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## Section I

## Lesson Plans and Procedural Suggestions

Beginning Chorus<br>Monthly Plans and Teaching Procedures Curriculum Alignment Project (CAP) Instructional Timeline<br>All materials should be considered cumulative. Once a concept has been introduced, daily practice on the concept must continue in order for the student to gain mastery. New concepts must build on existing knowledge.

## $1^{\text {st }}$ Quarter

Curriculum Performance Objectives: 1.1-10, 2.1, 3.1-8, 4.5, 10.1, 12.1 State Content Standards: 1, 2, 5, 6

Concepts introduced this quarter:
Classroom Procedures/Responsibilities
Posture and Breathing
Vocal Tone
Intonation
Music Skills
Musical Form

## Week One:

The student will...

- learn the procedure for entering, obtaining materials, and leaving the classroom.
- identify the course requirements regarding participation/performance necessary for success in choir. (12.1)
- identify and demonstrate the correct postures for singing. (1.1, 1.2,1.3)
- clap and count basic note values. (3.2)
- learn a round (4.5)
- begin to develop a music vocabulary


## Procedures:

I. Devise and communicate to your students your plan for entering, and leaving the classroom. Explain the procedure for obtaining materials, taking notes, and keeping a journal (optional), as well as what they will need for class that day. They may check the front or sideboards for the daily agenda. Give them a specific location for placing their backpacks etc. Fill out choir student information card.
(Approximately 5 minutes)
II. Discuss with your classes the importance of each student to the ensemble. Read through the choir handbook, it will be necessary to review this again next week. Give special attention to the importance of concert attendance, and classroom participation as a major part of their grade. Review the concert dates for the year; have them note all dates in their planners (if they have one). Stress the importance of each student reviewing the handbook with their
parents. Once read and discussed parents should sign the corresponding parent signature slip and return.
III. Posture is very important. Instruct the students and practice the three postures they will use during their choral rehearsal.
a. Posture 1 - Standing, feet slightly apart, weight balanced, knees relaxed, backbone straight, the rib cage high and the shoulders and head level, chin relaxed.
b. Posture 2 - Sitting on the front half of chair, one foot forward and one back for balance. The backbone is straight; rib cage high, head and shoulders are level not raised.
c. Posture 3-sitting, relaxed position.
(Approx. 5 minutes)
These positions may be indicated by a conducting gesture, number or signal. Practice these three positions daily until learned. It will save you time if you can simply say "position 1."
IV. IV. Introduce and practice proper breathing.
a. Have students place their hands on their backs, fingers touching just above their waists. As the students breathe deeply into their body they will feel the muscles expanding. Have the students imagine the mouth and back of throat as open and expansive, like a yawn. Have the students "yawn" while inhaling then exhale with a sigh.
(Approx. 3 minutes)
V. Vocal Warm ups may consist of guided humming, echo singing parts of scale using solfege and/or numbers and pitch and vowel matching exercises.
(Approx. 4 minutes)
VI. You may wish to give a pretest at some point this week or next to evaluate your students.(A sample pre-test is provided)

You may wish to have your student's keep a notebook in which they record the vocabulary words for the week as well as other pertinent information. When you choose to have the students take notes (either at the beginning or end of class) will depend on the routine you establish.

## Vocabulary

Diaphragm
Posture
Rhythm

Melody
Round

## Personalization Notes

At the end of each week's suggestions is a section to note your own methods of personalization. Write down what worked well for you and what did not. By keeping this information you will be better able to prepare for future classes.
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## Week Two:

## The student will...

- identify posture positions by number (1.1)
- demonstrate proper breathing techniques (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.2c)
- read and clap 4 measure patterns of basic rhythmic rotation (3.6)
- identify common time signatures (3.1)
- demonstrate proper breathing, phrasing, and intonation while singing rounds (1.6,4.5a,b)
- demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between bass and treble clefs (3.3)
- develop a music vocabulary

Procedures:
I. Review posture positions $-1,2$, and 3 . Practice playing the elimination game with posture positions. (Teacher will say a number or use signal, students will respond with position. If position is wrong, the student remains seated while the rest of the class continues the game.)
(Approximately 3 minutes)
II. Using position 1, have students practice breathing exercises then move into vocal warm ups. Continuously encourage posture, breathing, and relaxing the jaw. Warm up using solfege with hand signs- sing the scale, attention to proper vowel placement. Echo sing patterns using solfege or numbers. (Important to do this a cappella) Discuss the importance of learning to sing the scale as a sight reading tool.
(Approximately 3-4 minutes)
Continue on with your own vocal exercises emphasizing the importance of correct diaphragmatic breathing. For more warm ups consult the warm ups section of the supplemental materials.
III. Move immediately into echo clapping measures (follow the leader) with choir 4 beats behind the leader. (Similar to rounds) Echo clap measures of eighth, quarter, half and whole notes. Review the notes and their values. Read the same rhythms in measures notated on the board or on an overhead. (You may wish to clap the rhythm of the song you are going to introduce.)
IV. Ask about the time signatures; "What is the top number?" then draw attention to measures and bar lines. Explain and discuss time signatures, don't spend too much time on this as you will review time signatures again and again. Look at rounds (either on board or overhead) and discuss the time signatures.
(Approx. 2-3 minutes)
V. Sing rounds or a familiar song such as "My Country 'Tis of Thee". It is important that these are sung a cappella so that the director can better hear the ensemble and the choir begins to become aware of intonation.
(Approximately 3-5 minutes)
VI. Walk around and listen to students. You can begin to place students in sections if you choose. By this time the choir should feel comfortable enough to sing out a bit more.
VII. Introduce a unison song to your students. Perhaps something they could sing at open house. As they look at their music discuss: clefs, note values, time signatures, introduction, text, and dynamics.

* You may wish to end your week with a question of the week. Provide each student a quarter piece of paper- have them answer the question and place it in a basket on the way out of class. The question could consist of any concept you want to be sure the students have mastered. You can give a (+) or (-) for a pass / fail grade. At the end of the month the weekly questions can be combined for a quiz grade. Written quizzes offer objective assessment for grades as well as checking for understanding to see if any materials need to be re-taught.


## Vocabulary

Time signature
Measure
Barline

## Personalization Notes

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## Week Three:

## Students will...

- recognize movement in music step, skip, same, and utilize dynamics in sight singing (1.4)
- demonstrate proper vowel placement (1.5)
- listen and assess intonation discrepancies (1.6)
- demonstrate correct posture, breathing support, and vocal placement to solve intonation problems (1.7)
- sing a round, unison song, or 2-part song musically with proper phrasing (1.9)
- begin to work in small groups (5-6) singing unison melodies to learn to listen for appropriate blend (2.1b)
- sing diatonic intervals with proper intonation (3.7)


## Reminder: All previous objectives are continuously reinforced each week through warm ups and literature.

## Procedures:

I. Review rhythm drill. Perform rhythm exercises in $2 / 4,3 / 4$, and $4 / 4$ time notated on board or overhead. Discuss with your students the importance of singing in tune. Have students listen carefully to themselves within the ensemble, starting with warm-ups. Echo sing short melodic patterns and intervals (These may be taken from a song you will be introducing to the class at a later time.)
II. Sight singing - notated on the board or overhead music moving by step, same, thirds and fifths. Designate "Do" and allow the students to name the solfege and or numbers - then sing thru together. Practice this each week, changing the examples on the board from week to week.
III. Continue to sing rounds / unison song - drawing attention to vocal and vowel placement, proper posture and breathing. Focus on listening for correct intonation. You may wish to sing in small groups - have the class help listen for intonation, and then discuss what is heard. (Students should be taught to critique in positive terms).
IV. Once you have tentatively placed all your students in a section you may wish to introduce a new piece of music (either unison, or two parts). As you introduce the piece, first, look thru it, discuss the text, and ask the students about the time signature, how does each part move? is it mostly steps/skips? Is it notated in mostly quarter, eighth, half or whole notes? Are there any unison sections? Are there any symbols that they have not seen before? Have the students give you as much information as they can - do this through guided questioning. Try to sing thru the song, and then begin by having entire class try to sight read each part. It is not necessary to spend the entire class period on the entire song. 1 or 2 pages or sections each day will suffice.

Try to end class on a high note - something they do well.

## Vocabulary:

Ascending Interval
Descending
Repeat sign
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## Week Four:

## The student will.....

- demonstrate the ability to sing consonants " t ", " d ", " k ", " s " (1.8)
- continue to work on uniform vowel placement (2.1)
- sing at various dynamic levels using supported breathing and tone quality (1.10)
- demonstrate ability to follow a conductor (2.5)
- analyze recorded examples of choral ensembles


## Procedures:

I. Warm up: May add movement warm up - walk or move in place to beat of drum, piano or recording- Move shoulders to beat, pat the beat on knees, tap head with hands to beat, transfer the beat to various parts of body. To increase the difficulty level, utilize two then three different levels to the beat.
II. Rhythm drill - Review the note values, echo clap and speak patterns. Read new patterns notated on the board or overhead.
III. Melodic Drill - Hand sign and sing measures / intervals. Read melodies using step, skip, and same movement, using either solfege syllables or numbers. Read and practice singing intervals from overhead, board or cards.

* You may want to incorporate some of the rhythm / melody from the literature you will be introducing, into your warm up exercises.
IV. Continue to work the rounds. Discuss the role of the conductor and the use of conducting gestures. Incorporate conducting of dynamic levels as students sing the rounds - allow a few students to conduct the class.
V. Introduce a new piece of music - maybe one you plan on using in your Winter Concert. (Many of us have to sing at Open House - rounds and unison pieces worked on earlier are fine to use.) Remember to use the same process for introducing new music.
a. Talk through - addressing new terms and symbols; reviewing ones already learned
b. Play through (Encourage the class to try and sight read their part.)
c. Find unison sections
d. Sight read - part by part; short sections at a time, read lyrics in rhythm, each part first, then as an ensemble

Remember it is not necessary to work the entire class period on one piece of music, work smaller sections then combine.

Remember to always apply concepts previously learned to your new literature!
VI. Formal Listening: One to two class periods per month. Have students listen to a piece of music that relates to a time period, season, or song they are singing. Daily listening should consist of a variety of choral recordings. (For more information on using listening examples as class openers, consult the listening section of the supplemental materials.)

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Vocabulary:
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piano
forte
mezzo piano
mezzo forte
legato

## Personalization Notes

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## Week Five:

## The students will ...

- demonstrate how to attach pitches accurately (2.3)
- $\quad$ sing with proper phrasing (1.9)
- modulate volume in order to hear all parts (2.2)
- identify and interpret dynamic markings (3.5)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up -You may wish to do some stretching exercises prior to rhythm or vocal drills. Place the beat in various parts of the body as children listen to a popular song with a good beat. (Ex. pat or move shoulders 1, 2, 3, 4 - arms up stretch 1, 2, 3, 4 - knees (bend or pat) 1, 2, 3, 4. The beginning choirs love this. Begin simply - you can always increase the level of difficulty.)
II. Rhythmic drills - clap and count from measures notated on board or overhead. Melodic drill - hand sign and sing intervals, practice attacks. Sight sing hand signals then transfer to staff. Read melodies using step wise movement, then 3 rds, 5ths, and 8ths eventually entire scale. Continuously review and practice your intervals.
III. Practice rounds utilizing dynamics and modulating volume. Allow students to direct. Choose small groups to perform. Review dynamics, if dynamics markings are not notated create your own!!! This is great time for a cappella work
IV. Work on another selection you may be interested in for your Winter Concert. As you introduce pieces remember to read through your music and quiz students on what they see. Look at phrasing, unisons etc.
V. Remember to consistently review the vocabulary, do so as you work through your lesson and you encounter the various symbols and terms. Choose one day of each week for a quick vocabulary quiz.
VI. You may want to discuss Solo and Ensemble with your students early in the semester to allow enough time to choose and prepare their literature. Art songs and folk songs provide wonderful literature from which students can choose. Try to influence your students toward good solo vocal literature, and refrain from using popular music. Send out letters to parents of students interested in participating. A letter, contract, and timeline are available in the appendix of this book.

## Vocabulary:

Conductor
Decrescendo
Tempo
Harmony
Crescendo

Personalization Notes

## Week Six:

## The student will...

- identify the dynamic and tempo markings found in their music $(3.4,3.5)$
- sing patterns containing various intervals (3.7)
- explain time signature and clap and count 2 - 4 measures in $2 / 4,3 / 4,4 / 4$, and $6 / 8$ time $(3,6)$
- name the notes in the treble and bass clef (3.3)
- identify key signatures that pertain to the music they are singing (3.9)


## Procedures:

I. Warm-Ups
a. Rhythmic and Melodic -Be sure to review many of your previous objectives in your warm-ups. Ex. posture and vocal placement, as you sing your melodic exercises, notes and time signatures as you practice rhythm reading, and intervals, scales and melodic movement as you practice your sight singing.
II. Continue to work for uniform tone and good placement in rounds. Divide the class into a variety of groups; perhaps move them around the room as they sing.

Try having each row sing a short section from one of the choral pieces previously learned. Choose a different group of students to do the same thing. Listen and evaluate in a positive manner. Ask the students for their ideas on what was sung. Try to have them give the suggestions on how to improve a particular section of the music, either vocally or musically. Be creative when having the students work on particular techniques or concepts. It changes your routine. A little variety adds to your lessons and helps maintain classroom attention.
III. Introduce third new piece for Winter Concert (see new music plan). By this time students have a few pieces that they can look at and compare the forms. (Round / A B / A B A.) Explain and give more examples of literature using these forms.
IV. Use the few minutes at the end of class to quiz the students verbally on vocabulary, notes and note values. Remember that the vocabulary words are cumulative

## Vocabulary:

Pitch
Binary

Intonation
Ternary

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## Week Seven:

## The student will....

- recognize A B and A B A form in their music (4.2, 4.3)
- listen to prerecorded pieces and demonstrate knowledge of form (4.2, 4.3)
- identify and explain the difference between sacred and secular music (4.2, 4.3)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up
a. Add new exercises and game suggestions for rhythmic practice to maintain the student's interest.
b. Using flashcards helps the students learn the material. They can quiz each other and they may also use them as study aids.
c. Always review the concepts and objectives for the month.
II. Around this time of year many schools are involved in fundraisers so it is important to set up an organized system of collecting money / receipts without losing too much class time.
III. Review form with the student's as they sing through their music. You may want your quiz this week to be an oral one - prerecorded songs (familiar ones) that you have put on tape. Student's will listen and note whether they are rounds, A B or A B A. You may wish to assess them visually prior to a written quiz. This may be done easily by a thumb up, or 2 fingers up, if A B, thumbs down if A B A, hand extended palms down for Round. Have students listen then close their eyes this way you can visually assess whether they are getting the concept.
IV. Work concert music.

## Vocabulary:

Select vocabulary that best suits your class and the literature you are studying
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## Personalization Notes

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## Week Eight:

## The student will...

- continue to work for uniform supported tone as students make the transition from high to low register and back (1.5)
- continue to analyze and identify characteristics of good choral tone in recorded examples (10.1)
- continue to work for awareness of pitch while listening to the other sections (2.2)
- notate dictated measures of rhythm


## Procedures:

I. Warm up
a. Stretching
b. Rhythmic Drills
c. Echo clapping,
d. Rhythm reading
e. Director claps (quarter notes) snaps (eighth notes) pats legs (half note) Hands open palms up (quarter rest) Have students notate simple rhythms. Example: Clap, Clap Snap-Snap, Clap. This is an easy way for the students to begin to take rhythmic dictation. Eventually you transfer the patterns to drum or some other instrument
f. Melodic Drills - echo sing patterns using hand signs or numbers Sing patterns that the director hand signs, then read patterns from board or cards. Suggestion: Use large melody flashcards to practice reading. Have the students figure out the mystery tunes notated weekly on a side board. This is another opportunity for a weekly question or brain teaser. )
g. Rounds (attention to choral tone and balance) You may want to have your students sing in a circle to help facilitate a better balance.
II. Work choral music. Draw attention to time and key signatures, expressive markings, difficult rhythmic measures, skips that might be a problem vocally. Work on attacks and releases.
III. Have students listen to examples of good choral singing and discuss what they hear. Guide the students as to what they should be listening for. This should be easier each week for them as they utilize and recognize the correct technique for singing through warm-ups.
IV. You may wish to do a Master Series Listening lesson this week on a composer you may have been discussing. Many holidays or community /cultural events are wonderful discussion starters. Example, Halloween - it lends itself to Grieg and his "Hall of the Mtn King" from the "Peer Gynt Suite."

