

Using Finale & SmartMusic for Rehearsal Warm-ups



National Standards for Music Education

5. Reading and notating music.

DESE-Missouri Knowledge Standards

Goal 1

DESE-Missouri Performance Standards

1.6, 2.5, 2.7, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 4.5

Subject Area: Instrumental Music

Grade Range: 5-12

Creating Warm-ups using Finale and SmartMusic allows the director the freedom of leaving the podium. While off the podium, the director can float around the room, helping individual students.

Materials Needed: Finale 2003 (and higher), SmartMusic, PA system

Time Allowance: (ex. 15 min, class period, Multi-Day): 5-10minutes, or as desired by teacher.

Objectives:

Students will:

1. Be engaged throughout warm-up process.
2. Warm-up in a group setting.

Lesson

(**Hint:** Steps 1-6 are covered in Finale's "Quick Start Videos." Click 'How To'>'Creating Instant'>'Custom Exercises'.)

- Step 1: Open Finale Exercise Wizard.
- Step 2: Choose a Lesson Title > click Next
- Step 3: Choose from different Scales, Intervals, Arpeggios, Twisters, State Scales and Rhythms > click Add. After you're finished, click Next.
- Step 4: Give your exercise a Title, pick a Key and/or pick an Articulation
- Step 5: Pick your Instrumentation (hint: Add **Piano** to your list).
- Step 6: Print Lesson/Warm-up for your group.
- Step 7: Open piano part from Lesson/Warm-up. Click "File>Save Special>Save as SmartMusic accompaniment."
- Step 8: Click "Full Ensemble or group">Click "OK."
- Step 9: Give your SmartMusic file a name and save to Desktop.
- Step 10: Pass out warm-ups and Open your newly created SmartMusic file
- Step 11: Begin Warm-up

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Assignment Suggestions

Creating exercises is easy and fast. Create a sequence of scales, increasing the difficulty by day.

Level I	Scales-Whole Notes
Level II	Scales-Quarter Notes
Level III	Scales-Eighth Notes
Level IV	Scales-Sixteenth Notes

Indicators of Success

Students will be able to:

1. Warm-up in a class setting.
2. Demonstrate proper technique in warm-ups that will carry over into rehearsal.

Assessment

Students will be assessed based on performance in warm-ups.