

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING MIXDOWN STEMS**

Please send the stems as 24bit WAV or AIFF files. Make sure all files are correctly named and any silent tracks are deleted. This helps me to get everything set up and ready to go as quickly as possible so I can spend more time and energy on getting your track sounding good.

Follow these detailed instruction to send your track for mixing:

- 1. Turn off all plugins ONLY on the master channel. Keep all plugins on individual channels, groups and instruments.
- Ensure there is no red-lining or clipping occurring on any channel at any point during the track.
- DO NOT set all your fader levels / track volumes to 0. Leave them as you have them in your project.
- If there is processing being applied to a group (for example a low pass filter sweep across the drum bus) then you will need to copy that processing onto each individual track.
- Provide stems for all Return / Send / Aux channels

Export each track separately as a 24bit WAV file without dithering (turn it off).

- Every stem should be rendered for the whole length of the track.
- There should not be any empty stems. Please double-check that before sending.
- Every stem must be correctly named so that it is obvious what it contains. e.g.
  - Drums Kick.wav
  - Drums HiHat1.wav
  - Drums Top Loop.wav
  - Synth Lead.wav
  - Synth Arp.wav
  - Synth Bass.wav
  - FX Noise Riser
  - Vox Lead Vocal.way
  - etc.

- Keep the track names clear. It's very important. And please, no CAPSLOCK. It makes it difficult to read the track name inside the DAW.
- 3. Export your own home-master. It's important because I need it to understand your vision track and to hear if anything is missing.
- 4. Include 2-3 reference tracks (WAV or mp3) that represent the style you are going for with the track.
- 5. Zip your files and send via WeTransfer to my email (<u>info@wkndaudio.com</u>) or send a link to Dropbox, Google Drive, etc
- \*\*\* Please note that all of these steps are important and files can be rejected if you will ignore any of them. Let's work together respectfully and professionally.

This video may also be helpful:) <a href="https://youtu.be/hZQ3flGXmnw">https://youtu.be/hZQ3flGXmnw</a>

Please let me know if you have any questions.