Vocabulary:
Select vocabulary that best suits your class and the literature you are studying
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## Personalization Notes

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## Week Nine:

## Nevada Day - End of first 9 weeks

## The student will...

- demonstrate knowledge of postures, clefs, terms, symbols and notation through a vocal and written quiz.(1.1-10)
- demonstrate vocal technique and knowledge of music through small ensemble performance (2.1)


## Procedures:

I. Warm ups
a. Stretching
b. rhythmic review
c. melody and intervals
d. You may use previous suggestions from earlier lessons. Use this week to catch up on, or review concepts you have not spent enough time on. (Most schools are at a point in the year where students must receive a progress report. This is a good week to spend time on evaluating specific concepts. By this time you should have a number of grades for each student. (See the appendix for examples of Grading Scales and Weights.)
e. Sight-reading - You may wish to evaluate your students on reading simple step/same melodic lines.
II. Work on choral music. Always applying and reviewing previously discussed in conjunction with the choral literature.
III. Quiz (Written)

## Vocabulary:

Select vocabulary that best suits your class and the literature you are studying

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## $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quarter

Curriculum Performance Objectives: 2.4, 3.8-11, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 6.1, 6.2, 8.2, 11.5
State Content Standards: 1, 2, 5, 8, 9
Concepts introduced this month:
Staggered Breathing
Key Signatures
Expressive Indications
Sacred / Secular Music
Role of church in choral music development
Melodic and Rhythmic Composition

## Week Ten:

The student will...

- demonstrate the proper use of staggered breathing. (2.4)
- be able to sing simple melodic phrases utilizing various rhythmic patterns. (3.8b, d)
- be able to recognize the key signature and identify the number of sharps/flats present. (3.9)
- be able to identify expressive indicators in music notation. (3.10)


## Procedures:

I. Warm ups
a. Stretching:
b. Rhythmic Reading Drills- Students will read, clap and count measures in $2 / 4,3 / 4,4 / 4$ time. Students will clap and count measures in $6 / 8$ time.
c. Melodic/Rhythmic Drills - Students will sing scales using various rhythm patterns on each pitch.
d. Scales - Have students sing the scale in a variety of keys notated on board or overhead. Have the students identify the number of sharps and flats present in each key signature.
e. Students will sing a chosen vowel for 60 seconds using staggered breathing. Use a familiar song such as "America"; sing long phrases that require staggered breathing. Transfer these concepts to your literature.
II. List on Board or overhead the expressive indicators found in your literature. Some might be diminuendo, ritardando, and rallentando. These would also be your vocabulary words for the week.
III. Work on choral literature.
IV. Analyze recorded examples of choral music. Discuss the singers' voices, ranges, quality, etc.

Vocabulary:
Select vocabulary that best suits your class and the literature you are studying
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## Personalization Notes

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## Week Eleven:

## The student will.....

- identify various key signatures (3.9)
- identify notation symbols (3.11)
- be able to identify structure in music(4.1)


## Procedures:

I. Warm-up (Use some of the exercises and suggestions from earlier lessons)
a. Remember that the warm-up sections even those reinforcing particular concepts should only take about 12-15 minutes
b. Stretching/Movement
c. Rhythmic Drills
d. Melodic Drills
II. As you proceed to work on your literature, try to work in the following: Look at the literature you are working on, take the notation symbols from this music. List them on the board or use overhead to name and define the symbol. Have the students find these symbols in their in their literature. As you work the music constantly review not just the symbols but the concepts from week one. (Examples of notation symbols: repeat sign, 1st and 2nd ending, fermata, Da Capo, Double Bar, etc.
III. Using a large poster of the circle of 5ths, have the students locate the key they are singing in. Have them count the sharps or flats and have them illustrate the key - signature with its name in their notes or journal. Review the keys everyday as you rehearse your literature.
IV. Work the music. In between practice ask the following questions. Have the students demonstrate knowledge of structure in their music. Is the number of measures even or odd? Does each measure have an equal number of beats? How many phrases do you see in your music? Demonstrate that phrases have a question and answer portion.

## Vocabulary:

Select vocabulary that best suits your class and the literature you are studying
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## Week Twelve:

## The student will...

- sing simple melodic phrases utilizing diatonic intervals with various rhythmic patterns.(3.8)
- begin to understand the role that sacred and secular music has played in the development of western music. $(5.1,5.2)$
- discriminate the quality of a musical performance (10.1)


## Procedures:

I. Warm ups
a. Rhythmic drills
b. Melodic drills
c. Sight Sing simple, diatonic melodies in various key signatures.
i. Identify the time signature
ii. Clap the rhythm
iii. Identify the key and tonic
iv. Say the solfege in rhythm
v. Sing
II. You should be rehearsing you winter concert literature. Try to include literature from several religions. (A great time for Hebrew!) It is important to include both sacred and secular music in your program. It is important to define for the students sacred and secular. Sacred: That which relates to religion - any religion. Secular: Relating to the worldly; not overtly or specifically religious. Spend some time discussing the differences. Name some songs that might apply to each. Many of them attend services at one church or another; ask them if the music they sing at church is the same as the music they listen to on their favorite radio station. Discuss content, etc. Remember to set guidelines and expectations on how you wish the students to respond. Discuss the influence the church has had on the development of choral music. Explain to the students that just as they will eventually study communism in history, no one is promoting communism. Similarly, we teach sacred music, but we are not promoting religion. This is another good reason to include music from several religions. Provide students with historical background of the composers of your literature and the period in which he/she lived.
III. As you rehearse your concert literature, have the students discriminate the quality of their performance. One way to introduce this is to have students perform the piece twice, once with appropriate phrasing and musicality, and once without. Then have the students analyze the quality of their performance using the following components: pitch, intonation, rhythm, tempi, form, expression, and phrasing. You will want the students to begin to self-analyze
often now, their performance will improve because they are beginning to take "ownership" of the process of creating.

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## Week Thirteen

## The student will....

- continue to sight sing diatonic melodies (3.8)
- begin to compose a rhythmic composition using the quarter note, half note, and whole note and their equivalent rests. (6.1)
- work in cooperation with the director and other students to produce cohesive musical sound. (12.2)
- begin to improvise "Answers" in the same style to given rhythmic and melodic phrases. (7.1)


## Procedures:

I. Warm-Ups
a. Rhythmic/Melodic:

The students are used to echo clapping, begin now to sing or clap a rhythm or melody and have the students change it a little so it becomes the answer. Explain that when you ask a question people generally don't repeat the question. That would be an echo. For example, the question "Hello, how are you?" is answered, "Thank you, I am fine." Try a few simple questions and answers. Use "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" if you need a place to start. students will sing "How I wonder what you are." Etc. (At this point you should have an organized routine that incorporates movement/stretching, rhythmic and melodic drills
b. You may wish to make a game out of reading your diatonic melodies. Cut out some large notes, laminate, and attach magnets to the backs. These adhere easily to the white boards available in most schools. (Use masking tape if nothing else) Move the notes into various positions on the staff, have students sight read. You can do it as an individual challenge, row, or small group competition. This can be done anytime you need to take a break from what you are working on.
II. Discuss the upcoming winter concert, and begin to have the student practice behaviors appropriate to cooperative ensemble performance.
a. Remain quiet while the conductor gives instructions.
b. Stand/sit attentively immediately after the conductor's cut-off, without talking, fidgeting, or singing past the cut-off.
c. Show respect for anyone who is speaking or singing by listening attentively.
d. Enter and leave the risers with good posture, hands out of pockets, and without talking.
e. Practice proper expressions of appreciation, discouraging screaming, stomping and hooting.
f. Have students practice sitting quietly while listening to a performance of their peers.

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## Week Fourteen

## The student will....

- be exposed to a variety of performance settings (11.3)
- continue to practice appropriate concert behavior (11.6)
- participate in scheduled performances of their ensemble (12.1)


## Procedures:

I. Warm-ups :
a. Stretching Rhythmic
b. Drills Melodic Drills
c. Interval Practice
d. Sight singing
II. Winter Concert Choral Music Rehearsal. (Incorporate all previous vocal/choral objectives) Remind the students of the significance of the individual to the ensemble. Reiterate the importance of attendance at the upcoming winter concert. As the students evaluate their performance and progress on each piece, make them aware of how different the music would sound if many were missing. (It is difficult to have a baseball game if the pitcher and catcher are missing.) Have the students make a list of what they perceive are their responsibilities to the ensemble as a whole. Write them on the board and put them in order of priority. Your weekly question this week might be, "What is the importance of teamwork in a variety of situations." (Football, Baseball, Soccer, Etc)
III. Many schools take their choirs off campus to perform. Remember to always have permission slips, letters home with pertinent details, transportation checked and confirmed, appropriate school personnel notified, and an administrator in attendance if possible.

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## Week Fifteen

## The student will...

- explore the basic components of music including style, interpretation, dynamic levels,
- phrasing and articulation while rehearsing concert literature. (11.1)
- expand on his/her musical repertoire through performances in the school setting (11.2)
- explain and compare the roles of creators, performers and others involved in the production
- and presentation of the arts. (8.2)


## Procedures:

I. Warm ups:
a. Vocalize
b. Rhythmic and Melodic Drills
II. Practice your Winter Concert music. Review appropriate dress (some schools have uniforms some do not.) Practice walking on and off risers (even if it is on a flat area) make so that students aware of their position in relation to others on risers, and their posture. Practice focusing on the conductor.
III. This time of year there are many community performances as well as school performances. Discuss the roles of everyone involved in the performances. Producers Directors Performers Composers Graphics, to name a few.
IV. Listening Activity: "The Messiah" is performed a great deal this time of year. You might want to study George F. Handel, and listen to some of his works.

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## Week Sixteen:

## The student will...

- continue to work on identifying key signatures. (3.9)
- describe the use of vocal music in the performance of various styles of folk music (5.4) (NS 2)
- describe the use of vocal music in the performance of various styles of classical music (5.5) (NS 2)
- compose a rhythmic composition using quarter, half, and whole notes and equivalent rests (6.1)
- compose a melody (6.2)
- recognize the opportunity to perform at solo \& ensemble festival (11.5) (NS 1)


## Procedures:

I. Warm-up :
a. Stretching
b. Movement
c. Vocal Exercises
d. Rhythmic Drill
II. You may wish to introduce your festival music at this time. It is highly recommended that you use classical, folk, and spirituals. Avoid "Pop" and "Broadway" literature; you can use this music for your spring/summer "pops" concerts. (A list of recommended literature will be made available.)
Prior to introducing your festival music, you may want to expose the students to some recorded arrangements of folk and classical music. Have the students note in their notes or journals the differences they hear and discuss between the two genres.
III. Your students have experienced some rhythmic and melodic dictation by this time. Have the students compose a melody. using these guidelines :
a. C Major
b. Use only quarter, eighth, whole and half notes.
c. Begin and end on tonic
d. Use stepwise for now and then increase difficulty level by adding intervals as students progress.
e. You may also wish to change keys as students become more comfortable with key signatures. Check students for accuracy, then have 1 or 2 students either sing their composition for the class, or write it on the board for the class to sight sing
IV. Solo and Ensemble applications are typically due this week, so solos/duets etc should have already been assigned.
a. Make sure all students have original scores, and your accompanist(s) is set.
b. You may also wish to audition students for preparedness this week, that is, if you already assigned solos etc. before winter break. An advantage to auditioning is that you know who is really serious and hopefully avoid last minute drop outs.
c. Finally, rehearse students throughout the month. (Attached you will find a copy of the letter and contract used to make sure the student aware of the commitment involved.)
V. Choral music rehearsal. Applying all previous vocal /choral objectives to lesson. Review structure, form, tempo, dynamics, and expressive elements.

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## Week Seventeen

The student will....

- describe the use of vocal music in the performance of various styles of classical music (5.5)
- compose a melody using symbols and traditional terms referring to dynamics,
- tempo and articulation (6.2) (NS 4)


## Procedures:

I. Warm-up:
a. Vocal Exercises
b. Rhythmic Drills: Reading, Rhythmic dictation, writing
c. Melodic Drills: Reading, Simple melodic dictation, writing
II. Continue composing melodies, this time including:
a. Dynamics
b. Tempo
c. Articulation
d. Rests (quarter, eighth, half, whole)
III. Work Choral Literature.

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## Week Eighteen

## The student will...

- Review for the semester exam


## Procedures:

I. Warm-up:
a. Vocal Exercises
b. Rhythmic Drills
c. Melodic Drills
II. Provide students with a study guide for your final, then review a portion of the study guide each day together. To get students motivated and involved, make a game out of the review. You can review by quizzing individual students or in teams. Incentives are also a possibility. Many teachers use candy as an incentive, others use a ticket or "money" system, others use extra credit points.
III. Suggested guidelines for the final exam:
a. Vary the kinds of questions on your test:
i. multiple choice
ii. fill-in-the-blank
iii. matching, true-false
iv. labeling,
v. Avoid using ALL multiple choice, or ALL true-false etc
b. Avoid trick questions-this just confuses the student and is not a good measure of knowledge.
IV. Many teachers write their final exams so they are compatible with the scantron sheets. This is a major time saver for those with very large classes.

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## 3rd Quarter

Curriculum Performance Objectives: 1.5, 1.8-10, 2.1, 2.3, 6.1, 8.1, 8.3, 10.2, 11.3, 11.4, 12.1, 12.2

State Content Standards: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Concepts introduced/reviewed this quarter:
Breath
Composition
Diction
Dynamics
Intonation
Listening skills
Music across the curriculum
Performance etiquette
Performance style
Phrasing
Vocal technique
Vowel unification

## Week Nineteen:

## The student will...

- employ correct vocal registers 1.5 (NS 1)
- employ correct posture, breath support, and vocal placement (registers) to solve intonation problems 1.7 (NS 1)
- discriminate the quality of a musical performance 10.2 (NS 6,7)
- continue with key signatures (3.9)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up:
a. Rhythmic Drill
b. Melodic Drills

Increase the level of difficulty in the students' sight reading by adding more intervals and rhythms. Always work intervals, diatonic and whole tone scales. Try to use dynamics even in your warm ups, both rhythmic and melodic.

Make your students aware of the importance of focus and concentration when doing their warm ups.

Watch the students' chins to make sure they are not raising when singing the higher notes. If you notice this, have the students move their heads up and down, side to side until their jaws are back in a relaxed position. You may wish to re-test your male voices to see if any changes have occurred.
II. The students have been taught musicianship and proper vocal technique this will have helped their intonation. Have students listen carefully to themselves within the ensemble, and encourage students to sing softer while solving intonation problems. You may also wish to give students different scenarios that may affect intonation, such as, sustaining the pitch with no support, then with support, etc. Should problems persist check the seating formation in your classroom. Can the students hear all the pitches in the chord? When singing loudly is the student pushing and over singing?
III. Have students who are participating in the Solo \& Ensemble Festival perform their solo in front of the class. They should follow the following procedure:
a. Introduce themselves, the song title, composer and accompanist.
b. Give a brief history of the song and composer.
c. If the language is other than English, have the student explain the meaning of what he/she is singing.

If you have no one performing in Solo \& Ensemble you may want to invite some high school students in to sing for your class in order to teach objective 10.2.
IV. The class will give each performer positive feedback based on the following criteria:
a. Tone quality:
i. Does it sound pleasant to listen to in the higher and lower parts of the voice?
ii. Does it sound clear and focused?
b. Intonation:
i. Is the performer singing in tune?
c. Breath Support:
i. Are the phrases good?
ii. Does the voice sound breathy?
d. Diction:
i. Are the words understandable?
e. Stage Presence:
i. Does the performer have a pleasant facial expression and relaxed body?
ii. Is the performer relating to the audience?
iii. Is there eye contact?

Tell the class that they must make positive comments only. Instruct them to come up with at least 2 positive comments for each performer. You can either have them write the comments down and turn them in for a grade, and then give the comments to the performer, or randomly call on students to comment in class. The class should be graded on audience etiquette and comments made.

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## Week Twenty:

## The student will...

- demonstrate correct articulation of beginning and ending consonants while maintaining uniform vowel placement (1.8) (NS 1)
- sing musically with proper phrasing (1.9) (NS 1)
***As you rehearse festival literature, you will want to revisit and refine concepts taught at the beginning of the school year.


## Procedures:

I. Warm up:
a. Stretching
b. Rhythmic Drill- Continue to sight read phrases containing quarter notes, half and whole notes, eighths and sixteenths and their equivalent rest. To vary your drill, work in ensembles, or individually. Rearrange notated patterns, perhaps stack patterns, then have each section clap, pat, snap or sing their part simultaneously.
c. Melodic Drill - Constantly review intervals. Using the hand signs help the special learners in the classroom. Sight read 8 measures of notes using stepwise, repeated notes and skips. Sing in sections or have a group of students sing a measure when you point to them. Remind them they have to watch carefully since you will point to the group and they must be ready so as not to stop the flow of the notated music.
II. Students should be familiar with thirds and fifths by now. Have the students sing the pitches 135 of the scale or D M S in a variety of keys. Call attention to the note placement on the staff, written melodically and then harmonically. Explain why this is a major chord. (raised third) This reinforces a number of concepts previously taught, sharps, flats, key signature, note names and intervals.
Exercise: 131513531_ Have students sing in three or four keys. Vowels make the tone beautiful but the consonants make the work understandable.
III. During warm-ups, practice consonant sounds including "t," "d," "k," and the proper use of "s," then transfer these concepts to your literature, concentrating on beginning and ending consonants while maintaining vowel unification. Suggested exercises
a. Loosen the tongue with, 543212345432 1, sing on Lah, on each pitch then alternating lah lee, or lah lu.
b. 13531 singing Nah or Dah on each pitch.
c. 54321 singing T-K-T-K-T or D-K-D-K-T on each pitch.
d. Wow, wow, wow, wow, wow on 54321 pitches of scale. (or Mum, or Pah Pea or Bah Bee).
e. Yah on one note
f. Yah, Yah, Yah, Yah, Yah. or Vah, Vee, Vah, Vee, Vah, on 1-2, 3-4, 5-4, 3-2, 1.
Transfer these exercises to your choral music. Continue to work on phrasing, your attacks and releases as you vocalize and sing your exercises.

