Manitoba Arts Education Curriculum Programming

"Exemplars of Learning"



This exemplar includes



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My First Recital

Presented by Gr. 7 Band

This exemplar includes student experiences in



Music

Music Language, and Performance Skills

Students develop skills for making music individually and as part of an ensemble.

Understanding Music in Context

Students demonstrate understanding of the roles, purposes, and meanings of music in the lives of individuals and in communities.

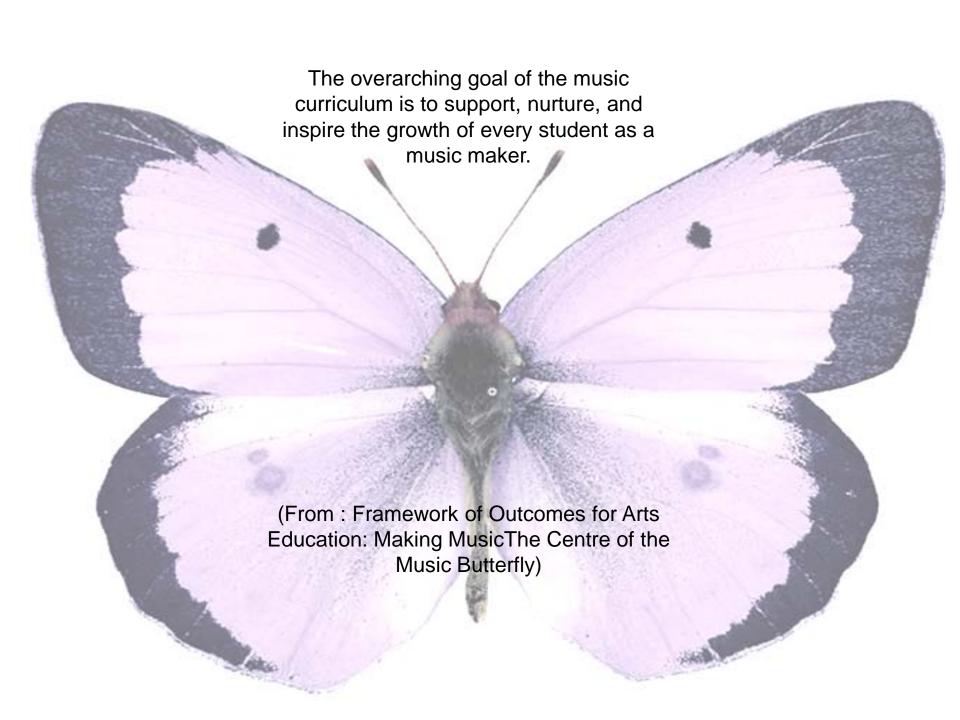


Creative Expression in Music

Students interpret, perform, and share music

Valuing Musical Experience

Students form personal responses to and construct meaning from their own and others' music.





The Learning Context

The Big Idea: What is a recital?

The students:

Grade 7 Band students were in their first year of instruction.

Prior learning:

Students had been playing since October and had learned basic playing skills on their instruments.

Overview



of teaching and learning experiences

First the students

- researched different performers and found recordings by artists who played the same instrument they played
- discussed the recordings to discover qualities they valued

Next they

- created lists of words that represented sounds they liked
- discussed how they could recreate those sounds
- experimented with different ways to use different sound qualities

Then they

- chose six short selections to work on for their recital performances
- participated in rehearsals in and out of class
- Created programs and invitations for their recital

Finally the students

- performed their recital for their invited guests
- reflected on their performances and participated in self evaluations



First the students

- researched different performers and found artists who play the same instrument they play in class
- choose one of the recorded examples they found to play for the rest of their class
- discussed the recording to discover the qualities they valued in the sounds made by the solo performer

In Understanding Music in Context, students identify, share, and discuss examples of music experienced through live performances and through various media 5–8 M–U1.2

In Creative Expression in Music, students_collect and explore a wide range of resources for stimulating and developing own musical ideas 5–8 M–C1.5



Next the students

- created a list of words that represented sounds they liked
- discussed how they could recreate those sounds on their different instruments



Teacher Comments:

"Go for the best sound you can make. You don't want to sound like a goose!"

In Creative Expression in Music, students generate multiple ideas for music making through constructive experimentation with music and sound 5–8 M–C1.1



The students worked in groups or on their own to select songs to perform on their recital

They created names for their performances, chose dates, times and locations for the performance, and began rehearsals in and out of class



Student Comments:

"We can't do Jingle Bells, Christmas is OVER!"

