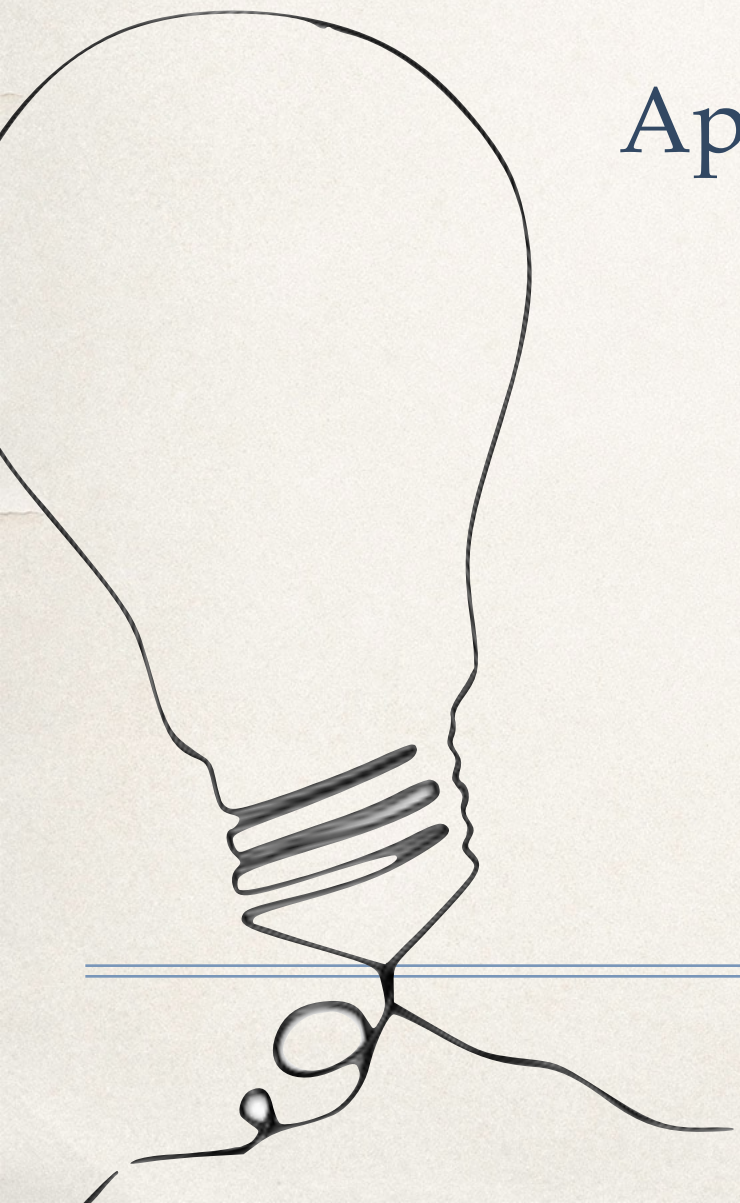


# Bringing the Content to Life

Approaching General Music with  
Composition at the Center





# Our Philosophy

“quality comprehensive music education for all students”

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## Purpose

Discuss my philosophy concerning music education in the 21st Century and how to reach the non-traditional music student.

Demonstrate projects and lessons from my general music class:  
Music Composition.

Provide resources for teachers with varied budgets, equipment, school structures, classes, etc.



# Let's Start with a Story...







# Musical Experiences





# 7th Grade





# INFORMAL MUSIC

- Music in Church
- Music with Friends
- Music on my Own

Public School  
Music

Band

Choir

Orchestra





# Adapting and Thriving in the 21st Century

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“History shows that American music educators have been most successful and their positions most secure when they satisfy the prevailing musical desires of the public” (Kratus, 2007).

**What are the attributes of 21st Music Experiences?**

**Diversity**

**Individualistic**

**World - Wide**

**Interactive**

Some students musical desires will not be met in the band, chorus  
or orchestra classrooms.



# What's the point?

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- 1. Engage the 21st Century Music Student**
- 2. Diverse Programs are Positive**
- 3. General Music is one way to engage the Non-Traditional Music Student**



# My Contribution

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## Music Composition with Technology







Mr. Pendergast

# First Year Teacher Problems







# The Basic Idea...

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Musicianship



Musical Concept



Creative  
Application





# Texture Project

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## ❖ Musicianship

- ❖ Very little musical experience
- ❖ Basic understanding of rhythm, measures, and time signatures

## ❖ Musical Concept

- ❖ Texture (monophonic, polyphonic, homophonic)

## ❖ Creative Application

- ❖ Create a piece that utilizes all of the textures we have discussed in class.



