CINCO

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Preparing your school for the Quintet's visit

Program Description:

Join CINCO Brass Quintet on a 300-year musical adventure through the Music of America! CINCO performs music composed throughout America’s history to demonstrate the exciting and versatile nature of the brass instruments and the basic concepts of music making. Musical concepts such as rhythm and Jazz style are demonstrated through the classic tune, The Pink Panther. Other elements, such as melody and harmony, are highlighted in the patriotic favorite, Stars and Stripes Forever and the bluesy Just a Closer Walk with Thee. Various tempos are discussed throughout the program ranging from the furiously fast march, The Circus Bee, to the relaxed Jazz chart, Ain’t Misbehavin’. The program also features fun and interactive elements including a segment called “The Composer” designed to demonstrate the technique of writing music. Several members of the audience are asked to compose a piece of music by arranging the notes (letters) of the C scale that are displayed on large signs. CINCO then plays back the composition in various tempos and rhythms to show off what the audience has created. Music of America is an interactive program that encourages students to explore the sounds of the brass quintet and to discover the power of communication through music-making.

Terms

• Melody
• Harmony
• Bass line
• Rhythm
• Folk music
• Brass instruments
• Trumpet
• French horn
• Trombone
• Tuba
• Mute
• Overture
• Tempo
• Composer
• Scale
• Jazz

Musical excerpts to be selected from the following:

Yankee Doodle, 1775
Star Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key – 1815
Stars and Stripes Forever, John Philip Sousa - 1897
Ain’t Misbehavin’, Fats Waller, Louis Armstrong – 1929
The Circus Bee, Henry Fillmore – early 1900s
That’s A Plenty, Lew Pollack – early 1900s
Just a Closer Walk, hymn -1940
The Pink Panther, Henry Mancini – 1962
Raise the Roof, Gwyneth Walker – 1987
Harry Potter Movie Music, John Williams – 2001
Indiana Jones, John Williams
Sponge Bob Square Pants, Cartoon Theme

GUIDELINE QUESTIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION:
Q: What brass instruments did you hear and see today?
A: Trumpet, French horn, trombone, and tuba

Q: What do you call the main tune of a piece or song?
A: Melody

Q: What supports and adds color to the melody?
A: Harmony

Q: What does a composer do?
A: A composer writes music.
Q: From the Quintet, who usually plays the bass line?
A: The tuba
Q: What device is placed in the instrument to change the way it sounds?
A: A mute

Q: What is the music played at the beginning of an opera or ballet?
A: Overture

Q: Which brass instrument produces the lowest sound?
A: Tuba
Q: Which brass instrument produces the highest sound?
A: Trumpet

Q: How many musicians does a quintet have?
A: Five

Q: How many notes are there?
A: 12, some sound higher and some are lower but there are only 12 notes.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT FEEDBACK
Ask your students to write to the IMF using some of the following questions or topics.

- What was your favorite part of the program?
- What should you do to be a better listener and why?
- If I had to choose from the different instruments, I’d pick ______ because...
- A few things I have learned today are...
- How do you show your respect to the musicians and why?
- Why is music so important?

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