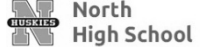


Sound Recording Kit (Creative Economy Skills & Tech)



Getting Started Guide

Welcome to the sound recording world! The Getting Started Guide is intended to give you a short introduction to the items offered in this kit, help you get the equipment set-up, and offer a variety of resources to begin your DIY sound recording adventure. Please refer to the Kit Description and Inventory for a full list of equipment.

- 1) Choose either the PreSonus Studio 68 USB Interface or the Mackie 8-Channel Compact Mixer.
 - a. Plug the device into a computer (laptop or Mac) via USB and into a power outlet
 - b. Turn on computer, if needed.
- 2) Attach desired microphone(s) to stand(s)
 - **PreSonus Studio 68**
 1. Plug in the desired equipment
 - a. Microphones (a variety of mic cables are provided, see photos)
 - b. Sound Monitors or Headphones
 2. Turn on the device
 3. Press “48V” on front
 4. Choose your software and open
 - a. Studio One
 - b. Audacity
 5. You’re ready to start! Refer to the Resources page for links and other materials to learn how to get started recording.
 - **Mackie 8-Channel Mixer**
 1. Plug in the desired equipment
 - a. Microphones (a variety of mic cables are provided, see photos)
 - b. Sound Monitors or Headphones
 2. Turn on the device
 3. Press “48V Phantom Power”
 4. Choose your software and open
 - a. Waveform
 - b. Audacity
 5. You’re ready to start! Refer to the Resources page for links and other materials to learn how to get started recording.



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Resources

These online resources are intended to get you started exploring sound recording and editing. If you still have questions, try searching the MORE Catalog for print resources or ask a librarian.

PRESONUS & STUDIO ONE

- **PreSonus YouTube Channel** <https://www.youtube.com/user/presonusaudio>
PreSonus provides tutorials for their products via their YouTube channel.
- **Lynda.com** <https://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/online-learning/>
Lynda.com offers online courses for a wide variety subjects, including how to use Studio One. Access Lynda.com’s courses through the public library’s online portal and login with your library card. Search “Presonus” or browse “Audio + Music” to begin exploring.

MACKIE & WAVEFORM

- **Tracktion.com** <https://www.tracktion.com/training/videos>
Tracktion offers a list of video tutorials on their website to help get you started using Waveform software.
- **Tracktion YouTube Channel** <https://www.youtube.com/user/TracktionSoftware/>
Tracktion provides tutorials for their products via their YouTube channel.

AUDACITY

Audacity is free, open source audio software available online. Consider using this product if you would like to continue editing your sound files from a home computer. Audacity is available to download for a variety of operating systems at <https://www.audacityteam.org/>.

- **Audacity Manual** <https://manual.audacityteam.org/man/tutorials.html>
Audacity offers its entire how-to manual online, including step-by-step photos.
- **Lynda.com** <https://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/online-learning/>
Lynda.com offers online courses for a wide variety subjects, including how to use Audacity. Access Lynda.com’s courses through the public library’s online portal and login with your library card. Search “Audacity” or browse “Audio + Music” to begin exploring.
- **Audacity Forum** <https://forum.audacityteam.org/>
Still have questions? Try asking them on the Audacity community forum.



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