

# Build Newsletter 12-04-11 Win a Trip! Titanic!

Theme



## April 11, 2012 Win a Trip! Titanic Lesson

### Win a Trip to Nashville!

**Join Artie & Denise in Nashville July 23-25,  
2012 Hilton Garden Inn / Scarritt-Bennet Center**

Three days of inspiring and motivating sessions for elementary music educators with Artie Almeida, Denise Gagne, Quaver Music, Bonnie Rossa and Brad Keller (History of Jazz), Dan Fee and more! Contest rules:

1. This contest is open to K-6 elementary music educators from either Canada or the United States. Classroom teachers who teach music to their own class are also eligible to enter.
2. First prize will include registration to the conference, 3 nights accommodation at the Hilton Garden Inn and round trip airfare if the winner lives more than 300 miles from Nashville.

Second prize will include free registration to the conference. Third prize will be a free Musicplay teacher's guide for any grade level K-6.

1. Enter to win online at [www.musicplay.ca](http://www.musicplay.ca), or enter by email (email entries to [tvmusic@telusplanet.net](mailto:tvmusic@telusplanet.net)) or fax 1-888-562-4647. **All teachers registering for the conference will also be entered in the contest.** Only one entry per teacher is allowed.
2. Prizes must be accepted as awarded. No transfer of prizes will be allowed.
3. Contest closes May 4th, 2012 at 12:00 noon. The winner's name will be posted online at [www.musicplay.ca](http://www.musicplay.ca).
4. Contest winners agree to have their names posted online. (with photos if possible)

### Titanic Lesson:

In Musicplay 5, song #84 is The Ship Titanic. With all the coverage of the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster, this is a great week to teach the song.

1. Have a discussion with your students to find out how much they already know about the disaster. Write a list of facts that they know on the board.
2. Listen to the recording of the song. I've posted the QuickTime Movie of the song on the Musicplay Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Musicplay/129386630523431>
3. Ask the students to tell you how many of the facts are probably accurate. (Were the lines on fire when the captain tried to wire?)
4. Discuss the mood of the song. Does the mood really fit with the scope of the tragedy that the song is about?
5. For students that are proficient recorder players, try to learn to play the theme song from the movie "Titanic" by ear, beginning on

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### Workshops 2012

### Artie & Denise 2012 Nashville, TN July 23-25th

Registration is now open at [www.musicplay.ca](http://www.musicplay.ca)! The summer 2012 Artie & Denise Workshop is being held in music city - Nashville, TN  
Conference Hotel: **Hilton Garden Inn Vanderbilt**  
Conference Location: **Scarritt Bennett Center**  
Dorm rooms are available for \$62/night at Scarritt Bennett  
**Hilton Garden Inn Vanderbilt is very close (2 blocks away and has a free shuttle)**

**Conference Fee: \$200**  
**Each participant receives one grade level of Musicplay Digital Resources for FREE!**  
**Lots of free materials and great handouts!**

**Presenters include Artie Almeida and Denise Gagné**  
**Quaver Music** - Quaver Music will present a session on their amazing online and DVD resources for teaching elementary music.

**Bonnie Rossa and Brad Keller** - History of Jazz  
**Dan Fee** - Listening Fun with Scarves and Tennis Balls

**Artie Almeida** Clinics will be chosen from the following: (We're including lots of new material in Nashville!)

- \* Building a Rhythmic Foundation
- \* Melodic Explorations
- \* Drum Fun
- \* Exploring the Instruments of the Orchestra
- \* Chutes and Ribbons and Scarves, Oh My!
- \* Concept Collage (1 and 2)
- \* Hooked on Books
- \* Singing Fun and Games
- \* Mallet Madness Revisited
- \* KidStix and DrumFun
- \* All Aboard the Recorder Express

**Denise Gagné** Clinics will be chosen from

- \* Rhythm Rocks - fun with flashcards, Smartboard & More!
- \* Recorder - Developing Sight Reading Ability
- \* APPs and Digital Resources for your classes
- \* Assessment Made Easy
- \* Year Plans and Lesson Planning simplified
- \* New Choral repertoire for Young Choirs (Includes some reproducible repertoire)
- \* Holiday Concerts that are super easy and fun!
- \* Easy Folk Dances

### Upcoming Conventions:

**North Carolina Orff Chapter**  
March 10, 2012

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F. You'll need to teach the students the Bb.

In Musicplay for Middle School, the performance and accompaniment tracks for **My Heart Will Go On**, the theme song from the movie "Titanic" are included. Lyrics are not printed in the guide, but can be easily found by doing an internet search.

You can use the accompaniment track for the song, to accompany your recorders. Fade out at 1:30. To learn to play the song by watching me, I've posted a video of the recorder theme on the Musicplay Facebook page.  
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Musicplay/129386630523431>

## Grants for Musicplay Curriculum

### Overview

At Themes & Variations we are committed to providing quality affordable materials for teaching K-6 music classes. Our Musicplay K-5 curriculum with digital resources is just \$1625, however we realize that funds may not be available for it in high needs schools. We believe that all children have the right to a musical education, and Themes & Variations is providing funding to assist schools in acquiring the Musicplay K-6 curriculum for their students. Funding to provide 25-100% of the cost of the Musicplay curriculum will be awarded to successful applicants.

