

MusicBox Studio Monthly Report

Month/ Year: December 2012 Studio Location: Nashville South

Studio Director: Jen Hodges

In-Studio Highlights

Queen said she enjoys mixing more than rapping, and is interested in making it a career. She's spending a lot of time learning about EQing her vocals. Cynthia and I went to the Nashville North MusicBox and recorded a few songs she's written. It was a great experience, and she took a leadership role in arranging the songs. She is also going to write bass lines, and her friend is going to record some vocals. A guitar was also donated by Sean Cook to her, which is good because she is progressing extremely fast. She is one of our hardest-working young musicians, so that was cool. This stemmed from a relationship that Phil has developed with Sean over time, and now our youth are benefitting in ways they never knew possible!

Dominique and DeAndre are working on a new track. They are collaborating with Wayford, and Sentwan is taking the lead as engineer. It's the first group effort here I'd say, which is encouraging to see develop. Wayford got his whole mixtape, QUALITY mixed. We are going to start the process of album art and replication soon. It's the first time he's done any of this; I forget how much work goes into making a record – especially physical copies. We all have much to learn, but we're doing it together!

This video captures some of the magic that happened in the studio this month, including a group of young ladies singing a Kwanza song, more of our "veteran" musicians teaching and collaborating on tracks with the newer members, and teens developing their sound engineering and production skills: <http://youtu.be/S7mggVYifT0>

Recordings

<https://soundcloud.com/notesfornotes/bang-ft-young-way>

<https://soundcloud.com/notesfornotes/i-dont-stunt-it-ft-king>

<https://soundcloud.com/notesfornotes/at-the-bottom-ft-mellow>

<https://soundcloud.com/notesfornotes/fly-wit-me>

<https://soundcloud.com/notesfornotes/white-boy-with-a-guitar>

Outreach/ Outside Collaborations

I passed out some business cards at the Berklee alumni holiday party. I met a teacher whilst kicking it at a local club, and established a connection. She teaches middle school – hopefully something cool will come of that encounter.

Other Cool Stuff Worth Mentioning

New artist named Mellow rolled through and collaborated with Lady KP.

It was a pretty relaxed month, except for Queen who came in December 15th telling me she wanted to record 12 songs by January 1st... We got it done though!

Statistics

December 2012 Summary						
Studio Location	Total # Members	New Members	Unique Visits (Members)	Unique Visits (Guests)	Total # Sessions	Total # Session Hours
Nashville South	38	0	13	20	90	133.5