Phrasing can be helped by being aware of the text as well as the music. Practice reading the text with the class emphasizing the important words and stressing the vital syllables. Use your sound as a painter would use color and incorporate text painting to help you interpret the music.

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## Week Twenty-One:

## The student will...

- utilize matching vowel sounds to enhance ensemble blend 2.1 (NS 1)
- demonstrate how to attack pitches accurately without scooping or sliding 2.3 (NS 1)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up:
a. Vocalize
i. During the warm-up, focus on vowel unification.
ii. Suggestion (2.1A): Using the example of an egg shape, have students smoothly form all vowels, continuing to visualize the egg shape.
b. Rhythmic Drill
i. Continue to read notated 4 measure phrases (incorporate all notes/and equivalent rests) Read together - allow the students to come and place dynamic markings, then have the class perform with attention to the markings placed by student.
ii. Continue to work on rhythmic dictation -either as board work with class or done individually.
c. Melodic Drill
i. Continue to sight read melodic lines in a variety of keys.
II. Review Major and Minor Chords.
a. Play the thumbs up/down game. Teacher will play two chords. The students will close their eyes and indicate whether the second chord is major or minor by thumbs up for major and thumbs down for minor. The students love this game. You can extend it to a written quiz or even add it to the final exam. The students will listen to prerecorded chords and indicate 1 as Major and 2 as Minor.
III. As the students work their choral music be attentive to the beginning and ending of phrases and clarity of attacks. If you encounter scooping or sliding, you may wish to try the following:
a. Ask students to visualize dropping the pitch from above.
b. Have students discuss their own visualizations
c. Practice singing the correct pitch on the initial vowel sound or phonated consonant.

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## Week Twenty-Two:

## The student will...

- sing at various dynamic levels while maintaining correct breath support and tone quality (1.10) (NS 1)
- be exposed to a variety of performance settings through performances in the community (11.3) (NS 7)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up
a. Vocalize - Have the students warm up at various dynamic levels.
i. Demonstrate and practice singing accents while maintaining appropriate breath support.
b. Rhythmic Drill
i. Continue to read notated 4 measure phrases (incorporate all notes/and equivalent rests) Read together - allow the students to come and place dynamic markings, then have the class perform with attention to the markings placed by student.
c. Melodic Drills
i. Sight read a variety of phrases, incorporating all note values and equivalent rests. Add repeats, fermatas and dynamic markings.
ii.
II. Sing chords through the "C" scale. Divide the class into three sections and assign each section a line, have the students listen for intonation as they sing
III. Play the Major/Minor game. See last week for directions.
IV. As you go through the choral literature:
a. have the students locate major and minor chords.
b. Discuss together whether or not the dynamics are what the composer intended
c. Work the areas that call for crescendo and decrescendo - you may want to have smaller groups sing and have the rest of the class listen.
d. Allow students to come up and conduct.

Remember to always set guidelines for exactly how any activity that may not be daily is performed so the class does not lose its focus. This would be a good week/month for recruiting. Earlier in the year it was suggested that you contact your feeder schools and set-up performances. Confirm the dates and times of your visit to your feeder schools.

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## Week Twenty-Three:

## The student will...

- compose a rhythmic composition using quarter, half, and whole notes and equivalent rests (6.1)
- explain how elements, artistic processes, and organizational principles are used in similar and distinctive ways in the various art forms (8.1) (NS 8)
- explain ways in which the principles and subject matter of various disciplines outside the arts are interrelated with those of music (8.3) (NS 8)
- describe events in an aural example of program music


## Procedures:

I. Warm Up
a. Movement
i. Vary your routine with a physical warm up to a fun snappy tune. Sway to the beat, stretch arms up, bend down, shoulders up and down etc.
b. Rhythmic Drill - Continue to read and perform a variety of rhythmic exercises and ensembles.
c. Vocalize - Have the students warm up at various dynamic levels.
II. Demonstrate and practice singing accents while maintaining appropriate breath support.
III. This time of year students are beginning to work on a variety of projects for their other classes. If time permits, this would be a good week/month to ask your Geography, Science, English, and Social Studies Teachers for their second semester plans. As you work on your literature and do the listening lessons, you may have the opportunity to relate it to something the students are working on in their other classes.
a. Suggestion: Have students compare how historical events are represented in the various arts: Compare the events of the War of 1812 to Tchaikovsky's depiction, in the 1812 Overture (Social Studies). If the students are studying the Solar System, listen to Gustav Holst's, The Planets (Science).Folk songs are related to Geography and culture.
b. Similar elements like style, period, structure, form, rhythm, flow, contour, shape dynamic and color are found in many other art forms besides music: Art, Photography, Dance, Theater, and Architecture to name a few. The creative process, what is it, how does it happen, and its eventual result is a wonderful discussion or journal question.
IV. Many students have not been formally introduced to the orchestra and its literature. One great introduction to the instruments in Benjamin Britten's, "A Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra." As the students become familiar with the instruments and their families you can quiz them on what they hear by having them place cards in the order of their appearance. You can make sets of cards that indicate Woodwind, Percussion, Strings, Brass or you can
have cards with instrument names on them. This little game helps to focus the students' attention on the instrumentation. This can be used as part of a listening quiz. Another guide to listening are the Winton Marsalis Videos and Jim Henson's "The Ghost of Fathner Hall"

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## Week Twenty-Four:

## The student will...

- write a melodic composition using quarter, half, and whole notes and equivalent rests that is played aurally (6.1)
- explain how elements, artistic processes, and organizational principles are used in similar and distinctive ways in the various art forms (8.1) (NS 8)
- explain ways in which the principles and subject matter of various disciplines outside the arts are interrelated with those of music (8.3) (NS 8)
- describe events in an aural example of program music
- describe the music played in a given aural example using appropriate terminology (9.1) (NS 6)


## Procedures:

I. Warm Up:
a. Vocal
b. Rhythmic Drill- continue with sight reading and dictation
c. Melodic Drill - continue with sight reading, work intervals. Have the students try to take some simple melodic dictation. This was included in the plan a few weeks ago and needs to be ongoing.
II. Review Major and Minor.
III. Continue to review and refine diction, phrasing, dynamics, vowel unification, etc. These are not only crucial concepts for good choral sound, but will also be judged at Festival!!!
a. Sample checklist
$\checkmark$ Attacks and releases (in sections and full choir)
$\checkmark$ Breathing ( staggered breathing / phrasing)
$\checkmark$ Intonation (within the chords and in sections )
$\checkmark$ Rhythm / Tempo (Is everyone executing correct note values.)
$\checkmark$ Dynamics (Are you observing the composers markings)
$\checkmark$ Articulation
$\checkmark$ Blend
$\checkmark$ Balance
b. Check posture and support.
c. Try singing the piece A cappella.

Planning a good listening lesson will keep your students on task should you need to be gone for festival.

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## Week Twenty-Five:

## The student will...

- continually review from previous months (1.8-1.10, 2.1, 2.3)
- describe the music played in a given aural example using appropriate terminology (9.1) (NS 6)


## Procedures:

I. Warm Up:
d. Vocal
e. Rhythmic Drill- continue with sight reading and dictation
f. Melodic Drill - continue with sight reading, work intervals. Have the students try to take some simple melodic dictation. This was included in the plan a few weeks ago and needs to be ongoing.
II. Review Major and Minor.
III. Continue to review and refine diction, phrasing, dynamics, vowel unification, etc. These are not only crucial concepts for good choral sound, but will also be judged at Festival!!!
g. Sample checklist
$\checkmark$ Attacks and releases (in sections and full choir)
$\checkmark$ Breathing ( staggered breathing / phrasing)
$\checkmark$ Intonation (within the chords and in sections)
$\checkmark$ Rhythm / Tempo (Is everyone executing correct note values.)
$\checkmark$ Dynamics (Are you observing the composers markings)
$\checkmark$ Articulation
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h. Check posture and support.
i. Try singing the piece A cappella.

## Festival Tips:

Reconfirm buses
> Make sure your permission slips are in and that you bring them with you to festival.
$>$ Don't forget to bring three envelopes containing octavos of each selection your group is singing. Include a new cassette in each envelope.
> Take roll on the bus and do a head count/ do the same when returning to school.
> Leave a list with the office of those students in the group who for whatever reason are not accompanying you to festival, as well as a list of the students going. You should make arrangements with another teacher to keep the student/s if the rest of the class is attending festival.

Know where you are going!!! Sometimes the bus drivers are new and do not know where they are going.

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## Week Twenty-Six:

## The student will...

- participate in scheduled performances of their ensemble (12.1) (NS 1)
- work in cooperation with the director and other students to produce a cohesive musical sound (12.2) (NS 6)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up
a. Stretching/Moving to the beat
b. Rhythmic Drill- continue to review difficult patterns and sight read rhythmic compositions. Try to vary your approach to drills.
c. Melodic Drill- continue to sight read and sing a variety of melodic phrases.
d. Practice breath support and control as you sing the phrases.
II. Have different students conduct for dynamics and tempo for a change of pace.
III. Have the students notate some simple dictated phrases. Use particular movements to indicate note values.
a. Hand claps -quarter notes,
b. Palm of right hand moving up left arm- half notes,
c. Crossed arms, palms moving up to opposite shoulders whole note,
d. Snaps for eighth notes.
e. Palms out in front of body indicating rests; quarter, half and whole.
IV. Review with the students the importance of participation. Each student is extremely vital to the ensemble. That is why attendance is mandatory, and a large portion of their grade.
V. Review Concert Etiquette: School, Festival and Community Concerts
a. No talking
b. Keep eyes and ears on the director at all times
c. Practice entering/exiting the risers with hands at side, walking and standing tall, no fidgeting, etc
d. Practice proper applause
VI. Discuss bus rules

You may wish to review the adjudication sheet with your students, so they are aware of the criteria on which the adjudicators will be focusing and evaluating.

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## Week Twenty-Seven:

## The student will...

- compare performance styles (10.2) (NS 6,7)
- recognize the opportunity to audition for district Honor Choir
- perform at District Choral festival (11.4)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up:
a. Vocalize,
b. Rhythmic Drill,
c. Melodic Drill
II. Review choral festival music.
III. Try to schedule enough time to listen to other schools at festival. To keep students engaged, give them several copies of blank judges' sheets to fill out for the various groups they will hear. They will then hand the sheets in for a grade. If your groups are large you may want to wait until you return to school to write critiques of other choirs you heard and your own.
IV. Listening: review the tapes from festival. Discuss the adjudicators' comments and the festival experience.
V. Discuss the opportunity to audition for Honor Choir:
a. Pass out informational letter/form
b. Review the audition process and what will be required of each student.
c. Require students to rehearse with you prior to auditioning.
d. Pre-Audition your students:
i. Do not allow ill-prepared students to audition.

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## $4^{\text {th }}$ Quarter

Curriculum Performance Objectives:, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 2.1, 2.3, 3.2, 3.6, 5.6,6.1, 10.2, 11.2, 12.1, 12.2, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3,

State Content Standards: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8

Concepts introduced/reviewed this quarter:
Classroom Procedures/Responsibilities
Intonation
Music Skills
Musical Form
Performance styles
Posture and Breathing
Vocal Tone

## Week Twenty-Eight:

The student will...

- demonstrate correct articulation of beginning and ending consonants while maintaining uniform vowel placement (1.8) (NS 1)
- sing musically with proper phrasing (1.9) (NS 1)
- sing at various dynamic levels while maintaining correct breath support and tone quality (1.10) (NS 1)
- utilize matching vowel sounds to enhance ensemble blend (2.1) (NS 1)
- demonstrate how to attack pitches accurately without scooping or sliding (2.3) (NS 1)
- compose a rhythmic composition using eighth, quarter, half, and whole notes and equivalent rests (6.1)
- participate in scheduled performances of their ensemble (12.1) (NS 1)
- work in cooperation with the director and other students to produce a cohesive musical sound (12.2) (NS 6)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up
a. Stretching or movement to relax body prior to vocal exercises. Vary your routine.
b. Rhythmic Drill - Continue to read and perform a variety of rhythmic exercises and ensembles. At some point you may want to use a simple rhyme and have the student's note where the beat falls with a tic (l) or you can do it together at the board. Then have your students figure out if the words or syllables indicate dividing the beat. Work slowly with them leading them to figure out the rhythm of the words.
c. Example


When ever you have time give the students the opportunity to work on these rhymes, notate them and write rhythmic accompaniments to them. These are great end of the year exercises. The students can then write them as melodies. Create Melodies using the pentatonic scale.
II. Continue to review and refine diction, phrasing and dynamics. Use the checklist to help you remember some specific problem areas. !!!
a. Sample checklist
$\checkmark$ Attacks and releases (in sections and full choir)
$\checkmark$ Breathing ( staggered breathing / phrasing)
$\checkmark$ Intonation (within the chords and in sections )
$\checkmark$ Rhythm / Tempo (Is everyone executing correct note values.)
$\checkmark$ Dynamics (Are you observing the composers markings)
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$\checkmark$ Balance
b. Check posture and support.
c. Try singing the piece A cappella.
III. You may want to have your students give you feedback on what they think are problem areas. Let a few stand out and critique what they hear. Take turns.
IV. Review Concert/Audience etiquette.
a. No talking
b. Keep eyes and ears on the director at all times
c. Practice entering/exiting the risers with hands at side, walking and standing tall, no fidgeting, etc
d. Practice proper applause
V. Discuss bus rules

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## Week Twenty-Nine:

The student will...

- Perform in the districts All-City Choral festival
- Compare performance styles (10.2) (NS 6, 7)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up:
a. Warm up using solfege with hand signs- sing the scale, attention to proper vowel placement. Echo sing patterns using solfege or numbers. (Important to do this a cappella) By this time your students should be able to sing the diatonic and whole tone scale.
b. Continue on with your own vocal exercises making sure to encourage correct diaphragmatic breathing.
II. Try to schedule enough time to listen to other groups at festival. Listen to the tapes containing the adjudicators' comments. Discuss the experience as a whole. Did the students enjoy the experience? What did they learn?
III. Listening Lesson - Vivaldi would be a good composer choice this time of year. Do the composer lesson and then plan on listening to "The Seasons." The students can hear the themes easily.

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## Week Thirty:

## The student will...

- recognize the sixteenth note and sixteenth rest (3.2) (NS 5)
- count and clap 4 measures phrases of basic rhythmic notation that includes the sixteenth note (3.6) (NS 5)
- describe the use of vocal music in the performance of various styles of contemporary music (5.6) (NS 2)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up:
a. Rhythmic Drills - (Echo clapping and rhythm reading) Director claps (quarter notes) snaps (sixteenth notes), tongue clicks (eighth notes), pat legs (half note) Hands open palms up (all rests, inform the students they must watch carefully and count to see which rest it is.) Have students notate simple rhythms.
Example.


This is an easy way for the students to begin to take rhythmic dictation. Eventually you transfer the patterns to drum or some other instrument
b. Melodic Drills - echo sing patterns using hand signs or numbers
i. Sing patterns that the director hand signs, then read patterns from board or cards. Suggestion: Use large melody flashcards to practice reading. Have the students figure out the mystery tunes.
II. Once the students have experienced snapping the sixteenth note, have students identify the sixteenth note and rest by:
a. Writing the notes on staff paper in a pattern of four sixteenth notes barred together (1e+a, etc). Explain that barring notes together makes it easier to read and that 4 sixteenth notes written separately and 4 barred together mean the same thing.
b. Clapping rhythmic patterns utilizing 4 sixteenth notes barred together
III. Make a list of some contemporary composers. Discuss some of the music you have sung this past year or perhaps a new piece you are working on for your final concert. Compare some listening examples and discuss the instrumentation, the style, (not only of the music but of the singers) of the music. Discuss the lyrics, and accompaniment or lack of. Begin with composers of vocal music first, and then branch out to modern instrumental compositions.
IV. Work on your choral music.

This is a great time of year to add some musical theater or film music arranged for choir to your group. Keep in mind that although the music may be more popular you still need to be attentive to vocal technique, breathing, tone, blend etc.

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## Week Thirty-One:

The student will...

- recognize the sixteenth note and sixteenth rest (3.2) (NS 5)
- count and clap 4 measures phrases of basic rhythmic notation that includes the sixteenth note (3.6) (NS 5)
- describe the use of vocal music in the performance of various styles of contemporary music (5.6) (NS 2)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up:
a. Rhythmic Drill -sight read measures of notated rhythms. All note values from the sixteenth note and equivalent rests to the whole note and its equivalent rest should be incorporated now.
b. Dictation, while not an objective, has been included in previous lessons, it is in this one as well. You will find that the students appreciate the challenge. Just remember to go slowly and keep patterns within their capabilities.
c. Melodic Drill - sight read measures of melody using stepwise, skip and same movement. Hand sign and sing intervals, then read them from board. When writing the intervals on the board or overhead, write them melodically and harmonically. Divide your class into groups and sing them. Have the entire class sing together the interval melodically, and then have them sing the interval harmonically.
II. This is a great time to practice melodic and harmonic intervals with the students. While this is not a specific objective the students are quite capable of doing this exercise.
III. Choral Music - your plan
IV. Make a list of some contemporary composers. Continue to compare some listening examples and discuss the instrumentation, the style of the singer and the music. Discuss the lyrics, and accompaniment. Begin with composers of vocal music, and then branch out to modern instrumental compositions.

