the degrees of randomness, for more or less unpredictable, ongoing variation of Cong Burn Strokes programmed patterns. With these sections alone a lot of sequencing action is possible. But there's MIDI Sequencer Plug-in a whole other world nestling 'channels' that send out MIDI notes, and 12 modulation sources alongside that just alongside... Strokes brings unconventional generate MIDI CC messages. Modulation Channels 1-4, along with an adjacent Eurorack-style sequencing to Accent lane, are relatively speaking the Matrix and Weights are your DAW. most conventional bit of the plug-in. Strokes' modulation generators: between them they The programming lanes often look and ROBIN BIGWOOD output 12 streams of MIDI CC behave a bit like Roland drum machines trokes is an unusual beast: a dedicated going back decades. However, the data, which any good DAW can sequencer plug-in that runs inside your DAW number of steps (from 1-32) is adjustable distribute elsewhere. sequencer, generating MIDI note and other Weights is the simpler on a lane by lane basis, and they can run messages to drive other instruments of your choice. backwards and in alternating directions to understand: it's a bank whether software or hardware. It can do simple too. More importantly, there's another of four separate envelope pattern-based programming, but also has facilities for mode on offer, 'Euclid', which is distinctly followers/generators that generating patterns that you might not naturally come un-Roland-like. This programs steps are triggered by events on the note channels. All four up with yourself, and can be a platform for exploring for you according to four dedicated parameters. Euclidean sequencing polyrhythms and randomness in repetition generally. channels at once, if you like, Strokes started life as a Max For Live device but might sound esoteric, but in practice it's The result is a variety of now it's available as a VST3 and Audio Unit plug-in about dividing the chosen number of adjustable modulation shapes, for Windows 10/11 and Mac OS 10.11 or later. I tested triggers as evenly as possible across the from simple pulses to complex, steps available. This can lead to entirely vacillating mayhem. version 3.4 on the Mac, and as I write an AUv3 plug-in Matrix, meanwhile, is more has just been released which will work on the iPad in evenly distributed patterns, but also dozens of others that are more complex hosts like AUM. abstract; a sort of 'chess game and syncopated. At the same time the meets step sequencer' that Notes combination of variable lane lengths, takes inspiration from Make Strokes' resizeable GUI can be bewildering at first time divisions, and the other Euclidean Noise's Eurorack module, René. Modulation values are sight, but with only a little familiarity it proves very clear parameters (including loop length, which and straightforward. Essentially there are eight parallel can be longer or shorter than lane length) generated as a position January 2023 / www.soundonsound.com John Howes, Music Production alum, whose MIDI Sequencing Workstation, Strokes is reviewed in Sound on Sound Magazine. They give Strokes a glowing report: "Huge fun, and musically potent. A dedicated pattern sequencer for your DAW that opens up all sorts of polyrhythmic, pseudo-random, non-linear possibilities". We're stoked for you John! About The Trust Grierson Awards Grierson Dockab training erson Dockab