# Melody ReMix

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- ❖ **Musicianship**

- ❖ C Major Scale
- ❖ Chord Structure / Function
- ❖ Music Literacy (note reading, writing, dictation)

- ❖ **Musical Concept**

- ❖ How can harmony accompany melody in a variety of ways?

- ❖ **Creative Application**

- ❖ Record a melody. Add harmony. Enhance orchestration.



# Video Game/Movie Project

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- ❖ **Musicianship**

- ❖ Music Literacy (note reading, writing, dictation)
- ❖ C Major Scale / Relative Minor Scale
- ❖ Chord Structure / Function

- ❖ **Musical Concept**

- ❖ Theme - A recurring melody throughout a composition

- ❖ **Creative Application**

- ❖ Compose a melody that represents a story, place or mood. Add a harmonic structure and enhance orchestration.



# Curriculum Discussion

## *Inspiring Curious Learners...*

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- ❖ Timbre
- ❖ Form
- ❖ Texture
- ❖ Melody
- ❖ Harmony
- ❖ Theme / Variation

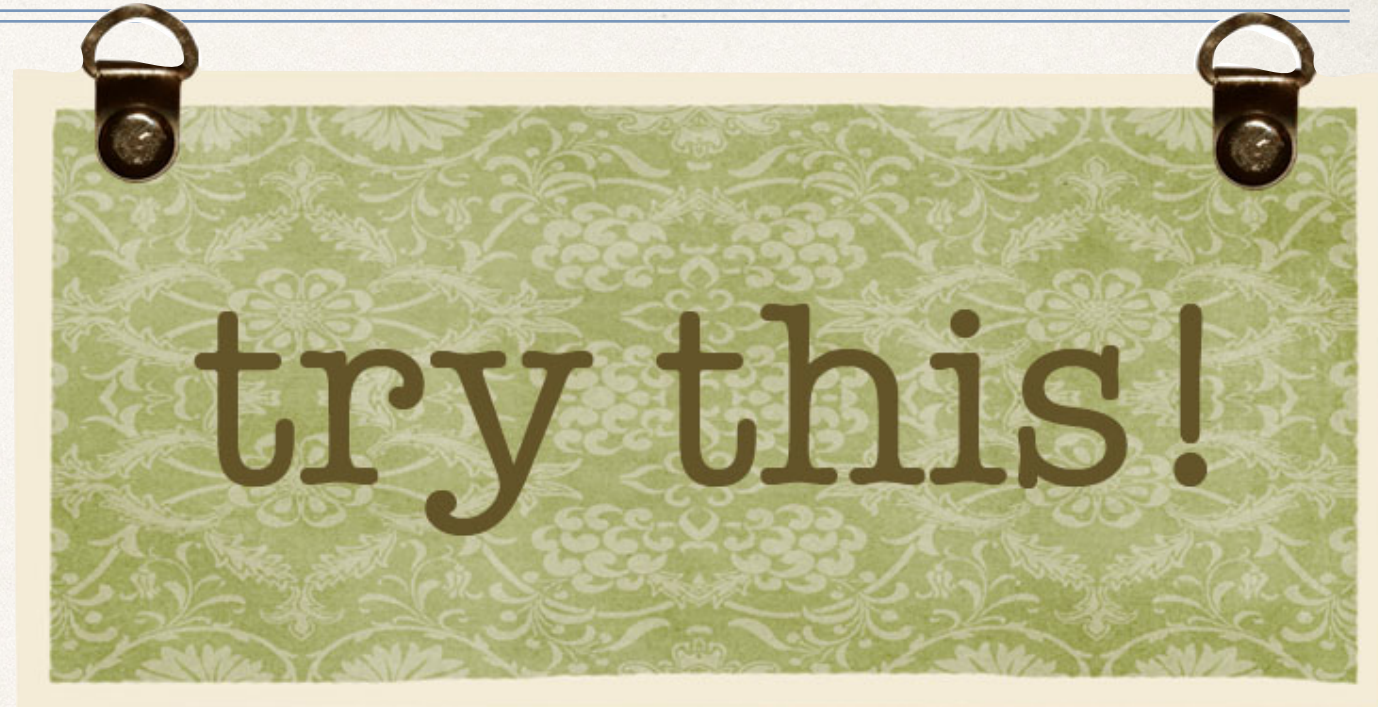




# A Quick Note on Getting Started...

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- ❖ **I Challenge you to try!**
  - ❖ End of School
  - ❖ Post Concert
  - ❖ Testing Weeks
  - ❖ Every Friday
- ❖ **Find and use the technology that you already have.**
  - ❖ Piano Labs