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## Week Thirty-Two:

## The student will...

- recognize the sixteenth note and sixteenth rest (3.2) (NS 5)
- count and clap 4 measures phrases of basic rhythmic notation that includes the sixteenth note (3.6) (NS 5)
- describe the use of vocal music in the performance of various styles of contemporary music (5.6) (NS 2)


## Procedures:

I. Warm up-
a. Rhythmic Drill -sight read measures of notated rhythms. All note values from the sixteenth note and equivalent rests to the whole note and its equivalent rest should be incorporated now. Dictation, while not an objective, has been included in previous lessons, it is in this one as well. You will find that the students appreciate the challenge. Just remember to go slowly and keep patterns within their capabilities.
b. Melodic Drill - sight read measures of melody using stepwise, skip and same movement. Hand sign and sing intervals, then read them from board. When writing the intervals on the board or overhead, write them melodically and harmonically. Divide your class into groups and sing them. Have the entire class sing together the interval melodically, and then have them sing the interval harmonically. In previous lessons you have worked with Major and Minor chords. Continue the aural exercises and continue to play the thumbs up/thumbs down game for review.
II. Choral Rehearsal - your plan.
III. Composer listening lesson. Choose a composer from the Master Series or the listening CDs. Discuss his/her life, country, music, and social or political influences that may be demonstrated in the composer's music.

If you are not doing a last summer concert here is an interesting activity for the students. Assign students a composer to research. (they may work individually or in pairs) Duplications are fine. Have the students put together an interview with the composer. (One student is the composer the other student is the interviewer.) They may be creative in how they choose to present their project to the class. The students can do it live or video tape. They receive a grade for the project.

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## Week Thirty-Three:

If you are doing a final concert you will want to keep in mind the following objectives. If your concerts are completed by this month a number of activities are included to help keep your students motivated the last few weeks of school.

## The student will...

- expand his/her musical repertoire through performances in the school setting (11.2) (NS 1)
- participate in scheduled performances of their ensemble (12.1)
- work in cooperation with the director and other students to produce a cohesive musical sound (12.2) (NS 6)
- identify various career opportunities in the field of music (13.1) (NS 8)
- recognize his/her role as a consumer of music (13.2) (NS 8)
- give examples of continued opportunities for musical participation (13.3) (NS 8)
- review for the final exam


## Procedures:

I. Warm up:
a. Rhythmic Drill - Use drills that challenge your students. You know where your students are at this point. If you need to review more and maybe stay with some of the exercises given early in the year do so. If you feel your students have surpassed the exercises given, be creative and find more challenging material for them.
b. Melodic Drill - see above
II. Discuss the upcoming final concert, and have students practice behaviors appropriate to cooperative ensemble performance.
a. remain quiet while the conductor gives instructions
b. sit/stand attentively immediately after the conductor's cut-off, without talking, fidgeting, or singing past the cutoff
c. show respect for anyone who is speaking or singing by listening attentively
d. enter and leave the risers with good posture, hand out of pockets, and without talking
e. practice proper expressions of appreciation, discouraging screaming, stomping, and hooting
f. Have students practice sitting quietly while listening to a performance of their peers. (You can do this by asking for volunteers to sing in quartets or octets in front of the class)
III. Have the students write in their journals (if they have been keeping one) or as an essay, how they feel they contributed to the class this past year. They may want to answer the following questions. What do I feel were my responsibilities to the class as a whole this year? In what other activities have I taken part this year that required teamwork? Was the
teamwork successful in producing an acceptable outcome? If it was a sports team, did you win? If you did not win, did you feel that everyone gave their best? How much practice and planning went into the activity? If it was a concert, did you perform the music successfully? Were you happy with the final result? What would you do differently?
IV. Career opportunities in the field of music:
a. Discuss a variety of careers, including performance opportunities, teaching opportunities, and related fields of composing and engineering.
V. Make available information on continuing music study by
a. giving students a list of private voice and piano teachers
b. provide information on secondary performance ensembles
c. post audition notices for community musicals: (Spring Mountain Ranch has a hotline: 594-PLAY)
VI. Invite guest speakers from related fields to speak with the class.
VII. Discuss scholarship opportunities for participants of college performing ensembles.

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## Week Thirty-Four:

## The student will...

- expand his/her musical repertoire through performances in the school setting (11.2) (NS 1)
- participate in scheduled performances of their ensemble (12.1)
- work in cooperation with the director and other students to produce a cohesive musical sound (12.2) (NS 6)
- identify various career opportunities in the field of music (13.1) (NS 8)
- recognize his/her role as a consumer of music (13.2) (NS 8)
- give examples of continued opportunities for musical participation (13.3) (NS 8)
- review for the final exam


## Procedures:

I. Warm up
a. Rhythmic Drill - Use drills that challenge your students. You know where your students are at this point. If you need to review more and maybe stay with some of the exercises given early in the year do so. If you feel your students have surpassed the exercises given, be creative and find more challenging material for them.
b. Melodic Drill - see above
II. Discuss students' roles as consumers of music:
a. Use billboard charts to study musical trends
b. Conduct surveys of musical purchasing habits
c. Post and discuss community performances

## III. Musical Theater Unit Part One

(Before you begin this unit read through the next three weeks and the notes. This unit takes a few weeks to complete.)
a. Discuss early musical theater, and the changes that have taken place in the last sixty years.
b. Discuss the career opportunities in musical theater, and what each entails.

| Producer | Carpenters | Sound |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Director | Electricians | Recording |
| Singers | Costume Designers | Theater Staff |
| Dancers | Seamstresses | Ticket takers |
| Musicians | Wardrobe personnel | Custodians |
| Set Designers | Technicians | Manager Assistants |
| Painters | Lights |  |

c. In the early days there were no unions for any of these jobs. Now there are unions for every one of them. Most students are aware of unions discuss reasons why a union might be necessary.

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## Week Thirty-Five:

## The student will...

- expand his/her musical repertoire through performances in the school setting (11.2) (NS 1)
- participate in scheduled performances of their ensemble (12.1)
- work in cooperation with the director and other students to produce a cohesive musical sound (12.2) (NS 6)
- identify various career opportunities in the field of music (13.1) (NS 8)
- recognize his/her role as a consumer of music (13.2) (NS 8)
- give examples of continued opportunities for musical participation (13.3) (NS 8)
- review for the final exam


## Procedures:

I. Warm up
a. Rhythmic Drill
i. Use drills that challenge your students. You know where your students are at this point. If you need to review more and maybe stay with some of the exercises given early in the year do so. If you feel your students have surpassed the exercises given, be creative and find more challenging material for them.
b. Melodic Drill - see above
II. Musical Theater Unit (Part two
a. Discuss the material musicals are based on.
i. Revue (A combination of skits and songs that may or may not follow a theme - ex. Broadway Melodies)
ii. Book (Based on a story - ex. West Side Story)
iii. Concept(Based on a specific idea - ex. Chorus Line)
iv. Watch a very early musical, one of the "Broadway Melodies," then watch "Oklahoma", "West Side Story," "Fiddler On the Roof," and "Cats."

It is not necessary to watch each one completely through, for example, I only use a portion of "Broadway Melodies," "Oklahoma," and "Fiddler On the Roof." The students always want to see "West Side Story," in its entirety. I generally edit "Cats," a bit, but I love to spend a little time on how the poetry was adapted to the music. If you are doing arrangements from musicals this makes a good unit, tying it all together.
v. Sample Questions:

1. How did musicals change over the years?
2. Where did the writers find subjects?
3. How did the music change?
4. At what point did the songs and dances become more closely interrelated to the story and characters?
5. When you think of the cost of a movie like "Star Wars" with all its special effects, what would you imagine the cost of a musical?
6. Why do you think there are fewer theaters now than in the 1930's on Broadway?
7. What would you venture to guess is the cost of a theater ticket compared to a movie ticket?

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## Week Thirty-Six:

## The student will....

- identify various career opportunities in the field of music (13.1) (NS 8)
- recognize his/her role as a consumer of music (13.2) (NS 8)
- give examples of continued opportunities for musical participation (13.3) (NS 8)
- review for the final exam


## Procedures:

I. Warm up
a. Rhythmic Drill
i. Use drills that challenge your students. You know where your students are at this point. If you need to review more and maybe stay with some of the exercises given early in the year do so. If you feel your students have surpassed the exercises given, be creative and find more challenging material for them.
b. Melodic Drill - see above
II. Musical Theater Unit (Part three)
a. Have the students write their own short musical. They may work in groups of four or five.
b. They must write a script on a subject of their choosing. No more than two pages.
c. Using music from recordings they will find music that fits their characters and story line.
d. They will rehearse and then put the musical on cassette or video tape. (They may need before or after school time.) Using two cassette recorders or a CD player and one recording cassette, have the students perform their musical. They may however, perform it live for the class if they choose. They have until the end of May to turn in their performance.

Minimize wasted class time by being specific as to what needs to be accomplished each day. For those students off task have worksheets they can do in place of the project.
III. Provide students with a study guide for your final, then review a portion of the study guide each day together.
IV. Guidelines for the final exam:
a. Vary the kinds of questions on your test:
i. Multiple choice
ii. Fill-in-the-blank
iii. Matching
iv. True-false
v. Labeling
b. Avoid using ALL multiple choice, or ALL true-false etc.
c. Avoid trick questions-this just confuses the student and is not a good measure of knowledge

Copies of final exams are included at the back (for reference) in the appendix. You will of course want to write your own, depending on how much and what you have covered or plan on covering. It is wise to write your exam at the beginning of the nine weeks or semesters so you are aware of what you need to teach.

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## Section II

## Using Listening <br> Examples as Class Openers

## USING LISTENING EXAMPLES AS CLASS OPENERS

Class openers are short educational exercises that get the students to work as soon as the bell rings, and allows the teacher time to do the daily paperwork.
(Attendance, admit slips, etc.)
Objectives: Using audio recorded examples. . .
$>$ The student will develop the ability to identify good choral technique.
$>$ The student will identify varying styles of vocal literature.
$>$ The student will identify a variety of instruments and/or instrument groups used as accompaniment for vocal literature.
$>$ The student will discern between regular and irregular meters.
> The student will describe the shape of a singer's mouth/vowel and recreate it using his/her own vocal mechanism.
> The student will describe the mood created be a specific piece of vocal music.
> The student will compare and contrast similar pieces of vocal music written by different composers.
> The student will develop an understanding that all voices are worthwhile and that the dedication of the singer often outweighs the quality of the voice.
$>$ The student will practice proper audience etiquette.
Procedures:

- At the beginning of every class period play a short listening example.
- Theme the examples by month so that the students can compare the examples from day to day. At the beginning of each month you will need to have a short discussion to guide the students as to what to listen for.
- Follow the listening examples with questioning about the recording.
- Give the students specific things to listen for each day. You may want to write a question or two on the board.
- It is important that the teacher listen to each example before playing it for the class.
- Pass out listening guides as the students enter the class. Collect these for a small daily grade.
- Include listening questions on quizzes and exams.

Included on the following pages is a month by month outline of information to better assist you in the implementing of a daily listening example. Use your own expertise to adapt the listening to your own style.

## August Average voices doing above average things.

The examples in this section are designed to help build the student's belief in himself/herself. Have the students keep a daily journal describing the performers and what makes the performance unique. Make sure and collect the journals and grade them. What the student writes is not that important as long as is has to do with the listening. Opinions, especially in this section, are valid. If the students do not like what they are hearing, try to get them to describe in detail what it is that they don't like. After the listening example, take a moment and have some of the students read their entries. You should also include a biographical sketch of the singer. The biographical sketches below have been found from various internet sources. The website containing the complete biography is listed as well.

## Biographical Information

## Poor Unfortunate Souls from The Little Mermaid sung by Pat Carroll http://www.wic.org/bio/pcarroll.htm

Pat Carroll began her career in 1947 with Gloria Swanson in A Goose for the Gander. She made her Broadway debut in the 1955 musical review Catch a Star for which she received a Tony nomination. In 1956 she won an Emmy for her work on Caesar's Hour. She had regular appearances on The Danny Thomas Show, Busting Loose, Getting Together, The Ted Knight Show and She's the Sheriff. She guest-starred on The Carol Burnett, Danny Kaye and Red Skelton shows. She also appeared in Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella which aired annually on CBS for ten years. In 1979, she starred in her first one-woman show, Gertrude Stein Gertrude Stein Gertrude Stein. The production ran for 18 months on Broadway and 4 years on the road. It received the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Production, a Drama Desk Award for Best Actress and a Grammy for the recording._ In 1989 she performed the roll of Ursula the Sea Witch in The Little Mermaid. The film album received two platinum records.

## Les Poissons from The Little Mermaid sung by Rene Auberjonois http://www.startrek.com/library/bios.asp?ID=69055

Rene Auberjonois was born in New York City and raised in nearby Rockland County. At 16, Rene took to the stage under the tutelage of family friend and noted director John Houseman. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pennsylvania. Auberjonois' first appearance on Broadway was in the musical "Coco" with Katherine Hepburn, for which he won a Tony Award. He was also honored with Tony Award nominations for his performances in the Broadway productions of "Big River," "The Good Doctor" and for his role as movie mogul Buddy Fidler in the musical "City of Angels." Auberjonois made his mark on the silver screen, beginning with his debut in " $\mathrm{M}^{*} \mathrm{~A} * \mathrm{~S}^{*} \mathrm{H}$. ." and continuing with "Eyes of Laura Mars,"
"Brewster McCloud," "The Hindenburg", "Batman Forever", and "The Patriot" as the Reverend Oliver. Auberjonois was the voice of Chef Louis in Disney's "The Little Mermaid," and provided a voice-over for "Cats Don't Dance." On television, Auberjonois portrayed Chief of Staff Clayton Endicott III on Benson (He has been nominated twice for an Emmy Award, once for Benson and also for his performance in ABC's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." He is also known to Star Trek fans as Chief of Security Odo on Deep Space Nine.

It Takes a Woman from Hello Dolly sung by Walter Mathau
http://www.matthau.com/sys-tmpl/faqaboutus/
Walter Mathau was nominated for an Academy Award twice in the Best Actor category for "The Sunshine Boys" and "Ketch." He won the Academy Award as Best Supporting Actor for his tour de force performance as Whiplash Willie Gingrich in "The Fortune Cookie." Mathau was also nominated for six Golden Globe Awards, winning for his performance in "The Sunshine Boys." In 1962, his Broadway role in "A Shot in the Dark" brought Matthau his first Tony Award, winning for Best Supporting Actor. He received his second Tony Award this time for Best Actor, in Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple." Audiences continued to fall in love with that unlikely face as Walter's on-screen romances to follow included top Hollywood stars of the day. In "Hello Dolly" he was pursued by matchmaker Barbara Streisand. In "A New Leaf," Walter played a wealthy playboy seeking to restore his lost fortune by conning the unsuspecting heiress (Elaine May) into marriage. The ever versatile Matthau topped himself by playing all three leading roles in Neil Simon's vignette comedy "Plaza Suite." The 90's were a busy time for him with one box office hit after another; "Dennis the Menace," "JFK," "Grumpy Old Men," "Out to Sea," and "Grumpier Old Men." Walter also appeared in the film version of the play "I'm Not Rappaport" and in the critically acclaimed film based on Truman Capote's novella, "The Grass Harp" directed by his son Charlie. In 1998 he appeared opposite Carol Burnett in "The Marriage Fool," which the young Matthau also directed. Walter died on July 1, 2000.

Why Me from Two by Two sung by Danny Kaye http://ln.infoplease.com/ipea/A0762325.html

Danny Kaye began his long career as a performing busboy in the Borscht Belt of Catskills resorts. He made his film debut in 1937 in the two-reel short Dime a Dance and took part in cabarets and vaudeville in the United States and abroad. He signed with Samuel Goldwyn in 1943 and went on to make various films as well as appearances in the New York stage; meanwhile, his self-titled Danny Kaye Show delighted radio audiences in 1945 and television viewers from 1963 to 1967. Kaye's many awards include two Golden Globes, a Tony, an Emmy, and two Oscars. He was married to composer and lyricist Sylvia Fine for forty-seven years.

