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All-State Auditions



Grade Level: All Levels Class: Band, Strings, and Choral

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**Teacher
Instructions**

Overview

All-State auditions are performed at a high level under stressful conditions. Students can practice All-State auditions with SmartMusic to reinforce their accuracy and confidence through educator feedback and self-assessment of their performances.

Objectives

Students will:

1. Learn All-State audition music quickly.
2. Learn to play with confidence and technical precision.
3. Gain interpretive perspective as they review their own recordings.

National Music Content Standards addressed:

2. Performing on instruments alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
5. Reading and notating music.
6. Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
7. Evaluating music and music performances.

Assignment Suggestions

Using SmartMusic's built-in recording capability, students can easily track their progress and receive feedback. Use the search function at the bottom of the "Open SmartMusic Accompaniment" window to locate solo materials including jazz accompaniments. A variety of scale patterns are located in the exercises window. Be sure to check the scale forms in the State Scales folder to see if they match the rhythm pattern of your scales. Scale and solo material that is not included in SmartMusic's repertoire can be transformed into assessable files with Finale®. Students can then see which areas still need work.



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Teacher Procedures

1. Locate scales or solo material in SmartMusic's repertoire or enter or scan music into Finale and create SmartMusic practice files.
2. Introduce SmartMusic to your students.
3. Demonstrate how to adjust tempos, how to do practice loops, and how to make recordings.
4. Show students how to save and/or send .MP3 files.
5. Assign All-State audition material using SmartMusic files.
6. Designate practice and performance tempos and standards.
7. Designate a timeline for student recordings.

Assessment

The powerful aspect of this assignment is that students will be able to listen and critique their own performances. Have your students e-mail a recording of their best performance and send back comments of areas to work on.

Teacher Suggestions

The digital audio recordings made with SmartMusic allow students to submit either an e-mail or an audio CD of their performances. To transfer recordings to an audio cassette tape, connect a computer to a stereo amplifier that is then connected to a cassette recorder.

Lesson Extensions

1. Save examples of excellent performances for younger students to hear.
2. Use the tuner's reference note function to work on intonation skills.

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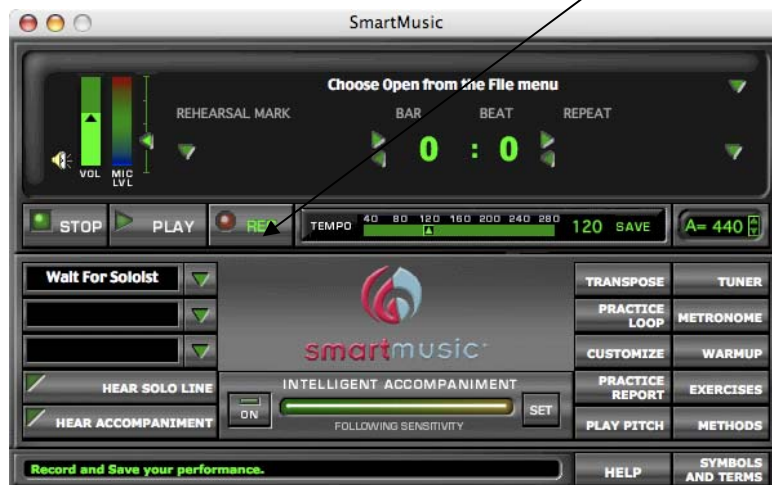


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Class/Hour: _____ Date Due: _____
Grade: _____

**Student
Assignment**

Directions

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3. Practice the solo or exercise using the metronome and tuner as necessary.
4. SmartMusic will allow you to make a recording by clicking “Record” from the main screen with no accompaniment loaded. See picture below:



5. When you have successfully made a recording, listen by clicking the “Preview” button and then e-mail the file to your teacher using the “Save and E-mail” button. Your teacher’s e-mail address is:

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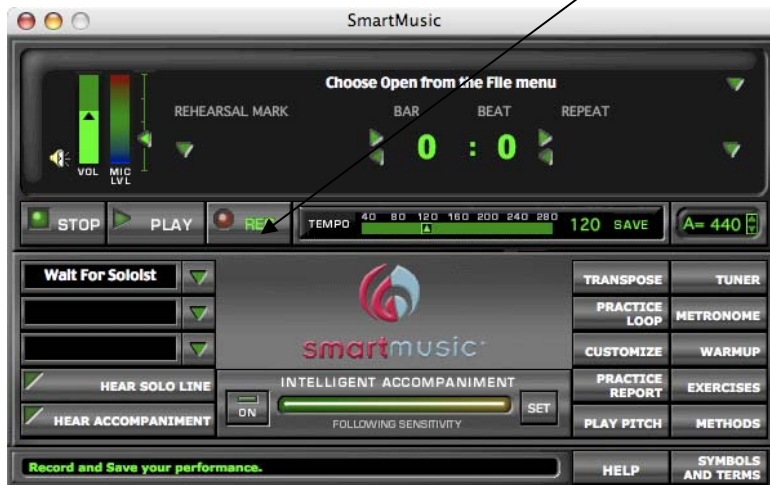


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