

SmartMusic 11 for Choral/Vocal Music

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SmartMusic "Right Out of the Box" Classroom Uses

1. Warm-up (Intervals, click note/sing requested interval) Visual reference for entire class relating to keyboard, also great for Theory classes.
2. Exercises: Rhythm Clapping, w/assessment for whole group/individual students
3. Sight Read from Method Books in Class w/ screen and projector:
DEMO E.E. 2 # 41-Use Keyboard Percussion
Bass Clef Ex. for Male singers: #17 Shifting Gears Use Trombone. Use Curwen Hand signs/pitch numbers
4. Sight Read 2 pt melodies from Method Books: "Le Petit Rien" #63 Standards of Excellence, Bk. 3/use Oboe for best range
5. Open the Exercises, Play By Ear, Blues Licks Exercises,
Medium Blues in F # 8701. Use Female Voice Have group sing "Call and response" to each phrase played. Can be used to help train Jazz, Swing, show choirs, or for ANY music group studying a jazz unit.
Also, #8704, "Rockin Blues in F" is good for a second quick file to open to show the style change.
6. Also in Exercises: Under JAZZ: Female Voice # 7040 Swingin' 8th Notes, SLOW Tempo to 79 Intro for singers to Jazz and blue notes and "swing" of 8th notes in this example. Could also be assessment or audition for Jazz/Swing Choirs.
7. Quick Key Signature Recognition: Use in class w/projector for FAST interactive key signature names with students.
Major Scale: #20 Tempo 200+, Loop

Other Great Functions Using SmartMusic:

8. Audio files: Open Audio Files: ANY recording can now be imported and edited for your classes
Slow tempo, or change the key! (Make practice loops) U.S. Copyright: Educational Fair Use!
9. Metronome played through classroom speakers-chant diction/steady beat for rhythmic songs

SmartMusic Impact

10. It is a web based "music grade book". It saves & stores performances; teachers can 'reach into' singer rehearsals at home/practice rooms.
Assignments for entire school semesters/year can be set up in advance and released when YOU want.
Singing and rhythms can be ASSESSED using SmartMusic; their score/recordings are saved in MakeMusic server, not in your school server.
Parents/students can log in any time to check progress.
Administrators happy with curriculum met.
11. What can you send to your singers using Impact?
Audio files: Singers listen, model, & critique

Audio files: DICTION! Never speak the Italian diction for “Caro mio ben” AGAIN! It’s SAVED on the Impact server in your Personal Library.

Audio file of YOUR CHOIR rehearsal or performance.

Create all these assignments in a minute or less and send to every student in selected ensembles, or to individual students.

12. What ELSE can you assign students with Impact?

Your octavos: Create Finale file, then EXPORT as SmartMusic file.

Melodic and choral sight reading-Use Method books, Exercises, or create using Finale
Rhythm clapping to be ASSESSED by SmartMusic (from Exercises)

Assessable soprano recorder files created in Finale

13. Automated Rhythm Assignments Predefined weekly assignments to insure students master rhythms-choose from 5 difficulty areas-Easy to Advanced

Assign a weekly rhythm pattern to be sent to students for whole semester-21 weeks possible

14. Other GREAT uses of Impact: District Choir audition solos

MO All State Choir “My Spirit Sang All Day” “Exultate Justi-Viadana” Create Finale file & SmartMusic Ensemble file, each choral part rehearsed alone, at any tempo

15. “Other Assignment”: ANY solo, any assessment you create, attachments, permission slips, writing assignments

16. Benefits to teachers using Impact: Objective Assessment, curriculum measured

Save rehearsal time: less drill of parts, start polishing quickly, Assess EVERY singer easily: listen at home, or from ANY computer with an Internet connection.

Provide extra help for students struggling or added incentive for “hot shots” in class.

17. Benefits to students and parents: SmartMusic provides high quality music practice tools for “X-Box” generation students, students/parents can check on assignments, grade, read announcements from ANY computer with Internet

E-mail reminders can automatically be sent via Impact about assignments, concerts, etc.
Reminders can be set IN ADVANCE!

Singers advance more quickly in all areas with added rehearsal time and feedback.

18. Impact Gradebook: Easily import Excel file for enrollment, students easily added/deleted at any time.

Click on student assignment to hear performance: listen to all of it, part, or repeatedly.

Type comments for student to view when they log in. GREAT feedback for students!

Teachers control points assigned, and can easily override automatic assessment scores.

Conference View: finally a way to musically ‘inform’ parents

Resources: SmartMusic QuickStart videos

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