

Arranging Essentials For The Worship Musician

Lesson 1: Why Arranging Matters

What is Arranging?

Arranging for your worship team is simply reworking the song so it can be played and sung by the instruments and voices on your team and in your congregation.

You don't want to create a **blob of sound**.

- When worship musicians and singers don't take time to arrange their parts, they end up creating a mess of sound.
- This doesn't accompany worship - it distracts. People may not be able to articulate it, but they get fatigued from hearing the constant barrage of sound. Our musical arrangements need to serve the congregation, not bombard them.
- The blob of sound doesn't honor the gifts and talents of the musicians on the team.

How do we get the blob of sound?

- Playing the chart, not the song.
- Not leaving space. That is, we're overplaying or over singing.

Why is it Important for the sound tech to understand good arranging?

- They can give constructive feedback to the platform team.
- They can identify the parts of the arrangement and mix accordingly.
- They are a part of the band and their instrument is the sound board.