  - ❖ Older PC's and MAC's
  - ❖ TV Production Lab
- ❖ **FREE LESSON PLANS or use Curriculum!**





# Getting Started... **FOR FREE!**

- ❖ **Free Software**
  - ❖ Soundation.com
- ❖ **Free Lessons!**
- ❖ **When is the best time of year to give this a try?**
  - ❖ Post-Concert
  - ❖ Last Week of School
  - ❖ Testing Weeks

Soundation

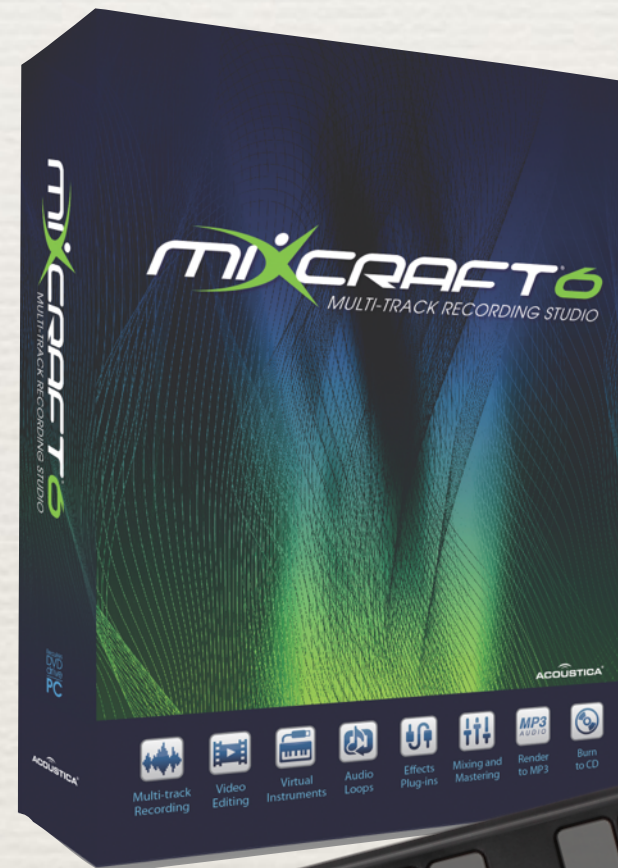




# Getting Started...

WITH A  
LITTLE  
CASH...

- ❖ Use the PC's you already have.
- ❖ MixCraft - "*Garageband for PC*"
- ❖ Estimated Cost:
  - ❖ 20 Computers
  - ❖ \$34 per License
  - ❖ Total: \$680
- ❖ Optional: *Korg NanoKey2*
  - ❖ 20 Computer Stations
  - ❖ \$50 per NanoKey2
  - ❖ Total: \$1,000





# Getting Started...

**MORE  
MONEY...**

- ❖ iPads
- ❖ Garageband is free.
- ❖ Estimated Cost:
  - ❖ 20 iPads
  - ❖ \$400 - \$500 per iPad
  - ❖ Total: \$8,000 - \$10,000
- ❖ Cost Saving Idea:
  - ❖ Purchase only 10 iPads and purchase ten inexpensive keyboards.
  - ❖ Music composition/  
Keyboarding





# Getting Started...

**Lots o,  
CASH...**

- ❖ MacLab
- ❖ Garageband and iMovie come free!
- ❖ Estimated Cost:
  - ❖ 20 iMacs
  - ❖ \$1,000 - \$1,300 per iMac
  - ❖ Total: \$20,000 - 26,000
- ❖ Cost Saving Idea:
  - ❖ Purchase only 10 iMacs and purchase ten inexpensive keyboards.
  - ❖ Music composition/  
Keyboarding





Questions