Poor Sweet Baby from Snoopy sung by Pamela Myers
http://www.intothewoodsbroadway.com/nonflash/cast box_myers.html

Pamela Myers had been performing extensively since the 1960's She has performed on Broadway in Company, The Selling of the President, in regional theater in Gypsy, Sweeney Todd, Annie Get Your Gun, I Do, I Do, Brecht: Sacred and Profane, and Sunday in the Park With George, She has performed on television: "Sha Na Na," "Major Dad," and "In Performance at the White House." She has been Guest Artist with the Boston Pops and the Cincinnati Pops. She holds a B.F.A. from the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

Is Anybody There from 1776 sung by William Daniels http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/bio/celeb/347903

William Daniels is a versatile character player of stage, film and, most successfully, TV, often cast in arrogant, authoritative roles, William Daniels began performing as a child with his family and made his Broadway debut as one of the youths in the long-running "Life with Father". Over the next four decades, he amassed an impressive list of stage credits that ran the gamut from classics (e.g., the famed 1956 revival of "The Iceman Cometh") to new plays (Edward Albee's "The Zoo Story" 1960) to several musicals (i.e., "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" 1965; "A Little Night Music" 1973). Daniels had one of his best roles as the obnoxious Founding Father John Adams in the delightful "1776" (1969), although he engendered some controversy when he refused a Tony Award nomination as Best Featured Actor in a Musical, claiming that Adams was the leading role. Although he had appeared briefly in the film "Family Honeymoon" (1949) and had reprised his stage role in "A Thousand Clowns" (1965), Daniels' big feature break came when he was cast by Mike Nichols as the father of Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) in "The Graduate" (1967). While the film gave him Hollywood exposure and led to his repeating his Broadway stage role of John Adams in the 1972 film version of "1776" and playing Brooke Shields' father in "The Blue Lagoon" (1980), Daniels found lasting success on the small screen in a variety of roles, most notably as the cantankerous and egotistical heart surgeon Dr. Mark Craig in the NBC drama "St. Elsewhere" (1982-88) for which he earned two Emmy Awards Daniels provided the voice of KITT, the super car, on NBC's "Knight Rider" (1982-86) before settling in as the neighbor and educator George Feeney on the long-running ABC sitcom "Boy Meets World".

Blowin in the Wind sung by Joan Baez
http://www.joan-baez.com/
Joan Baez has influenced nearly every aspect of popular music in a career still going strong after more than 35 years. Baez is possessed of a once-in-a-lifetime soprano, which, since the late '50s, she has put in the service of folk and pop music as well as a variety of political causes. Starting out in Boston, Baez first gained recognition at the 1959 Newport

Folk Festival, then cut her debut album, Joan Baez (Oct. 1960) for Vanguard Records. It was made up of 13 traditional songs, some of them Child ballads, given near-definitive treatment. A moderate success on release, the album took off after the breakthrough of Joan Baez, Vol. 2 (Sep. 1961), and both albums became huge hits, as did Baez's third album, Joan Baez in Concert (Sep. 1962). Each album went gold and stayed in the bestseller charts more than two years.

Old Time Rock and Roll sung by Bob Segar http://www.classicbands.com/seger.html

Bob Segar was born on May 6, 1945, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. By 1961, Segar was leading a three-piece band called "the Decibels. He subsequently joined "Doug Brown and the Omens" as organist, but was installed as their vocalist and songwriter when such talents surfaced. The group made its recording debut as "the Beach Bums". The band then became known as "Bob Segar and the Last Heard" and as such, released several powerful singles, notably 'East Side Story' (1966) and 'Heavy Music' (1967). By 1968, he had five Top Ten singles in the Detroit market but was unheard of outside Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania and a few other Midwest markets. In Detroit, his records outsold the Beatles. Now fronting the Silver Bullet Band - Drew Abbott (guitar), Robyn Robbins (keyboards), Alto Reed (saxophone), Chris Campbell (bass) and Charlie Allen Martin (drums) - Segar reinforced his in-concert popularity with the exciting "Live Bullet", which was in turn followed by "Night Moves", his first platinum disc. The title track reached the US Top 5 in 1977, a feat 'Still the Same' repeated the following year. In 1983 Segar returned to the road with an altered Silver Bullet Band including ex-Grand Funk Railroad drummer Don Brewer, and continued to pound out the hit records with 'Hollywood Nights', 'Old Time Rock 'N' Roll' and 'We've Got Tonight'. "Against The Wind" also topped the US album charts, while another live set, "Nine Tonight", allowed the artist time to recharge creative energies. Segar released his first studio album in five years in 1991. Co-produced by Don Was, it was a Top 10 hit in the USA, clearly showing his massive following had remained in place. A highly successful greatest hits collection issued in 1994 also demonstrated just what a huge following he still had. "It's A Mystery" came after a long gap, presumably buoyed by recent success and he followed with a boxoffice record-breaking tour of America in 1996. Ticketmaster claimed that the concert in his home-town sold 100,000 tickets in 57 minutes.

It's a Fish from The Apple Tree sung by Alan Alda
http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/bio/celeb/340967
Alan Alda proved to be a popular leading man of film, stage, and TV. He became a household name during his 11 years as Hawkeye Pierce on the classic CBS comedydrama series " $\mathrm{M}^{*} \mathrm{~A} * \mathrm{~S}^{*} \mathrm{H}$ " (1972-83). During his stint on the show, he branched out into
writing and directing and became the only person to win Emmy Awards in the writing, acting and directing categories. He also branched out to feature work, often playing off his persona which came to define the tolerant, good-natured, intelligent, middle-aged, middle-class American male of the 1980s and 90s. Despite success in other media, Alda remains widely known and admired for his small screen work where his greatest cultural impact was felt through his influence on the tone and subject of " $\mathrm{M}^{*} \mathrm{~A}^{*} \mathrm{~S}^{*} \mathrm{H}$ ". After considerable theater work, Alda moved to features in 1963's "Gone Are the Days" (repeating his role from the 1962 Broadway production "Purlie Victorious"). He earned some attention impersonating author and pundit George Plimpton in "Paper Lion" (1968) but his real impact in features was felt after he had achieved TV stardom. Alda made his feature screenwriting debut with the political drama "The Seduction of Joe Tynan" (1979), in which he played a US Senator facing moral dilemmas. He proceeded to write, direct, and star in a series of gentle comedies of variable quality depicting the foibles of American bourgeois life: "The Four Seasons" (1981), "Sweet Liberty" (1986), "A New Life" (1988) and "Betsy's Wedding" (1990).

Everything's Coming Up Roses from Gypsy sung by Angela Lansbury http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/bio/celeb/346021

Angela Lansbury became a Broadway musical star in middle age and enjoyed a hit TV series in her golden years. Lansbury's screen career began with her acclaimed debut as the scheming maid in the Gothic thriller, "Gaslight" (1944), for which she received as Oscar nomination as Best Supporting Actress at age 19. She duplicated that achievement the following year with a lovely performance as the kindly heroine in "The Picture of Dorian Gray" (1945). Stationed at MGM for a number of years thereafter, portraying characters in "Kind Lady" (1951), "State of the Union" (1948), and "The Harvey Girls" (1946). Lansbury also showed a flair for farce in the Danny Kaye vehicle "The Court Jester" (1956) and did fairly well in the atypical Western "A Lawless Street" (1955). Unafraid to play roles older than her years, Lansbury played Laurence Harvey's monstrous mother in "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962), winning a third Oscar nomination. (She was only three years older than Harvey at the time of filming.) Lansbury soon turned her energies to the musical stage, where she would do some her most important work over the next two decades. Having made her Broadway debut in 1957 and appeared in her first musical ("Anyone Can Whistle") in 1964, Lansbury took off as the zestful, eccentric Mame Dennis in Jerry Herman's "Mame" (1966). She won her second Tony in Herman's "Dear World" (1969), a musical version of "The Madwoman of Chaillot". Her third Tony was for the Jule Styne-Stephen Sondheim musical "Gypsy" (1975), in which she boldly stepped into Ethel Merman's shoes as Mama Rose, the harsh, ambitious stage mother of Gypsy Rose Lee, and she received number four as the murderous Mrs. Lovett in Sondheim's deliciously ghoulish "Sweeney Todd" (1979). Lansbury brought a suitably cartoonish charm to her amateur witch in Disney's "Bed knobs and Broomsticks" (1971). Lansbury garnered what has almost certainly been her widest audience to date as the warm and spunky mystery writer and sleuth Jessica Fletcher in the long-running CBS ratings favorite, "Murder, She Wrote", (1984-96). As the show moved closer to a decade on the air, Lansbury was coaxed into remaining on the
series by being offered the chance to executive produce it as well. She also gained kid video immortality in the early 90 s as the voice of kindly teakettle Mrs. Potts, who sings the sweet, Oscar-winning title song, in the Disney animated blockbuster, "Beauty and the Beast" (1991).

## Take Me Home, Country Roads sung by John Denver http://www.hotshotdigital.com/WellAlwaysRemember.4/JohnDenverBio.html

John Denver Henry John Deutschendorf Jr. was born December 31, 1943 in Roswell, New Mexico. In 1965, after studying architecture at Texas Tech, he headed west to pursue a career in folk music. Denver's rise to fame began when he was discovered in a Los Angeles night club. He initially joined the Back Porch Majority, a nursery group for the renowned New Christy Minstrels but, tiring of his role there, left for the Chad Mitchell Trio. There, he forged a reputation as a talented songwriter. After the departure of the last original member, the trio became known as Denver, Boise and Johnson, but their brief lifespan ended when John embarked on a solo career in 1969. Denver wrote Leaving On A Jet Plane, which was an international hit for the folk group Peter, Paul, and Mary and which was the highlight of his own debut album, RHYMES AND REASONS. Subsequent albums, TAKE ME TO TOMORROW and WHOSE GARDEN WAS THIS, garnered only mild attention. It was not until the release of POEMS, PRAYERS AND PROMISES that the singer enjoyed popular acclaim when Take Me Home, Country Roads reached number 3 in the U.S. The song's undemanding simplicity established a light, almost naive style, reinforced by the albums AERIE and ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH. I'd Rather Be A Cowboy (1973) and Sunshine On My Shoulders (1974) were both gold singles, while a third million-seller, the sweetly romantic Annie's Song, secured Denver's international status and topped UK charts that same year. Further U.S. chart success for Denver came in 1975 with two number 1 hits, Thank God I'm A Country Boy and $I^{\prime} m$ Sorry. Denver's status as an all-round entertainer was enhanced by many wellreceived television specials. Gold records for AN EVENING WITH JOHN DENVER and WINDSONG ensured that 1975 was an extremely successful year. Denver later observed, "I never worked to create a hit. I always wanted to write good songs that have a message in them. I was real lucky that I became so popular All in all; Denver had 14 gold and eight platinum albums in the United States and was popular around the world.

## Liaisons from A Little Night Music sung by Hermione Gingold

http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/bio/celeb/346118
A justly beloved, somewhat bizarre-looking English character player, Hermione Gingold delighted millions with her typically haughty, imperious manner, a slight lisp in her voice and a richly fruity, theatrical line delivery. Gingold most often played middle-aged or elderly, whimsical eccentrics or self-righteous, gorgon-like "pillars" of the community. Though much of her lengthy, distinguished career was spent on the stage, Gingold did spread her legendary, hilarious magic through a number of films, including "Bell, Book and Candle" (1958), as one of a covens of amusing, dotty witches, and "The Music Man"
(1962), as a commanding, small-town dragon of a matron who stages a human sculpture as an "Ode to a Grecian Urn". 5Gingold was ideal in Dickensian territory as part of the motley crew of eccentrics in the 1952 film adaptation of "The Pickwick Papers". By contrast, in "Gigi" (1958), she was warm, wise and witty as Leslie Caron's sympathetic, solicitous grandmother, joining Maurice Chevalier for an enchanting and moving duet on the perils and joys of human memory and the twilight of romance, "I Remember It Well". The unique Gingold was a splendid trouper on the stage well into her later years (as in Stephen Sondheim's marvelous "A Little Night Music" in the 70s), and her very occasional feature credits extend up until shortly before her death.

## Send in the Clowns from A Little Night Music sung by Glynnis Johns http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/bio/celeb/345752

Uniquely husky-voiced, high energy performer, daughter of actor Mervyn Johns, who made her London stage bow in 1935 and her screen debut three years later. She was a versatile leading actress in her native land in such memorable films as "49th Parallel" (1941), "Frieda" (1947), "Miranda" (1948) and "State Secret" (1950) before working internationally on a regular basis. Her spirited personality has especially enlivened a number of comedies and comic roles, including a memorable Oscar-nominated performance in the Australian-set "The Sundowners" (1960). Johns also lit up Broadway in the leading role of Stephen Sondheim's hit musical, "A Little Night Music", and the 90s saw her flair for eccentric types undimmed with her turn in the hit, "While You Were Sleeping" (1995).

## From a Distance sung by Bette Midler <br> http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/bio/celeb/346861

Bette Midler performed on Broadway in "Fiddler on the Roof" in the late 1960s and electrified New York in a series of shows early the following decade. Achieving success as a recording artist and performer in "Divine Madness" and "The Divine Miss M", Midler made her first impact as a film actress in "The Rose" (1978), in a role as a burnedout singer that fully exploited her singing talents and yen for the outrageous. After the failure of the aptly named comedy "Jinxed!" (1982), Midler was off the screen for four years, but kept busy in concert work and TV specials. Signed by Disney in 1986, Midler proved herself a deft, aggressive comedienne in a skein of profitable comedies beginning with the bright satire "Down and Out in Beverly Hills" (1986) and continuing through the enjoyable if forgettable "Outrageous Fortune" (1987) and "Big Business" (1988).
Probably the best of her films in this period was the hilarious black comedy "Ruthless People" (1986). An entertainer who combines an unabashedly sentimental nostalgia for showbiz tradition with a brassy, sometimes campy approach to its delivery, Midler next appeared in "Beaches" (1988), and continued to enjoy box-office if not critical success. 1993 marked a memorable, long-delayed return to live concert performances for the
indefatigable star. That same year, her tour-de-force performance as Mama Rose in a TV remake of the musical classic "Gypsy" sharply divided critics and fans.

All I Ever Need Is You sung by Sonny and Cher http://www.justplaincher.com/bio.htm

Performing initially as Caesar and Cleo, the pair played bowling alleys and skating rinks to little effect. Her first solo recordings, released under the pseudonym Bonnie Jo Mason and as Cherilyn, were also flops. Their fortunes turned in 1965, when - as Sonny and Cher - they hit gold with the Bono-penned "I Got You Babe," a sweet ode to married hippie life, (though they didn't officially tie the knot until '69). Within weeks their previous songs, the folkish "Baby Don't Go" and "Just You," were re-released and superstardom set in. That success, however, was short-lived; the age of psychedelic rock soon dawned and Sonny and Cher's hopeful sound was passé. They had one more huge hit together, 1967's "The Beat Goes On," and she had a solo smash, "You Better Sit Down Kids," before fans deserted them. Earning respect on the New York stage in 1982's Come Back to the 5 \& Dime Jimmy Dean Jimmy Dean. After catching her in a matinee one day, famed director Mike Nichols cast her in Silkwood on the spot. Though the concept of Cher opposite Meryl Streep drew snickers, critics were stunned when Silkwood premiered, calling Cher a genuine acting marvel. An Oscar nomination followed, as did her triumphant role in Mask. She was in London in January ' 98 when a call from Chastity brought the shocking news of Sonny Bono's tragic skiing death. Captured in tears as she fled through Heathrow Airport, the media quickly appointed Cher his widow, though they had been apart 24 years and he was long remarried with a new career as a popular congressman. By March ' 99 she was ruling the American Top 40 as well, holding at No. 1 for four weeks with the album's title track. She was now the oldest female ever to hit the top spot and owned the longest Billboard chart span between No. 1's ('65-'99) of any pop recording artist.

If You Could See Her from Cabaret sung by Joel Grey
http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/bio/celeb/347341
This pixie-like singer and dancer is perhaps best known for his performance as the unctuous Emcee in "Cabaret", a part he created in the 1966 Broadway production and reprised in the 1972 film adaptation. The son of Yiddish revue performer Mickey Katz, Joel Grey spent part of his early years performing with his father before making his stage acting debut at age nine. In 1956 Grey began to win particular notice as the star of a musical version of "Jack and the Beanstalk" on an episode of NBC's "Producer's Showcase" and in the Broadway production "The Littlest Revue". He continued to alternate between stage and TV, with an occasional film appearance. After over a decade off-screen, Bob Fosse chose him to reprise the Emcee in "Cabaret". Brilliantly reconceived, the film highlighted the character's decadence and Grey delivered an Oscarwinning supporting performance. He next played a mysterious clairvoyant in Frank Perry's "The Man on a Swing" (1974) then appeared as the promoter Nate Salsbury in

Robert Altman's "Buffalo Bill and the Indians, or Sitting Bull's History Lesson" 1976). He was excellent as the villainous Lowenstein in "The Seven Per-Cent Solution" (also 1976), but additional film roles were not forthcoming. Despite his fine work, Grey was mostly considered a musical comedy performer and some producers felt he was difficult to cast as he was neither a leading man nor enough of a character type. It was nearly a decade before he returned to features, virtually unrecognizable under Asian makeup as the 75-year-old Korean martial arts master in "Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins" (1985). Stephen Soderbergh cast him as the reptilian and mean-spirited office manager in "Kafka" (1991) and Philip Haas' gave him the role of an eccentric millionaire in "The Music of Chance" (1993). Grey was oddly cast as Josef Goebbels in the experimental "The Empty Mirror" (filmed in 1996; released theatrically in 1999) and he was featured in the unreleased film version of the long-running stage hit "The Fantastick's" (filmed in 1995). 5The father of actress Jennifer Grey, he toured on and off throughout the 1970s and 80s with "Cabaret" co-star Liza Minnelli.

