Garageband ‘11 Podcasting FAQs

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For additional help, you can find official Garageband documentation at:
http://www.apple.com/support/garageband/

How do I get started recording my own voice?

Make sure you have a microphone that is picking up sound ( > System Preferences > Sound). Once you are in Garageband click on one of the audio tracks, or go to Track > New Track to create a new track with a sound profile of your choice (note: voice recordings are in the “Real Instrument” category). Once you have your track selected, click the large red button on the player control panel:

You will know it’s working when you see your vocal track start to appear like so:
How do I edit an audio track?

Once the audio has been recorded you may edit it in two screens. In the top half of the editor you can easily grab the entire block of audio and move it around in the project. In this section you can also split the block of audio into several blocks by clicking on the point at which you want to splice it and then going Edit > Split. Then you will be able to move each part individually. You can also join to sections together by selecting both and going to Edit > Join.

In this block you can also edit the volume of the clip. Click on the small triangle to expose the volume level for the track. Once you see the volume level you can add volume increases and decreases by clicking on specific parts of the track and dragging the volume bar up or down.

The second editing type is more fine-tuned editing in the bottom window (if this window is not visible simply click on the audio track to make it appear). Here you can select sections with your mouse to cut, copy, and paste using the Edit menu. Here you may also manipulate the pitch, tuning, and timing of an audio clip.
How do import audio from another source?

There are also built in sounds and audio filters for special effects and music. You can find those in the Loop Browser (Control > Show Loop Browser). You may also import music into your iTunes library from other sources (CD, mp3, etc) by going to Audio under the Media Browser (Control > Show Media Browser). To add one of these audio options, simply click and drag it into the top window of your project.

Once it has been imported you may edit it in the same manner you edit all other audio tracks.
How do I add images to my podcast?

There are two types of images you may add to your podcast: Episode Artwork, and Marker Artwork. Episode Artwork is like the cover of a book, it is the image displayed at the beginning and end of each podcast and during any space that doesn’t have a Marker image. To Episode Artwork, simply drag the picture either from the Finder or from the Photo section of the Media Browser into the box labeled “Drag Episode Artwork Here”. You can edit the cropping of the image by double clicking on it and adjusting the positioning and zoom in the window that appears, then clicking Set.

How do I turn my Garageband project into a podcast?

When you are done with your podcast go to Share > Send Podcast to iTunes, fill in the information, and if you have images in your podcast be sure to chose AAC as the file-type. When it is done it will open in iTunes and you will be able to locate the file in your iTunes Library folder.

Where do I get help with Garageband?

The Humanities Resource Center, the lab on the first floor of the Humanities building. Students working at the front desk are trained to support Garageband. If they are unable to answer your questions, please contact Alison Sommer: asommer@macalester.edu