

Mariachi Heritage Society

Professional Development Training and Teacher Induction

Casa del Sol Restaurant – Tustin, CA

August 9, 2023 - 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Lunch: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

AGENDA

Do what inspires YOU as YOUR enthusiasm is contagious!

- I. Introductions
- II. Assignments – What am I teaching and where
YOLANDA
- III. Singing is MOST IMPORTANT!!!!
 - Everyone sings everyday
 - Teach the vocal parts FIRST then the instrumental parts
 - Accompany the students on armonia when teaching the songs
 - Have students sing along with MP3s or with YouTube videos
 - Never allow students to shout-sing!
- IV. Playing
 - Everyone plays guitar (teach 2-3 chords in a couple of simple keys to start
 - If possible, roll in vihuela and guitarron to those showing the most interest—it’s an “honor” to be advanced to these instruments
 - Add simple melodia (edit as necessary to keep it very simple)
- V. Musical Material
CANTA MARIACHI CANTA WORKS WONDERFULLY!
 - Arboles de la Barranca
 - Cielito lindo (Canta Mariachi Canta)
 - La Llorona? (Canta Mariachi Canta)
 - Cariño?
 - Noche de Paz? (Canta)
 - _____
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- VI. Teacher Expectations—***ESTABLISH A ROUTINE AND NEVER VARY FROM IT!***
 - Have the room set up exactly the same each day.
 - When does class start?
 - Break it down
 - Use the questioning technique
 - Repeat, Repeat, Repeat
 - Use *action* verbs
 - Working with “those” students (student mentors)
Room placement

- Teaching melodia with armonia students at the same time.
 - Violin—pizz, pizz, pizz – don't introduce bowing too early
 - Trumpet—just one note at a time. . .focus on breath and embouchure to get “sound”
- Younger elementary students should focus on singing
- Cherish the “ensemble” and teach this
- Stand during rehearsal.
- Keep a pulse
- Every rehearsal must be structured from beginning to end—Don't waste time!
- Develop warm-ups that that help students fix the problems when they are struggling
- TUNE TOGETHER!

VIII. Student Expectations

- Students must demonstrate in practice what you require in your routine in order for them to be “ready to learn”
- Students are on task during the entire rehearsal

IX. Final Thoughts

- Stay in touch with Yolanda and let her know if you need supplies
- Lean on each other to help solve problems
- BE A TEACHER! Kids are looking for leadership and that is YOU!

IX. Open Discussion/Concerns