Teacher Comments:

"If you do one slow song you could try to do one fast one too."

In Understanding Music in Context, students demonstrate understanding of the multiple roles and purposes of music in society (e.g., for enjoyment, persuasion, social commentary, mood creation, spiritual experience, dancing) 5–8 M–U3.1



The students participated in rehearsals, in and out of class

Student Comments:

"It sounds better when you play the top line and I play the bottom line."

"You're playing too loud and no one can hear me!"



In Music Language & Performance Skills, students demonstrate appropriate interpersonal skills for making music collectively K–8 M–L1.9

In Creative Expression in Music, students collaborate with others to select, present, and share own and others' individual and group works of music through performances, composition portfolios, and/or recordings 5–8 M–C3.5

And make appropriate decisions as to whether own work is "finished" 3-8 M-C3.4



A finished program





This concert is presented by

Back from a training session with
Squidward tentacles on Friday night
arrived in where
he resides and will be doing his concert
on Sunday February 8th. This amazing
musician not only plays the clarinet he also
plays the guitar, shown below. When he's
not rocking the house he's minding the nets
at the arena for the
Blades. He is 10-3-0 and has got a 2.98
GAA. He gives his best wishes to everyone
attending his concert and his hockey games.







Finally

the students performed for their friends and families.



In Music Language & Performance Skills, students

- develop skills for making music individually and as part of an ensemble.
- read, write, and perform from music notation, as required for playing a variety of repertoire
- demonstrate awareness and understanding of rhythm, melody, texture, and harmony



Audience members signed the backs of the programs and provided feedback on what they had heard.

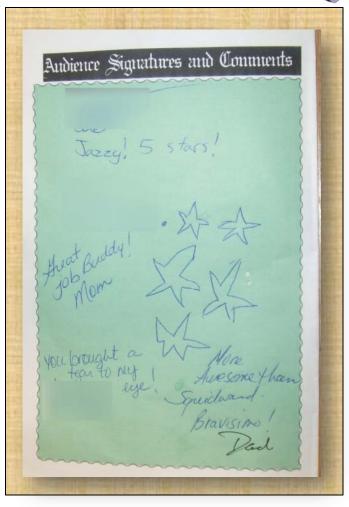
Students discussed their performance experiences and shared ideas with the class.

Student Comments:

"It was fun but I was so nervous!"

"My mom said I played really well."

"My dad liked the songs I picked. He said I am a good French Horn Player."



In Valuing Musical Experience, students share and justify interpretations of own and others' music and respect and acknowledge that individuals may have different interpretations and preferences regarding musical works and experiences



The students filled out self
assessments of their work and
were given time to reflect on the
process of preparing a concert.
They came up with ideas of
things they would change and
ways to do things better the next
time.

Student Comments:

"I played all the music I liked."

"I even wrote my OWN song!"

In Valuing Musical Experience, students assess own music-making process and product using appropriate assessment criteria and tools 5-8 M-V4.3

And they establish, reflect on, and reassess personal and group goals for extending learning in music 5–8 M–V4.5



Appendix: Resources

Tools and materials

- Students' instruments
- Tuner
- CD recordings
- Written music
- Staff paper
- Music stands
- Chairs

Print and non print

- Instruments
- Materials for making programs

Why was this exemplar a valuable learning experience?

Music Language and Performance Skills

Students develop understanding of and facility with elements, concepts, and techniques for making music

Understanding Music in Context

Students connect music to contexts of time, place, and community, and develop understanding of how music reflects and influences culture and identity.

Creative Expression in Music

Students collaboratively and individually generate, develop, and communicate ideas in creating original and interpretive music for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Valuing Music Experience

Students analyze, reflect on, and construct meaning in response to their own and others' music.

Why was this exemplar a valuable learning experience?

Music

Music Language and Performance Skills SLO:

5-8 M-L1.1

7-8 M-L1.4

5-8 M-L1.5

K-8 M-L1.9

5-8 M-L2.2

5-8 M-L3.2

5-8 M-L3.2

5-8 M-L3.4

Creative Expression in Music SLO:

5-8 M-C1.1

5-8 M-C1.5

5-8 M-C3.1

3-8 M-C3.4

5-8 M-C3.5

Understanding Music in Context SLO:

5-8 M-U1.2

5-8 M-U3.1

Valuing Music al Experience SLO:

5-8 M-V3.1

1-8 M-V3.3

5-8 M-V4.3

5-8 M-V4.5