Meeskite from Cabaret sung by Jack Gilford
http://www.blockbuster.com/bb/person/details/0,7621,BIO-P\%2B26814,00.html
Jack Gilford grew up in a tough section of Brooklyn, where his Rumanian-born mother Sophie supported her family by working as a bootlegger. In 1934, Gilford won an amateur-night contest, launching a career that would span $51 / 2$ decades. His comedy act was highlighted by impressions of such celebrities as Laurel \& Hardy, not to mention such intangibles as the sound of chicken soup coming to a boil (he could still do that one into his 70s!) Gilford toured the nightclub/vaudeville circuit in the company of Milton Berle, Ina Ray Hutton, Jimmy Durante and Elsie Janis, and in 1940 he made his Broadway debut in Meet the People. Four years later, he was featured in his first film, Columbia's Hey Rookie. Gilford's booming career came to an abrupt halt in the early 1950s, when he and his actress wife Madeline Lee were blacklisted for allegedly harboring "leftist" views. While Lee all but disappeared from show business, Gilford was able to make a slow comeback as a character actor in such Broadway plays as The Diary of Anne Frank, Romanoff and Juliet and The Beauty Part. He was best known to TV viewers in the 1960s for his delightful appearances in a series of Cracker Jack commercials. Gilford returned to films in the 1960s, offering side-splitting characterizations in A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum (1966, repeating his Broadway role as Hysterium), Enter Laughing (1967) and They Might Be Giants (1971). In 1973, he received an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of Jack Lemmon's frantic business partner in Save the Tiger. During this second phase of his Hollywood career, Gilford occasionally returned to Broadway in productions ranging from Cabaret to The Sunshine Boys. He was also a regular on several TV series, including The David Frost Revue (1972), Friends and Lovers (1974) Apple Pie (1978) and The Duck Factory (1984). Among his last film roles was melancholy senior citizen Bernie Lefkowitz in the two Cocoon films. In 1976, Jack and Madeline Gifford joined forces with their longtime friends Zero and Kate Mostel to pen their joint autobiography, 170 Years in Show Business

Have I Told You Lately That I Love You sung by Rod Stewart
http://www.sing365.com/music/lyric.nsf/singerUnid/DBEBD5A3ADEFD072482568950 0089E93

Roderick David Stewart, 10 January 1945, Highgate, London, England. The leading UK rock star of the 70s started his career as an apprentice professional with Brentford Football Club (over the years Stewart has made it known that football is his second love. His choice and exemplary execution of non-originals gave him numerous hits including; 'Reason To Believe' (Tim Hardin), 'I'm Losing You' (Temptations), 'Angel' (Jimi Hendrix). His own classics were the irresistible chart-topping magnum opus 'Maggie May' and the wonderful 'You Wear It Well', all sung in his now familiar frail, hoarse voice. The high-spots during his glitzy 1970's phase, which saw him readily embrace the prevalent disco era, were 'The Killing Of Georgie', Cat Stevens' 'First Cut Is The Deepest', 'Tonight's The Night' and 'You're In My Heart'. His biggest hits of the 80s were 'What Am I Gonna Do', 'Every Beat Of My Heart' and 'Baby Jane'. As the 90s got under way Stewart, now re-married, indicated that he had settled down, and found an enduring love at last. His new guise has not affected his record sales; in April 1991 he was high on the UK chart with 'Rhythm Of My Heart' and had the best selling Vagabond Heart. Unplugged And Seated in 1993 boosted his credibility with an exciting performance of familiar songs. A new album in 1995 was his best for years and during the launch Stewart undertook some interviews which were both revealing and hilarious. The once seemingly pompous rock star, dressed to the nines in baggy silks was really 'Rod the Mod' after all.
Rod Stewart, one of the biggest 'superstars' of the century, has turned 50 without his audience diminishing in any way.

The Ladies Who Lunch from Company sung by Elaine Stritch http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/bio/celeb/344527

Raspy-voiced stage star, known for her wry, ironic comic delivery, who made her film debut in 1956. Stritch has starred on Broadway, most notably in the musicals "Goldilocks", Noel Coward's "Sail Away!" and, saluting "the ladies who lunch," in Stephen Sondheim's "Company"; she has also appeared on numerous TV series since the early 1950s.

Was she Prettier Than I from High Spirits sung by Louise Troy
Although never reaching "Star Status" Louise Troy enjoyed a consistent acting career that spanned nearly 30 years. Apart from sporadic roles on the Broadway stage, Troy is most recognized for her numerous guest appearances on television including Newhart (1982), Remington Steele (1982) Kate and Allie (1984), Lou Grant (1977), Cannon (1971), The Odd Couple (1970), Dundee and the Culhane, (1967), Felony Squad(1966), The Iron Horse (1966), Hogan's Heroes (1965), Honey West (1965), and The F.B.I
(1965) She also performed in the films Roogie's Bumb (1954), Ride with Terror (1963), Yours, Mine and Ours (1968) The Swimmer (1968), Crowhaven Farm (1970), Ghostbusters II (1989), People Like Us (1990), and Missing Pieces (1991).

Talking To You from High Spirits sung by Beatrice Lillie http://www.hollywood.com/celebs/detail/celeb/195175

A brilliant deadpan stage comic whose film career never really took off, Beatrice Lillie was born in Canada had her first success in the 1910s in London with revues staged by Andre Charlot. She starred in shows by Noel Coward, Shaw and others, including several one-woman shows. Lillie's unique appeal rarely came across on screen. Her first film, the silent "Exit Smiling" (1926) was a hit, and she shone in the all-star "Show of Shows" (1929). But her film work was spotty from then on: the early musical "Are You There?" (1930), the Bing Crosby musical "Dr. Rhythm" (1938), the stagy British-made "On Approval" (1944) and a cameo in "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956). She went out in style, though, with a brilliant turn as a white slaver in "Thoroughly Modern Millie" (1967).

Home Sweet Heaven from High Spirits sung by Tammy Grimes
http://www.open.org/~glennab/tammygrimes.htm
Tammy Grimes was born on January 30, 1934 in Boston, Massachusetts By the age of 16 she acted as Sabina, the maid in The Skin of Our Teeth, by Thornton Wilder. This performance was witnessed by the playwright himself, and he said to her, "Young lady, even Tallulah Bankhead didn't do the things you did to the role." In college, she took starring roles in Born Yesterday and The Importance of Being Earnest. During the summer of 1952, she was an apprentice actress at the Falmouth Playhouse in Massachusetts, working on stage and then back stage. In 1953, she graduated with honors from Stephens Junior College, and by 1954 she was part of the staff of the Westport Playhouse in Connecticut, but when she gave away $\$ 500$ worth of tickets at the box office, she was removed from that position... Tammy won critical approval in the offBroadway review Phoenix '55, and she served as a stand-by for Kim Stanley in William Inge's Bus Stop. She became a major star by appearing on Broadway in the starring role in The Unsinkable Molly Brown for which she won the Tony Award for Best Musical Comedy Actress. Tammy says that she won the role by singing 'Melancholy Baby' at her audition, and her amazing energy in the role of Molly kept the production going for two years on Broadway and on the road. Walter Kerr, the Drama Critic for the New York Times proclaimed "Tammy Grimes is a genius!", and ten years later he said "Miss Grimes remains a miracle." Tammy delighted New York theatergoers with her performances in Rattle of A Simple Man, and The Only Game in Town Trick, Gabrielle, California Suite, Tartuffe, Molly, A Month in the Country, 42nd Street, The Imaginary Invalid, The Millionairess, Blythe Spirit and The Taming of the Shrew. Tammy has won many awards including the 1961 Comoedia Matinee Club Award, and the 1961 Tony.

## On The Road Again sung by Willie Nelson <br> http://www.topcountrymusic.com/willie.htm

Willie Nelson is the symbol of the true survivor in country music. That he exists at all today is purely a miracle, knowing how the music industry insiders tried to eliminate him early on. The image of Willie Nelson in his early career is quite different that his image during the past twenty years or so. Willie Hugh Nelson was born April 30th, 1933 in Abbot, Texas. This area of Texas is heavily influenced by its farming and German-Czech-Eastern European heritage. His first musical performance was when he was just ten years old in a Polka band. After he attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas, he set off to write and record music. One of the first songs he wrote was "Crazy," recorded by Patsy Cline in 1961 and several other artists since then. Willie's stage presence was comparable to a banker in a business suit. Whether this is his own creation or the creation of industry image-makers, it did not work out very well. Willie found himself on the outside looking in. It was not until he changed his image to the form his is known today that he was able to record his first album, Yesterday's Wine, in 1971. He became almost overnight a very big draw in the fair, rodeo, and concert circuit. He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1993. In the 1980's, he founded Farm Aid, the profits of which helped distressed and bankrupt farmers hold onto their lands. Willie still remains the president of Farm Aid. He became popular in movies, such as the Electric Horseman, Songwriter, and Wag the Dog. He is a part of the perennial super group, The Highwaymen, featuring Waylon Jennings, Chris Kristofferson, and Johnny Cash. Willie is also the most popular person to grace the commercials of the Texas Department of Transportation and Tourism, a role he has performed since 1989.

## September

Pure Choral Tone
The examples in this section are intended to help the students hear what Good Choral Tone sounds like. You will need to guide the students to listen for vowel shape, placement, breath support, etc. You may want to ask the students to perform some of their repertoire in the same way as the recordings. A wonderful rehearsal technique is to have the kids sing a passage the way they think that it should sound and then sing it like one of the recorded groups. Make sure that you have students who are not singing tell the class which one sounds better. The class will not believe you.

Suggested questions:
What do the mouths of the choir members look like?
Where do the singers breathe during the longer phrases?
Where do the singers "feel" the sound?
You may want to include some questions that do not deal with technique.
What kinds of instruments are used as accompaniment?
How many singers do you hear?
Does the piece have a regular or irregular meter?
What style of music is the piece?
What mood does the piece evoke?
What language is the piece in?
Is the piece in a major mode or a minor mode?
Describe the rhythm. Is it syncopated? Etc.
Even if you have not yet discussed some of these things with the students, allow the students the opportunity to guess.

Vary your questioning techniques:
Write the questions on the board.
Hand out slips of paper with the questions on them for the students to return.
Ask the students to write about the listening example in their journals concentrating on the questions.

# October, January, February, March, April and May Spirituals, Barbershop, A cappella Pop, English Madrigal, Vocal Jazz and Composers 

Use the same questions as in September, but guide the students to better understand the style of the literature.

- Explain sacred literature and secular literature and how to tell the difference.
- Help the students to listen critically to find why the music is being performed well.
- Never describe the music as "good" music, but help the students to realize that all music has merit and must be judged accordingly.
- Help the students to realize that the proper vowel shape, placement, breath support, tone quality, etc. are not static. That they must change according to the needs of the text, the mood being presented, and the quality of the chord.

November - December<br>Major Choral Works - Requiems

Continuing with the same questions, guide the students to compare and contrast the different movements of the mass. Explain that the requiem mass is a mass for the dead and that the Latin text comes from the Catholic liturgy. You may want to play similar excerpts rather than all of the excerpts by a single composer. Ex: Play all of the Sanctus movements over the course of a week and compare the differences. You may want to translate the movements for the students or write the text on the board for the students to copy down and give extra credit to the student that correctly translates it. (This is easily done on the internet.)

## Section III

## Vocal Warm-Ups

## Vocal Warm-ups

These warm-ups are merely suggestions. Each warm-up has been labeled with its primary function. Transpose the exercises as needed.
It is suggested that numbers, solfegge sylables and nonsense sylables be used interchangably as the needs of the choir dictate.

Warm-ups listed specifically in the procedural section have been identified as to the suggested week.


Transitions Slowly and gently Slur through the octave trying to minimize the break between registers. Transpose as needed.



Transitions (Mentioned in Week Twenty-two procedures)


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Transitions ( Mentioned in Week Twenty-two procedures)


Transitions (Mentioned in Week Twenty-two procedures)



All I want is a prop-er cup of cof-fee, made in a pro-per cop-per cof-fee pot.


Lyrics by Dr. Suess


Enumciation, Rhythm and Legato Line Quick bright tempo Change the begining consonant at will.


Enunciation (Mentioned in Week Twenty-three procedures)


Placement and enunciation


Fum-my fum-my fum fum piff paff poof fum-my fum-my fee fie foe



Fla Fla Nee $\qquad$ Fla Fla Nee



## Section IV

Rhythmic and
Melodic Sight
Reading

# Rhythmic and Melodic Sight Reading 

## Section I

Whole notes, dotted half notes, half notes and quarter notes in $2 / 4,3 / 4$, and $4 / 4$ time.








$0.1140 . \quad 10 \quad 0 \quad 1 \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad 10 \quad 1$


3. $1140 \quad 1 \cdot \quad d \quad d \quad 1 \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad 10 \quad$ I




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$0.1130 . \quad 1 \cdot \quad 10 . \quad 10 \quad 10 . \quad$ II

1. $113 \cdot 0 \cdot 10 \quad 0 \quad 10 \cdot 10 \quad 10 . \quad$ II
2. $11 \mathbf{2} \cdot 10 \quad 10 \quad 10$ 10 10
3. $11 \mathbf{2} \mathbf{4} 10 \quad 10$ 10 $\quad 10$ II

4. $1140 \cdot \downarrow \cdot 10 . \quad 10.10 \quad d \quad 10 \quad$ II
5. II $\mathbf{3} 0.10 \quad 10.10 \quad 10$.
6. 1120 2 10 -

7. 





3. $11 \frac{4}{4} \cdot \bullet \cdot 10 \cdot \bullet \cdot 1 \cdot \bullet \cdot 10 \quad \bullet \cdot 10 \cdot \bullet 10 \quad 11$

5. $\mathbf{1 1} \frac{3}{4} \cdot d \quad 1 \cdot d \quad 1 \bullet \quad \bullet \quad 10 . \quad 10 \quad \bullet \quad 10 . \quad$ II



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## Section II

Adding whole rests, half rests and quarter rests
$6.1142010-10-10-1$
7. $114.4010 \quad 10 \quad 10 \quad 1 \quad 1$

9. $1130310<10$ II
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4. $\mathbf{H} \mathbf{2}_{\mathbf{2}}$ ?

6. $H \frac{3}{4} 0$

7. $112 \mathbf{2} \cdot 101-10 \quad 1 \quad 1$
8. $11420 \cdot 10 \quad 10 \quad 10 \quad 10 \quad 1$
9. $\boldsymbol{H} \mathbf{3} \mathbf{3} \cdot \quad 10 . \quad 1 \bullet-10 . \quad$ II
$0.112 \underset{4}{2} \cdot 1-10 \quad 1 \quad 1$





6.



9. $\boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{Z} \cdot \downarrow 1-1 \bullet \bullet 1-1 \cdot \quad 10 \quad 1$
$0.1140 \quad 10-1 \cdot b=10 \quad 1-0 \quad 1-\quad d \quad 1$


3. II 40 1- 10 o $1-\quad \cdot \quad \downarrow \quad d \quad b+0 \quad$ I
4.

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Section III
Adding Eighth note pairs
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$0.11 \mathbf{4} 0 \cdot 10 \cdot \bullet 10 \cdot 10 \cdot \bullet \cdot \bullet \cdot \quad 10 \cdot \quad$ II

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5.







2. $11 \frac{3}{4} 0.1 \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet 10 . \quad 1 \bullet \bullet \bullet 10 . \quad 1 \cdot \bullet \bullet \bullet \quad 1$

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## Section IV

Melodic Sight Reading
Step-wise motion using whole, half, dotted half and quarter notes in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time


103.












The next 20 melodies begin on the third scale degree.
121





125. $9^{\# \# \# 3} 40$








## Section V

Stepwise motion using whole, half, quarter notes and rests, dotted half notes and eighth note pairs.
Begining on either the root or the third
141
 0 . 0

143.




116






Section VI
Adding in leaps within the tonic triad.


$119$


## Section V

## Canons and Rounds

All of the rounds and canons presented in this section are believed to be in the public domain. If one of the examples is not public domain, please contact the publisher and the specific canon or round will be removed.

## Come, Count the Time for Me


and you shall quick - ly see_ that thus good time we run;

now, one two, three, four, one, two, three, four, one two, three, four, one, two, three.
'Tis Blithe May Day



Oak - en leaves in the mer-rywoodso wild, when will you grow green, ah,


Lu- la lul-la by, lul-la, lul-la, lul-la-by lul-la-by may'stthou sing, ah.
The May Queen's Plaint
Words by Emily Norcross Music by Mary C. Taylor 1945
 Now the flow'rs are all a-bloom-ing, how ver - y mar - ry May can be.


Na - tare's strange - by full of rich - es, best things in this life are free,


Yon a lit - the iv - y hid - ing, un - der - neath a bud-ding tree,


Full of poi - son, there a - bid - ing, look at what it's done to me.

## Hark! The Bell is Ringing

Victorian


## Mourn for the Thousands Slain

## Victorian



Mourn for the ty - rant's fa - tal reign, and the de-lud-ed throng!


