

During enrollment at Algonquin College for their Music Industry Arts program the students are separated into groups to facilitate lab classes inside the relatively small studio environment. Corey Macfadyen served as our groups lab instructor during the 3 semesters spent there. In this time I have observed Corey's teaching methods and interaction with students and I can safely say that If I were to go back and choose a lab instructor at the start of the program, I don't believe there would be a better decision than having Corey teach us the things we needed to know.

His "no nonsense" knowledge of the many aspects of the music industry is an invaluable asset to have when teaching students who have very little idea of what is needed to become a successful recording engineer. Trusting that Corey knew what he was talking about was very easy due to the fact that it was apparent early on that his skills and opinions were built upon a strong foundation of time and work in the live aspects of the industry, as well as the studio centered gigs. If he had an opinion on a certain piece of gear, or a method of getting something done, we knew to trust it, since it was clear he had not come to that conclusion by reading something on the internet or formulating an inaccurate opinion out of thin air.

Corey's relationship with students of varying familiarity with the gear in the group was all the same. If you were willing to show that you have the want or drive to succeed, he was willing to help you understand any aspect of the recording process. One phrase I remember him repeating that stuck was that simply, you get back the amount of effort you put in. This pertains to the labs we were participating in, and also the industry as a whole.

At the base of what I've absorbed about Corey Macfadyen as a person and educator in the time that I've spent learning from him, is simply that he is a skilled and trained instructor who has a successful method of educating students who display just as much of an interest in the industry as himself.

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