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**Evaluation of Final Major Project**

The Mission Statement for the project was for the class to put on an artistic performance, which included live performance with music technology involved in each piece.

At the beginning of the project we all got split into different groups, these groups were: financial, technical, marketing, organisation and creative direction. I got put into creative direction at the start; the purpose of our team was to find out what the projects about, who needed what for their performance, how as a whole is it going to look on the night, and sort out any themes. After the first team meeting my team got split up into the other teams because there wasn’t much we could any further in the creative direction and it would benefit other teams with more people in them. I now got put into the ‘organisation’ team.

My Role in this team this involved us having to organize the order of the acts, planning the rehearsal times, making a schedule of the actual performance on the night, when the interval was and how long for, how long each act gets for rehearse for and the times there rehearsal is. And working out how long people will need on stage to perform. Also having to make sure the order of the acts fit well so equipment was a smooth run to get on and off. One of my more important roles was to create the program for the exhibition. Each Person performing there piece wrote a small paragraph giving us an idea what there video and music is about. I got 40 programs printed.

The first thing we did was to create our video. This was done on YouTube, we created an account then on the YouTube video manager then I searched for tornadoes because I had an image in my head of a storm, and a haunting piano melody playing with it. My example of the sort of song I wanted was tubular bells. I found three videos I wanted of a storm and a build up of a tornado. I put these 3 videos together on the video maker and then turned the video into black and white to add more of a gloomy effect.

Over the period of a week of college I managed to compose a piece of music on the piano to go with my video. I recorded it at college, this would then of been played off pro-tools on the night of my performance while I play a right hand part on the midi piano and get someone to keep changing the sound to strings throughout the song on pro-tools to give a better effect and to show I’m using music technology.

Because I had already pre-recorded my piano track, I used the midi keyboard to play over the backing; I had two tracks set up on pro tools, one ‘grand piano’ and the other ‘strings’.

If we was to redo the whole project I would of got more involved with the marketing side of the project. I enjoyed making the program and would of helped made the tickets and posters and made sure they were made quicker and not left last minute to be handed out. With my piece I would of like to experimented more with different effects to use, and maybe of added another instrument to be played with the song either pre-recorded or played live. Overall I felt the performance went ok, and there was no technical problems.