## I'm Not Strong, Sir!

Victorian
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I'm not strong, sir, sure, 'tis wrong, sir, I'm guite hoarse, sir, so, of course, sir,


I can't sing a note, sir, some - thing hurts my throat, sir, such high notes my voice do strain;


## Come, Let Us All a-Maying Go

John Hilton 1599-1657

drums shallbeat andthe fife shallplay and so__ we'll pass_our time a-way

## Oh. Praise the Lord

Pammelia 1609


## Dona Nobis Pacem

Palestrina


Now We'll Make the Rafters Ring
Anon 18th Centruy
Begin new voice every measure
 Now we'll make the raft - ers ring, while we_ all this round will sing.

## Sing This Grave and Simple Strain









## Section VI

## Recommended Choral Literature

## Treble Chorus

## SA Accompanied

## Title

An Die Nachtigall
Cripple Creek
Die Meere
Domine Deus form Mass in G Major BWV 236
Festival Alleluia
For The Beauty of the Earth
Jubilate Deo
Panis Angelicus
Sakura
Simple Gifts
Something Told the Wild Geese
Sound the Trumpet
The Drunken Sailor
The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Velvet Shoes
White Bird, Silver Bird

## SA A Cappella

## Title

Hashivenu
Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name
I Go Before My Charmer
Illumina Oculos Meos
In Dulci Jubilo
Kikkehihi
Medieval Gloria
Non Nobis Domine
Scarborough Faire
Two Motets

## Composer/Arranger

Schumann
Arr. Crocker
Brahms
Back/Ed. Rao
Pote
Rutter
Spevacek
Franck, Arr. Bogar
Arr. DeCormier
Copland, Arr. Fine
Arr. Porterfield
Purcell, Ed. Erb
Arr. Crocker
Rutter
Thompson
Nelson

## Composer/Arranger

Arr. Rao
Dennard
Morley, Arr. Greyson
Palestrina, Ed. Leavitt
Praetorius, Ed. Leck
Schein
Singh
Byrd, Ed. Bartle
Arr. Goetze
Lassus

## SSA Accompanied

## Title

An Evening Scene
Autumn Vesper
Bella Bimba
Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair
Come In from Frostiana
Dance On My Heart
Dixit Dominus
Heart We Will Forget Him
In The Highlands
Kansas Boys
Laudate Dominum Pueri
My True Love Has My Heart
Nigra Sum
Now Sleeps The Crimson Petal
Pal pa Haugen
Psalm 100
Salut Printemps
Sucepit Israel from Magnificat in D
The Water Is Wide
Three Hungarian Folk Songs

## SSA A Cappella

## Title

A Child Is Born In Bethlehem
Adoramus Te, Christe
Arirang
Ave Maria
Ave Verum Corpus
Cry Unto The Lord
Deo Gracias (hand drum)
Domine Fffi Unigenite
Fire Fire My Heart
Hotaru Koi
How Beautiful Is Night
In These Delightful Pleasant Groves
Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains
Make Me A Fanciful Song
Minoi, Minoi
Spring
You Stole My Love

## Composer/Arranger

Newbury
Snyder
arr. DeCormier
arr. Goldsmith
Thompson
Koepke
M. Haydn, ed. Weber

MuJholland
Butler
Mechem
Mendelssohn
Butler
Casals
arr. Wagner
Ellingboe
Clausen
Debussy
Bach
Wagner
Bartok, arr. Suchoff

## Composer/Arranger

Scheidt, ed. Wificocks
di Lasso
arr. Park
Kodaly
Poulenc
Keating
Leininger
Palestrina, ed. Michaels
Morley, ed. Greyson
an. Ogura
Eddleman
Purcell, arr. Greyson
Mendelssohn
Vecchi, ed. Maim
arr. Marshall
Bartok
McFarren

## TB Accompanied

## Title

An Irish Blessing
Be Thou My Vision (TBB)
Colorado Trail (TTB)
Drill Ye Tarriers (TTB)
Herbslied
I Will Sing Alleluia (TTB)
I Wish I Was Single Again (TTB)
Old Dan Tucker
Rise Up My Love, My Fair One (TBB)
Sam Was A Man
So Wahr Die Sonne Scheinet
That's Where My Money Goes
The Pasture from Frostiana (TBB)
This Train
Ya viene la vieja (TBB)
Zion Hears The Watchmen Singing

## TB A Cappella

## Title

All This Night Shrill Chanticleer
All Ye Who Music Love (TTB)
Blow That Trumpet, Gabriel (TTB)
Come Shepherd Swains (TTB)
En Roulant
Mater Patris et Filia (TBB)
My Love Is Like a Rose (TBB)
Noah's Ark (U or TTB)
Soldier's Hallelujah
Viva Tutsi (TTB)

## TTBB Accompanied

## Title

As Beautiful As She
Dance, Boatman Dance
Down In The Valley
Sing For Joy
Tahiti
The Sea Is Now Calling (flute)
What Shall We Do With a Drunken Sailor
Widerspruch
With All My Spirit (French Horn)

## Composer/Arranger

Moore
arr. Hunter
arr. Moore
Casey, arr.Crocker
Mendelssohn
Johnson
Spevacek
arr. DeCormier
McCray
Persichetti
Schumann
Leininger/Williams-Wii
Thompson
arr.Moore
arr. Leininger
Buxtehude

## Composer/Arranger

Stevens
Donato, arr. Porterfield
DeWitt
Wilbye, ed. Greenberg
arr.Pelletier
Brumel
Butler
Siltman
Singh
ed. Hunter

## Composer/Arranger

Butler
arr. DeCormier
arr. Mead
Pote, arr. Hall
arr. Harris
Koepke
arr. Bartholemew
Schubert, arr. Shaw/Pa:
Duson

## TTBB A Cappella

Title
Aura Lee
Betelehemu
Bound For Jubilee
Bound To The Wave (bass solo)
Brothers Sing On
Cantate Domino
Curtains of Night (tenor solo)
De Animals a-Comin
Die Nacht
Down Among the Dead Men
Exultate Justi In Domino
Go and Tell John
Hosanna To Our God
Hush, Somebody's Calm' My Name
I Hear a Voice A'Prayin'
O Thou In Whose Presence
Somebody's Calm' My Name
The Boar's Head Carol
The Vagabond
Vive L'amour
Yes Sir! That's My Baby

Composer/Arranger
Hunter/Parker/Shaw
arr.Whalum
Eilers
Moore
Grieg
Hassler, arr. Greyson
Niles
arr. Bartholemew
Schubert, arr. Erb
Vaughn Williams
Viadana, arr. Vene
Pfautsch
Bortniansky, arr. Ballen
Dennard
Bright
Duson
arr. Whalum
arr. Parker/Shaw
Vaughn Williams
arr. Shaw/Parker
Donaldson, arr. Hicks

## Section VII

## Organizational Aids

This section contains sample forms to assist in keeping the students, classroom and classroom materials neatly organized. It is always a good idea to have all forms approved by your supervising administrator prior to passing them out to the students. This section includes the following:

- Seating Chart
- Section Leader Form
- Uniform Check Out
- Music Packet Check Out
- Personal Data Card
- Concert Organization
- Fundraising
- Accounting Form
- Procedures for Choosing and Learning Literature
- Solo and Ensemble Check List
- Solo and Ensemble Contract
- Solo and Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule
- Classroom Incentive "Money"



## Daily Attendance \& Participation

## ADVANCED WOMEN'S ALTOS

DATE:
SECTION LEADER: $\qquad$

| Name | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Anderson, Ashlee | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: |
| Betton, Chelsea | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: |
| Benot, Katherine | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: |
| Carter, Lindsay | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: |
| Chahoc, Renae | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: | Present <br> Absent <br> Tardy <br> Talking <br> No Music <br> No Pencil <br> Comment: |

Brian and Teri Cram Middle School<br>Vocal Department<br>Bow tie/Cummerbund/Shirt Agreement

I, $\qquad$ understand that I am responsible for the bow tie and cummerbund, as a member of the Advanced Choirs, or the shirt as a member of the Boys Choir. If anything is damaged when I return it, I understand that I am responsible for the cost of the repair. If the item is damaged beyond repair or lost, I understand that I am responsible for the total cost of $\mathbf{\$ 2 0}$ which includes shipping. I understand the above mentioned must be returned to Mrs. Mehl following the Spring Concert of the All City Choral Festival, whichever relates to the individual group.

## Student Signature

Date
Phone Number
******************************************************************************
Bow tie \# $\qquad$ Cummerbund\# $\qquad$ Color $\qquad$
Choir Shirt $\qquad$ Size $\qquad$
Checked Out $\qquad$ Returned $\qquad$
Date
Date
Brian and Teri Cram Middle School
Vocal Department
Sheet Music Agreement

I, $\qquad$ understand that I am responsible for the sheet music packet passed out in choir. This music packet is our text for each performance. I understand that this sheet music is my responsibility, if it is damaged, stolen or lost; I understand that I am responsible for the total cost of $\$ 8.00$ per performance packet. The specific music list in each packet is attached to this form. The music must be returned to Mrs. Mehl at the completion of each segment. I have received my music packet for (circle one).

Semester 1
Semester 2
Pop Concert

Student Signature
Date


Early Bird or Honors $\qquad$
$1^{\text {st }}$ Period $\qquad$
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Period $\qquad$
$3^{\text {rd }}$ Period $\qquad$
$4^{\text {th }}$ Period $\qquad$
$5^{\text {th }}$ Period $\qquad$
$6^{\text {th }}$ Period $\qquad$
Late Bird or Sports $\qquad$
Notes : $\qquad$

## CONCERT ORGANIZATION

1. Reserve the gym/theater in August for the afternoon before, and the entire day of each concert so you can have it to decorate/rehearse. I set-up the day before with risers/choral shell, piano, sound, decorations, etc., so when the students come in the next day, we are ready to rehearse music, exiting and entering, solos, etc. Then, you can go home right after school and rest before the concert. . . .You're not pulling your hair out at the last minute!!!
2. Send a calendar of events home with students in September with all school concerts, trips, and district festivals. That way, students have NO excuse to miss a concert; they were given months to plan their schedules accordingly.
3. Hire the accompanist months in advance.... 1 give the entire year's schedule to my accompanist in September. Schedule rehearsals accordingly, and make sure you pay him/her in a timely manner. If they know they can count on you to be punctual with pay, and you treat them well, they will want to come back!!!
4. Type concert programs 3-4 weeks in advance. That way, it gives you a chance to proofread and gives your graphic artist a chance to make the 500 or so copies you need.
5. Ask 2 reliable students to pass-out programs to ADULTS ONLY. I do not allow my students to take programs, since their parents will be receiving one. Otherwise, you can have the programs sitting on a table at either entrance for parents to help themselves.

## CONCERT ENTRANCES/EXITS

1. Our concerts are held in the gym. I set-up the risers/choral shell on the very far end, and both sets of bleachers are pulled out for the audience and choirs. The students sit on both sides, beginning choirs on one side, and advanced/intermediate choirs on the other. They sit at the far end of the gym, closest to the risers.
2. Students enter rows 4321 and exit 4321. As one choir is leaving, another is entering. In other words, students exit behind the choral shell to return to their seats, so the next choir can enter simultaneously. It is best to do this as quickly as possible to avoid "dead time" If it takes too long, you'll lose your audience!!!

## CONCERT ATTENDANCE

1. If the concert begins at 6:30, I have most of the choirs meet at 6:00. (Occasionally, one choir will need to rehearse again, so they will meet earlier). Both my assistant and I will take attendance. Students must be in their spots at 6:00 sharp. I deduct 25 points for every 15 minutes they are late. In other words, if they arrive between 6:01-6:15, it's - 25. 6:16-6:30 it's - 50, and soon and so forth. They must see me or my assistant the minute they arrive, because that is the time we indicate for points.
2. Students must be dressed in uniform and ready to go. Because it is so time consuming to inspect each child, and to remind them to take off jewelry, tuck in shirts, etc., I deduct points when I have to remind them. That way, students arrive prepared. In addition, I ask that any mending to uniforms be taken care of at home. I tell students that there are 300 of them, and 1 of me. If 10 arrive with a button missing, or a torn hem, I do not have time to fix it!!! It is much easier for them to take care of such tasks at home, than it is for me to worry about 30 minutes prior to a concert.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Interact teachers and administrators, and place announcements on the intercom regarding any and all choir events. Congratulate the choirs for a great performance (regardless of whether you thought it was great or not) over the intercom after each concert. Do this for festivals and solo \& ensemble as well.
2. Contact your feeder schools and bring your advanced groups to perform for the 5th graders.
3. Invite your administrator's to sit in on rehearsals.
4. Contact nursing homes in your area and bring your advanced groups there to perform. THEY LOVE THIS!!! I bring my show choir, which is only 22 members. That way, we don't need a bus---we carpool. Be careful, though, that each student has a permission slip to ride in a private car, and a field trip permit.
5. Perform at all school functions: Open House, 6th grade orientation/parent night, Award's night, etc. Our school also has a fine arts assembly in December, so we perform at that as well. You may want to suggest such an assembly to your administrator---then the whole school population sees your group(s.)

## Fundraising Information

Set dates to collect money. It doesn't have to be collected every day; it could be every other day. But don't set only one day to collect money, you'll be overwhelmed.

If students will be turning in an excess of one dollar bills and change (e.g., from candy bars) give them a prize (a 500 candy bar) if they bring their money in four bills or fewer (for the full case of candy.)
Procedures:
Collecting money: Count the money in front of the student. If there is a discrepancy the student is right there.
If you run out of time go ahead and collect the envelopes, just be sure the students name and the amount enclosed is on the envelope. When you count the money, if there is a discrepancy between the amount in the envelope and what is in the envelope, put the money back in the envelope, contact the student, and then count it again in front of the student.

Check the amount of money against the order.
On the tally sheet write the students period, name, the amount, and have the student initial the amount.

Orders: If you have access to a copy machine, copy the order form, give the original to the student and keep the photocopy for your records (make sure it's legible.) If you don't have access to a copy machine hold the order forms, copy them later, then return the originals to the students. Remind the students to put the order form in a safe place so they know which items go to which customer.
Checks: On the checks (at the bottom left-hand corner) write the students name, student number, and choir, band or orchestra. If you are running out of time you can write this information on the top check and clip them together to do at a later time, but this must be done before you make a deposit. Important: photocopy all checks before you deposit them.
Deposits: Money should be deposited each collection day. Keep track of how much is taken in and how much is deposited. They should balance. Coins should be rolled. Bills wrapped in packs of 100. (Some school bankers want them in packs of 25 , so check with your banker.) The school banker will have deposit forms to fill out. When you have all the money sorted, take it, with the filled out deposit form, to the banker. He/she will count the money in front of you, so make sure you have time - it takes a few minutes to verify everything.

When the merchandise comes in don't be afraid to ask a few teachers for help. Sort the orders by period, this way everyone won't be picking up their order in the same place.

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## SUGGESTED PROCEDURES FOR CHOOSING AND LEARNING LITERATURE

## Before passing the music out to the students, the following must be done by the director:

## SELECTION

1) The director must be enthusiastic about the piece.
2) Literature with quality and relevant subject matter will draw in the students. What will the aesthetic experience be for the students?
3) Include in your selections a variety of historical periods and musical styles in line with CCSD Objectives 4.1-4.3.
4) Choose literature with a variety of tempo, aesthetic, style/period and include both sacred and secular texts.
5) The difficulty level of the pieces must be suitable for the ensemble. Never be afraid to 'raise the bar', but be careful not to overwhelm your students with too many vocal/musical challenges too soon.
6) Optional: Choose literature for teaching specific musical concepts, such as phrasing, harmony, or rhythm.

## PREPARATION

1) Prepare information on the composer, the historical period in which each piece was written, any historical background or anecdotes about the piece, and the performance practice for that period. This information will be shared with the students. (4.1-4.3CCSD Course Syllabus)
2) Prepare some listening examples that demonstrate the tone quality, performance practice, and other aspects of the selections you are working on. It could be a recording of the same piece or a piece from the same period. This could be worked into your listening examples during that time.
3) Make a vocabulary list of any terms in the music that the students will need to be familiar with before they start each piece. (3.4-CCSD Course Syllabus) ** You might want to do music vocabulary weekly or every other week using other music terms and adding in the vocabulary from the music as needed. **
4) Make sure you have translated the text if it is in a different language. Find the origin of the text and be ready to share it with your students.
5) Extensive score study is a must. Be prepared to play the accompaniment and the separate vocal lines individually or together. Know the tonal road map. Find challenges know where to start teaching - it isn't always at the beginning.
6) Prepare lesson plans for teaching each selection. Work backwards from your concert and develop a backwards assessment model - a time line for preparing the selections for performance.
7) Make sure you secure an accompanist for the performance and several rehearsals ahead of time. Also, make the necessary facility reservation with the concert site (this includes a dress rehearsal).
When the students get the selections, the following should be done:

## Week One

1) Discuss the composer information and historical information you gathered.
2) Help the students identify their vocal part on the score. (3.5-CCSD Course Syllabus)
3) Cover the text/translation with the students - have them write it in the music.
4) Introduce the pieces by singing through them, and play a recording of each.