### Guidelines

Schools may apply at any time for funding. The application may be completed by a principal, music teacher or classroom teacher who teaches his/her own music classes.

Grant Applications can be downloaded at [www.musicplay.ca](http://www.musicplay.ca).

## FREE Book offer!

Remember - If you order from the [www.musicplay.ca](http://www.musicplay.ca) website, you will receive a free book with any order of 2+ books. This more than pays for the shipping cost of your order!

## FREE MUSICPLAY DIGITAL RESOURCES!

If you register for Artie and Denise in Nashville workshop, you'll receive a free grade level of Musicplay Digital Resources - \$150 value!!!

Information and registration is available at [www.musicplay.ca](http://www.musicplay.ca) website AND - you'll be entered in the contest to win your trip!

## Musicplay Digital Resources Updates

Dec. 5, 2011: [www.musicplayupdates.com](http://www.musicplayupdates.com)

**South Carolina Orff Chapter**  
March 24, 2012

**South Texas Orff Chapter** April 14, 2012

**Canadian National Orff Conference**  
April 19-1, 2012

## Canadian Summer Workshops

At the summer workshops, we'll be introducing new choral music for elementary choirs, new publications from Hal Leonard, Alfred, Lorenz and Themes & Variations AND provide a workshop on Lesson planning that will help this year be your best teaching year ever!

**Toronto** - August 20-22, 2012

**Calgary** - August 27th, 2012

**Edmonton** - August 28th, 2012

Workshops are available with Denise Gagne or with Dan Fee (WI - Listening Fun with Scarves and Tennis Balls) Email [denisegagne1@gmail.com](mailto:denisegagne1@gmail.com) for more information.

**Are you using any of our materials (Themes & Variations publications) in your Holiday Concert? If you are performing any of Themes & Variations songs, send us a video of your concert, and we'll give you a \$25 credit for materials! We LOVE to see your performances of our songs.**

## Newsletter Topics

I've had several request for newsletters on the following topics.

- Music on a Cart
- Behavior Problems
- Sub Plans
- Puppets
- Remembrance Day / Veterans Day
- Fundraising Ideas
- Fundraising Christmas CD project

If you have any questions about anything in Musicplay or anything to do with teaching K-6 elementary music, I'd be happy to write an answer for you, and if it applies to others, to include in a newsletter.

## Recorder Resource Kit

The Complete Recorder Resource Kit is one of the best selling recorder methods in use today.



Recorder Kit 1 - BAG ED C'D' F C

Recorder Kit 2 - adds Bb and F#  
(two part soprano with optional alto)

Teacher's Kits include the rights to make overheads and/or photocopy the pages for the students. You can now order the Teacher's Kit with Digital Resources for \$50. Visit [www.musicplay.ca](http://www.musicplay.ca) and click on recorders!

If you have the Kits already, you can purchase the Digital Resources disk for \$20.



Recorder Student Book/CD is just \$5!

Student Packages with recorders are just \$10 and if 10+ are ordered, we pay the tax and shipping. Packages are also available for Recorder Resource Kit 2!

<http://shop.musicplaytext.ihosstores.com/productinfo.aspx?productid=P1>

## Supplementary Resources for Recorder:

Jazz Cats Recorder collection gives kids opportunity to improvise on recorder - even beginners with just BAG!

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Replacement PowerPoints, Smartboard and QuickTime movies were posted for #12 **Obwisana** in Musicplay 2, and #19 **Kye Koolay** in Musicplay 1. We were more specific about the part of Ghana that is photographed in the slides.

**Jan. 16, 2012** Two new kids demo videos were added to Musicplay Kindergarten kids demos. The videos are: **Color the Eggs** and **Peanut Butter**. These are two great performances! A class of boys performs Peanut Butter with really great singing and actions!

**To get the new files**, go to [www.musicplayupdates.com](http://www.musicplayupdates.com) and Login. Your Username and Password (Registration Key) were given to you when the disks were mailed out. If you've forgotten or lost the information, email [erin@musicplay.ca](mailto:erin@musicplay.ca) along with proof of purchase. (Digital photo of your disk will suffice)

You need to log in for each grade level, one grade level at a time.

For information or to order visit: [www.musicplay.ca](http://www.musicplay.ca)

*Your power points are amazing. I have taught for 21 years and they are the best teaching tool I have ever seen or used. Congratulations! I think there must be some educational award out there that you should be receiving after creating these. My students love them and so do I. G.J, BC*

*Thank you so much!! These are WONDERFUL*



Do your students need lots of practice on BAG? There are 19 songs in varied styles using just BAG. Includes piano accompaniments AND CD.



This collection has soprano duets of many of your favorite folk songs. Includes piano accompaniments AND CD.



Do you have a recorder club? Give your students a challenge with soprano, alto, tenor and bass ensembles.



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