



AVANTI STRING TRIO

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PREPARATION FOR THEIR APPEARANCE IN YOUR SCHOOL

Program Description

The *Avanti String Trio* consists of a professional violist, violinist, and cellist. Their interactive and accessible program introduces students to basic musical concepts and to musical instruments of the string family. Using short excerpts from the classical cannon, the ensemble illustrates how teamwork makes music fun.

List of terms

- string trio
- rhythm
- harmony
- melody
- pianissimo
- fortissimo
- syncopation
- classical music
- pizzicato
- motive
- ensemble music
- practice
- vibration
- bow

Musical excerpts

String trio excerpts from works by Beethoven, Haydn, Mozart, Boccherini, Balter and others.



GUIDELINES FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

Q: What are the 3 basic elements of music?

A: rhythm, melody, harmony

Q: What do we call a music group that consists of a viola, a violin, and a cello?

A: string trio

Q: What is the word for playing between the beats?

A: syncopation

Q: What is the musical word for “very soft”?

A: pianissimo

Q: What is the musical word for “very loud”?

A: fortissimo

Q: What is the word for plucking the strings?

A: pizzicato

Q: What do we call a little bit of identifiable “musical information” that’s contained in just a few notes – information that is repeated many times throughout a piece?

A: motive

Q: Do we find motives only in classical music, or are they also found in other types of music, such as R&B, folk, pop, jazz?



A: motives are found in all types of music

Q: What is the string instrument that is larger than a violin and smaller than a cello?

A: viola

Q: What does it take to be a *professional* musician?

A: practice

Q: What is the name of the piece of wood with horse tail hair attached?

A: bow

Q: What is the name of the music most commonly played by orchestras or by instruments from an orchestra?

A: classical music

Q: Where does all sound come from?

A: vibration

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT FEEDBACK

ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO WRITE TO US USING ONE OF THESE BEGINNINGS

- I like syncopation because it makes the music more...
- The sound of the viola is different from the violin and the cello because...
- The music by Beethoven made me feel...



- After today's program, I may want to play an instrument because...
- Teamwork in music is good because

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