## Weeks Two - Five

Begin rehearsals and use your lesson plans.
If students' reading skills are low, help students by:

1) Teaching the rhythm using a mnemonic system such as Kodaly.
2) Teaching the pitches using solfeggio or numbers (use system you are currently using during sight singing).
3) Combining pitch and rhythm using a neutral syllable.
4) Working first for rhythmic unification, and then working for good intonation and balance.
5) Rehearsing the literature with the intended phrasing, dynamics and general effect or feeling that you want in performance. (You may want to include facial expression and movement now to help achieve the desired effect.)
6) Having students listen and discuss the listening examples you prepared and how they relate.
7) Teaching the diction and work for vowel unification.

## Weeks Six and Seven

After the sections of each piece are somewhat mastered, it is time to work on the transitions between each section. Revisit the big picture of the piece. Record a rehearsal of the whole piece, then have the students listen to the recording and evaluate whether or not they realized the big picture. Decide together what steps to take to bring the piece to the next level.

## Week Eight

Make sure the music is memorized and discuss proper concert etiquette (as a performer and observer), concert uniform reminders, the importance of attendance at the concert, and discuss all logistical details. (5.2-CCSD Course Syllabus)

## Week Nine

Review all aspects of week eight and arrange students on the risers in concert position for all rehearsals. Make sure you have scheduled plenty of rehearsals with your accompanist. (5.2 - CCSD Course Syllabus)

NOTE: This time line is to be taken as a suggestion. You may have to be flexible with the timeframe depending on your performance calendar.

## After Your Performance

Listen to an audio recording or view a video recording of the performance. Have students critique the performance either as a class discussion or a written assignment. The teacher should have a prepared list of questions for the written assignment. (5.1 B - CCSD Course Syllabus)

# Solo and Ensemble Checklist 

| $11 / 5-11 / 9$ | Song Selection with instructor <br> $11 / 21$ | Tapes and \$5 entry fee / selection <br> are due to the instructor |
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| $12 / 17-12 / 20$ | Lesson Sign-up |  |
| $1 / 16-1 / 28$ | Attend Lesson with music <br> LEARNED |  |
| $1 / 30-2 / 1$ | Attend Dress rehearsal with <br> Music MEMORIZED | - |
| $2 / 2$ | Attend Solo \& Ensemble | - |

If any of the above steps are not completed by the date listed, the student will be withdrawn from the competition and subject to the $\$ 10$ accompanist fee.

## SOLO \& ENSEMBLE CONTRACT

I, $\qquad$ , the parent/guardian of; $\qquad$ ,
(parent/guardian)
(student)
give permission for my child to participate in the Clark County School District's Solo and. Ensemble Competition: .I understand that there will be an up-front $\$ 5.0 Q$ participation fee for each event in which my child chooses to participate. My child and I also understand that he/she is REQUIRED to attend ALL rehearsals. (All rehearsals will be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advanced by the student.) If ANY rehearsal is missed, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the competition. It is imperative that the student is prepared to their fullest in order to have a good showing. Each student will be provided with an accompanist by the Choral Department free of charge to you; however, there will be a $\$ 10.00$ fee if the student decides to drop out of the competition or if the student misses a rehearsal: The accompanist must still be paid for his/her time spent preparing the music. Thank you for the time and effort you put into your child's education.
(parent/guardian signature)
(student signature)
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Sign up for a time to pick your solo or ensemble song. Friday the $9^{\text {th }}$ 7:20 $\qquad$ 7:40 $\qquad$
Tuesday the $13^{\text {th }} \quad 7: 20$ $\qquad$
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2:30 $\qquad$
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# Section VIII Educational <br> Resources and Teaching Aids 

## RESOURCES FOR THE CHORAL EDUCATOR

## Music Share Sites for finding

recordings:
www.Audiogalaxy.com
www.audiognome.com
www.bearshare.com
www.besonic.com
www.free-music.com
www.kazaa.com
www.music4free.com
www.musicseek.net
www.themusiclover.com
www.winmix.com

## Music Share Sites for Finding Scores:

WWW.casa.org
www.cpdl.org
www.festival-singers.org.nz
www.handlo.com
WWW.musicroom.com
WWW.musicviva.com
www premieremusic.net
www.snaptel.com

## Repertoire Lists:

www.nyssma.org/manual.cfm -an exhaustive graded list (difficulty level 16 ) of choral literature in every voicing. www.uil.utexas.edu - Access to University of Texas' prescribed music list.

## Clip Art Sites:

http://clever.net/graphics/clip_art/clipart/ html
http://seidel.ncsa/uiuc.edu/ClipArt/brads -clipart-11.html
http://seidel.ncsa.uiuc.edu/ClipArt/cmu-english-server.html
www.acy.digex.net/~infomart/clipart
www.bn1.com $/ \mathrm{mm}$
www.channel1.com/users/jlovett/music. html
www.moash.edu.au/pub/clipart/music/
www.n-vision.com/panda/c/
www.toltbbs.com/~jhudson/clipart.html

## General Reference Sites:

www.acdaonline.org
www.choralnet.org
www.chorusamerica.org
www.grovemusic.com
www.menc.org
www.music.indiana.edu
www.musicanet.org

## Language Dictionaries:

http://humanities.uchicago.edu/forms un rest/FR-ENG.html

## RESOURCES FOR THE CHORAL EDUCATOR

Sight singing Complete, Bruce Benward. Wm. C. Brown Publishers, Dubuque, Iowa. This text uses moveable DO in major and minor Modes.

Masterworks Press Sight-Singing Series. Olympia, Washington. 1-800-300-9229 This series is excellent for teaching sight-singing with harmony. All choral voicings are available in multiple levels of difficulty and in each musical style.

Sing!, Charles Fowler, ed. Hinshaw Music, Houston, Texas. A comprehensive textbook for all aspects of a choral program, including sight-singing. Incorporates Edwin Gordonõs' Mnemonics for teaching rhythms and moveable DO for pitch.

## Vocabulary



Across
4. The vertical line 17 . Two lines with separating measures
5. A note that gets one beat in 4/4 time
7. Short and quick
9. The highest female voice in four part music
10. Treble or bass
13. Get softer
two dots placed vertically in front of them
18. An added ending
20. All sing together the same melody
21. Indicates how many beats per measure and which note gets one beat

Down

1. Get louder
2. The organization of sound
3. The symbol that means to hold
4. a note that gets 4 beats in 4/4 time
5. One who writes music
6. One who writes the text or words of a song
7. The degrees of soft and loud
8. The accent falls on the weak beat
9. The speed of a composition
10. soft
11. Loud

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## Choir Final Spring Semester 2002 <br> Listening

Fair Phyllis I Saw Sitting All Alone By Farmer

1. Describe the Meter
A. Regular
B. Irregular
C. Fast
D. Slow
E. None of the Above
2. Describe the Accompaniment
A. Keyboard
B. Guitar
C. A Cappella
D. Orchestral
E. None of the Above
3. Describe the Style
A. Barbershop
B. Requiem
C. Jazz
D. Madrigal
E. None of the Above
4. Describe the Tempo
A. Very Slow
B. Slow
C. Moderate
D. Fast
E. Very Fast

Dier Irae by Mozart
5. Describe the Meter
A. Regular
B. Irregular
C. Fast
D. Slow
E. None of the Above
6. Describe the Accompaniment
A. Keyboard
B. Guitar
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National Amnesia by New York Voices
9. Describe the Meter
A. Regular
B. Irregular
C. Fast
D. Slow
E. None of the Above
10. Describe the Accompaniment
A. Keyboard
B. Guitar
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A. Very Slow
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Vamos Aloanda by M. Camargo Guarnieri
13. Describe the Meter
A. Regular
B. Irregular
C. Fast
D. Slow
E. None of the Above
14. Describe the Accompaniment
A. Keyboard
B. Guitar
C. A Cappella
D. Orchestral
E. None of the Above
15. Describe the Style
A. Barbershop
B. Requiem
C. Jazz
D. Madrigal
E. None of the Above
16. Describe the Tempo
A. Very Slow
B. Slow
C. Moderate
D. Fast
E. Very Fast

## Vocabulary

## Choose the best musical definition for the given term

17. Diaphragm
A. The roof of the mouth
B. The muscle that supports the rib cage
C. The muscle that allows us to breath
D. To get louder
E. To get softer
18. Proper Posture
A. Knees bent, back straight, hands in pockets
B. Back straight, chest high, chin resting on chest
C. Weight supported by on leg, hands on hips
D. Feet shoulder width apart, chest held high, neck in line with the spine
E. None of the above
19. Rhythm
A. The organization of music into differing note lengths
B. How fast a piece of music is performed
C. Whether or not you can tap your foot easily to the music
D. Singing the notes smoothly connected together
E. None of the above
20. Melody
A. A series of random pitches and rhythms
B. A girls name
C. A collection of notes that are played at the same time
D. A series of different pitches and rhythms that combine to form a distinctive pattern.
E. None of the above
21. Round
A. A single line song
B. A single line song that is sung by a choir.
C. An single line overlapping song that is sung by having each voice start at different times
D. The shape of a circle
E. None of the above
22. Time Signature
A. The two numbers at the beginning of a piece of music that helps organize the rhythm
B. The two numbers at the beginning of a piece of music that indicates how fast to perform the song
C. The two numbers at the beginning of a piece of music that indicates how many measures the song has.
D. The two numbers at the beginning of a piece of music that indicate how many pieces the composer had written when the piece was completed
E. None of the above
23. Measure
A. How to figure out how long a piece of music is going to be
B. The distant between the first and last barlines in the piece
C. A division in music that separates the rhythm into smaller pieces as dictated by the time signature
D. None of the above
24. Bar line
A. A small vertical line that divides the music into measures
B. A vertical line that connects several staves together
C. A horizontal line that indicates to sing the music smoothly
D. A broken line that indicates where to take a breath
E. None of the above
25. Unison
A. Three or more notes sounding at the same time
B. Two or more notes sounding at the same time
C. One note being played by one player
D. One note being played by multiple players
E. None of the above
26. Scale
A. A collection of specific notes divided into a pattern of half steps and whole steps that help organize tonal music
B. The protective covering on a fish
C. A group of notes chosen by a composer to write a song
D. An instrument used to weigh things
E. None of the above
27. Ascending
A. Going up
B. Going down
C. Going faster
D. Going slower
E. None of the above
28. Descending
A. Going down
B. Going down
C. Going faster
D. Going slower
E. None of the above
29. Interval
A. How fast a piece of music should be played
B. How loud a piece of music should be played
C. The distance between two notes
D. The length a note should be held
E. None of the above
30. Repeat Sign
A. A symbol used to indicate that a specific note should be held for a long time
B. A symbol used to indicate that a section of music should be played again
C. A symbol used to indicate how fast a piece of music should be performed
D. A symbol used to indicate how loud a piece of music should be performed
E. None of the above
31. Piano
A. Softly
B. Loudly
C. Quickly
D. Slowly
E. None of the above
32. Forte
A. Softly
B. Loudly
C. Quickly
D. Slowly
E. None of the above
33. Mezzo Piano
A. Softly
B. Loudly
C. Quickly
D. Slowly
E. None of the above
34. Mezzo forte
A. Softly
B. Loudly
C. Quickly
D. Slowly
E. None of the above
35. Legato
A. Smoothly connected together
B. Short and separated
C. Held for the full duration
D. Sung with feeling
E. None of the above
36. Conductor
A. The person who drives a train
B. A metal that electricity can pass through
C. The person directing the musical ensemble
D. A mathematician that designs airplanes
E. None of the above
37. Tempo
A. How fast or slow the music should be performed
B. The two numbers at the beginning of a piece of music that divide the music into small rhythmic sections
C. Whether or not you can tap your foot to the music
D. A car built by Ford
E. None of the above
38. Crescendo

> A. To get softer
B. To get louder
C. To increase speed
D. To decrease speed
E. Non of the above
39. Decrescendo
A. To get softer
B. To get louder
C. To increase speed
D. To decrease speed
E. None of the above
40. Harmony
A. Two or more notes being played at the same time
B. Two or more performers playing the same note at the same time
C. A single performer singing alone
D. The distance between two notes
E. None of the above
41. Pitch
A. Any specific rhythmic value
B. Any specific note
C. Any specific musical symbol
D. The act of throwing a ball
E. None of the above
42. Binary
A. A musical piece with four distinct sections
B. A musical piece with three distinct sections
C. A musical piece with two distinct sections
D. A musical piece with one distinct section
E. None of the above
43. Intonation
A. A musical piece with four distinct sections
B. A musical piece with three distinct sections
C. A musical piece with two distinct sections
D. A musical piece with one distinct section
E. None of the above
44. Ternary
A. A musical piece with four distinct sections
B. A musical piece with three distinct sections
C. A musical piece with two distinct sections
D. A musical piece with one distinct section
E. None of the above

## Symbols

Identify the given symbol
45. $\mathcal{R}$
A. Flat
B. Sharp
C. Fermata
D. Whole note
E. Natural
46. P?
A. Treble Clef
B. Alto Clef
C. Tenor Clef
D. Bass Clef
E. None of the above
47. $\Theta$
A. Whole Note
B. Half Note
C. Quarter Note
D. Eighth Note
E. Sixteenth Note
48. $\omega$
A. Whole Note
B. Half Note
C. Quarter Note
D. Eighth Note

A. Decrescendo
B. Accent
C. Sharp
D. Flat
E. Crescendo
50. \&
A. Treble Clef
B. Alto Clef
C. Tenor Clef
D. Bass Clef
E. None of the above
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A. Whole Note
B. Half Note
C. Quarter Note
D. Eighth Note
E. Sixteenth Note
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A. Whole Note
B. Half Note
C. Quarter Note
D. Eight Note
E. Sixteenth Note
53. $\mu$
A. Decrescendo
B. Accent
C. Sharp
D. Flat
E. Crescendo
54. V
A. Flat
B. Sharp
C. Fermata
D. Whole Note
E. Natural
55. $\mathbf{~}$
A. Flat
B. Sharp
C. Fermata
D. Whole Note
E. Natural

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A. Flat
B. Sharp
C. Fermata
D. Whole Note
E. Natural
57. f
A. Piano
B. Mezzo Piano
C. Pianissimo
D. Mezzo Forte
E. Forte
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A. Piano
B. Mezzo Piano
C. Pianissimo
D. Mezzo Forte
E. Forte
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A. Accent
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C. Fermata
D. Repeat
E. Crescendo
60. C
A. Whole Note
B. Half Note
C. Quarter Note
D. Eighth Note
E. Sixteenth Note

## Note Identification

Choose the letter name for the given note. Use the following key for all answers in this section.



## Major Keys

Identify the given Major keys. Use the following key for all answers in this section.
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AB F Major
AC G Major
AD A flat Major
AE B flat Major
BC C flat Major

BD D flat Major
BE E flat Major
CD G flat Major
CE F sharp Major
DE C sharp Major
101.


## Pitch Syllables

Identify the given pitches using Solfeggio. Use the following key for all questions in this section
A. Do |
B. $\mathrm{Re} \mid$
C. $\quad \mathrm{Mi} \mid$
D. $\mathrm{Fa} \mid$
E. $\quad$ So $\mid$ AB. La $\mid$ AC. Ti
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109. $\underbrace{9}{ }^{b^{b} b^{b} b^{b} \text { o }}$
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112. $9^{9 b^{b} a}$
113. $\underbrace{b^{b} a}$
114. 名 $^{9}$
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## Concert Etiquette

## Choose A for True and B for False

135. When attending a classical concert you should applaud when everyone else does.
A. True
B. False
136. While attending a theatrical production you should avoid going to the restroom during intermission
A. True
B. False
137. If you are attending a performance and your cell phone goes off you should take the call quietly and explain to the caller that you can't talk.
A. True
B. False
138. You arrive late to a concert. You should sneak in quietly so as not to annoy the other members of the audience.
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139. 

You are attending a performance with a small child who has begun to cry. You should leave to go to the lobby immediately and try to calm the child.
140. You arrive at the theater and have a tickle in your throat that is causing you to cough. You should slowly and carefully open a cough drop or piece of candy to help calm the irritation.
A. True
B. False
141. The performance you are attending is awful. You wait until the audience starts to applaud and quietly leave the theater.
A. True
B. False
B. False

> A. True
> B. False
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A. True
B. False
142. You are attending a jazz concert. The saxophonist has a solo in the middle of the piece. You should applaud his solo before waiting for the piece to end.
A. True
B. False
143. You are allowed to eat while attending the opera.
A. True
B. False
144. You are watching a performance that features a cello solo by your best friend. To show your support you scream his/her name out when he/she enters the stage.
A. True
B. False
145. You are attending the opening night of a play at the High School for the Performing arts. Because it is opening night, you should wear a tuxedo or formal dress.
A. True
B. False

## Essay Question

On the lined paper provided, explain the importance of audience etiquette on the success of a performance. Use paragraph formats as discussed in class. The essay should be no longer that the space provided, but should also be thorough. Spelling, punctuation and grammar count.

## Paragraph Format:

I. Topic Sentence (Should include what you are going to discuss.)
II. 5-7 sentences explaining topic sentence (Number of sentences is only a suggestion. You may need more to fully explain your point.)
III. Closing sentence (Should restate the topic sentence in a different way.)

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    Select vocabulary that best suits your class and the literature you are studying

