

## Album Cover Portrait Assignment

### Photo/illustration

#### Self-portrait as album cover

Imagine you are a musician and you are creating an “album cover” for yourself. What type of music do you produce? Your use of color, contrast, composition, texture etc. should combine to give us a feel of your personality and musical genre.

You must incorporate:

- 1) a digital photograph (one or more)
- 2) a scanogram (use the scanner as a camera—scan objects and/or drawings, handwriting etc. Do not scan photographs unless they are really old and look it.)
- 3) a digital painting/drawing created directly in Photoshop.
- 4) Type: Band Name/ featuring Your Name/ album name

Use this “meme” device to generate your band name and album name:

1. Generate a name for your band by using WikiPedia's [random page selector tool](#):  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Random](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Random), and using the first article title on whichever page pops up.  
No matter how weird or lame that band name sounds.
2. Generate an album title by cutting and pasting the last four words of the final quote on whichever page appears when you click on the [quotationspage](#)'s  
<http://www.quotationspage.com/random.php3> random quote selector tool. No matter what those four words turn out to be.

**Print Size: min: 12"x12" (square format)**

#### Due dates:

1. Work in progress (on-screen crit-5pts) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Final matted print (wall crit-40pts) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Technical Goals: (10pts)

Photoshop review:

- Painting tools
- Vector drawing tools
- Filters
- Adjustment layers
- Layers and blending modes
- Type tools
- Selection tools

Review Scanning

Intro to:

- Layer masks
- Working with files from a camera

#### Aesthetic and Conceptual Goals: (10pts each=20pts)

Use design to portray the “non-visible” aspects of a person. The formal/visual elements of the final piece such as color, line quality, texture etc. should give clues to the genre of music, not just what is pictured.

#### Presentation: (10pts)

Final piece should be presented window-matted