

TRANCE RETREAT

MONDAY SEPT 18

MORNING:



Participant Track Review

In our first seminar of the retreat, Dennis Sheperd will review participant's demos and provide technical & creative feedback, as well as suggest which labels to approach (as well as laying out strategies on how best to get the track signed). We will cover as many tracks as possible during the 3 hours as possible, with selection order to be decided by Dennis.

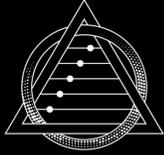
IMPORTANT: Guests should prepare tracks for Dennis to review for this seminar & submit them in advance for prior listening [email a download link to info@tranceretreat.com].

AFTERNOON:



Producer Track Review & Breakdown

Mark Sixma will take one of his project files and break it down from start to finish, turning it inside out, walking you through his design process and thought process behind the production.



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TUESDAY SEPT 19

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SIED VAN RIEL

Melodies / Chord Composition / Sound Design

Rielism front man Sied van Riel will break down melody composition and chord composition in this seminar. We'll discuss the following (and cover the pros & cons of each):

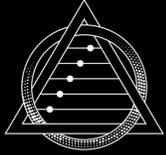
- Creating melodies from scratch using your thought process / experiences in life / memories and surroundings as main inspiration.
- Layering leads, processing individual sounds and processing them as group through various ways using over the top processing and or basic to zero processing
- Stereo imaging.
- Basic 1 finger melodies (less is more) , more complicated multiple layer melodies up to extreme layering (more is riel hardcore) and how to make them thick and fat.
- Prioritizing sounds in the arrangement / automation.
- Clean / dirty / aggressive sounds
- How to use audio / midi also when doing remixes

AFTERNOON:

PROTOCOLCULTURE

Workflow & Organization

Protocolculture will discuss methods and practices to speed up production and maximize your creative input from auditioning samples to managing presets and plugins.



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WEDNESDAY SEPT 20

MORNING:

SIED VAN RIEL

Basslines

Sied will cover everything big and small about how to create the perfect trance bassline. Topics covered (and their pros and cons) include:

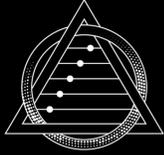
- Finding the right sounds to serve as sub bass / mid bass / mid basses
- Processing bass lines and how to place them in the mix without processing and with processing. (little, medium or extreme)
- How to fatten up the bass lines (depth, aggressive, full, warm, stereo imaging, layering, compression / side chain compression / NY compression)
- Prioritizing sounds in the arrangement / automation.
- How to use audio / midi also when doing remixes

AFTERNOON:



The Business of the Industry

Mark will talk about the business side of the industry to help you understand how to turn music production into a career. Some of the topics he'll be covering include contracts, royalties, publishing, labels, management, booking agencies, bootlegging, touring, radioshow and more.



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THURSDAY SEPT 21

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PROTOCOLCULTURE

Mastering Chains

Protocolculture will cover the fundamentals of mastering, stem mixes, headroom and gain staging, plugin choice and common setups for mastering chains.

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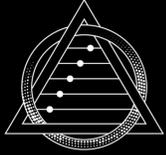
DS DENNIS SHEPERD

Mixing, Mastering and Vocals

As a follow up to the morning Mastering seminar, Dennis will further discuss mixing and mastering as well as discuss how to best work with a raw acapella.

Some of the topics covered include:

- Explaining different parts of what makes a good mixing
- What influence does sound-design and sample choice have on mixing
- Mixing kick & bassline
- Parallel Compression on drumming
- Mixing & effecting vocals
- How to prepare your mix to get a professional & competitive level of loudness



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FRIDAY SEPT 22

Group Production Event (9:30AM-4:30PM)

This is the 'all-day Jam seminar'! All the guests and producers will congregate as a group and brainstorm and create music from scratch all day long. There are no restrictions on genre type and guest interaction and participation is highly recommended!

'Unofficial' Seminars:

Throughout the retreat we have some bonus information seminars planned - these may be informal talks during a meal, or an impromptu discussion happening while hanging out in the pool. Come prepared to learn!