

Music Production Finishing Lab Release Mentorship

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Unlike traditional production courses, this program works directly on student compositions.

This advanced Level 3 course is designed as a hands-on mentorship focused entirely on **finalizing student projects and preparing them for release**.

Each participant submits an unfinished track before the course begins. **During the program, we will dedicate a full 3 hour session to every student's composition** - helping improve the arrangement, sound design, and mix while identifying the most important steps required to complete the track successfully.

By observing multiple projects across different styles and production challenges, participants will gain practical insight into real-world finishing workflows and professional decision-making.

This course is aimed at producers who already have a solid understanding of music production and want to finalize their tracks to a release-ready level. It is the natural continuation for students from the Beginner and Intermediate courses, but experienced external producers are also welcome to apply.

Program

1. Pre-Course Track Review & Consultation

- Submit one unfinished track before the course begins
- Individual Zoom consultation (~30-40 min) to clarify artistic direction
- Project preparation and technical setup before your session

2. Individual Track Finalization Sessions (Main Course Focus)

During each 3-hour session we will:

- Analyse the structure and artistic direction of the track
- Improve arrangement and energy flow where needed

- Refine sound selection and layering
- Solve mixing problems in real time
- Apply professional workflow decisions
- Move the project significantly forward and establish a clear professional path toward completion

All participants attend every session and learn from each project.

After your dedicated session:

- You receive the improved project files
- You receive written feedback to continue refining your track independently
- **Please note that every project arrives at a different stage of completion. While we will work intensively on your track during the session, I cannot guarantee that it will be fully finished, mixed, or ready for mastering within the 3-hour timeframe. Some tracks may require additional compositional development or further production work before reaching the final stage. The goal of the session is to move your project significantly forward, identify the key improvements needed, and give you a clear path to complete it successfully.**

3. Free Professional Mastering

Each student receives:

- One free (stereo) mastering for their final track
- 30min consultation before mastering submission (**mixing advice**)
- Guidance on final export settings

4. Final Q&A / Release Strategy Discussion Session

- Open discussion about remaining challenges
 - Advice for first releases
 - Workflow tips for future productions
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Course Details

- **Language:** Bulgarian & English
- **Level:** Advanced mentorship program
- **Software:** Ableton Live
- **Length: based on number of enrolled participants (maximum 8)**
(Each participant receives one dedicated 3-hour session. Total course duration equals 3 hours × number of students.)
- **Format:** Online (Zoom)
- **Requirement:** Submit one unfinished track before joining
- **Includes:** Individual 3-hours project session, pre-course consultation, written feedback after the zoom session, second consultation private / mixing advice, and free professional mastering
- **Price: €350**

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If, after your session and after applying the feedback provided, your track still requires professional mixing before mastering, course participants receive a **25% discount on my mixing services**, after which the included free mastering can be applied.

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