

Build Newsletter 13-11-26 Primary Christmas Ideas

Theme



Nov 26, 2013 Primary Christmas Ideas

Class set of iPads? You can get discounted prices on apps for the music room!

Paid apps and free apps on the App Store and Mac App Store are available for purchase in volume through the Volume Purchase Program. The client who would like to purchase the apps needs to enroll in the Volume Purchase Program. For more information please review the following link:

<https://developer.apple.com/programs/volume/>

If you have a class set of iPads and would like try our app Learn and Play Recorder for FREE, email Denise. I have a few PROMO codes to give copies of the app to teachers who are thinking of installing it on classroom iPads. Email denisegagne1@gmail.com and I'll send you a promo code.

Help! I only see my first grade students two more times before the holiday concert and they don't know their song!

I recently saw a post like this on Facebook. In this newsletter I want to give you some suggestions for easy, easy holiday concert ideas for your primary (preK-Grade 3) students.

1. Choose a song that is already familiar to the students.

Some of the ones that most will have heard before include:

- Up on a Housetop
- The Bells on the Sleigh (new words to Wheels on the Bus)
- And Santa is his name (BINGO with Santa words)
- Jingle Bells (song and dance)
- Away in a Manger
- He'll be Comin' down the Chimney



We have nice recordings of all of these in K-3 Christmas Concert Ideas. Don't have time to wait for a book/CD to come by mail? No problem - all of our Christmas collections are available as downloads. In the download you get the pdf file of the book and a folder with all of the MP3s of performance and accompaniment. There's also poems for choral reading,

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Join our new **Musicplay Teachers group** on Facebook! It's become an active group with more than 250 members!

The Musicplay Facebook Page is also a great source of links and information.

Christmas Collections

More Christmas Collections:

Christmas Favorites - Includes Santa Claus is Comin to Town choreography that kids love!



Link to Santa Claus is Comin to Town from this book: \$25
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJ_HvB0nvZI

Kinder Christmas - There Was a Little Baby, 10 Little Angels, Teddy Bear Twist, Christmas is a Time to Sing, Rudolph & more!



Includes perf/acc CD so you have Karaoke tracks of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, There Was a Little Baby and all the songs! This also includes piano accompaniments for all the songs.

Best Gift Ever - a K-5 holiday musical. A shopping mall has a contest to choose the best

gift.

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a reader's theatre of "The Elves and the Shoemaker", a mini-play, "No Cookies for Santa" a Nativity scene, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Ribbon dance, finger plays, and more!!!

\$20 Book/CD www.musicplay.ca



Another favourite familiar song for your primary students is Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. We recorded a performance and accompaniment track for Rudolph in Kinder Christmas collection.

Another familiar song in this collection is "There was a Little

Baby" - the song that was recorded on the Raffi Christmas album. We've included an accompaniment track so your kids voices will be heard without Raffi in the background. \$20 Book/CD www.musicplay.ca \$20 Book/CD www.musicplay.ca

Here are some of our other Christmas and Holiday Collections:



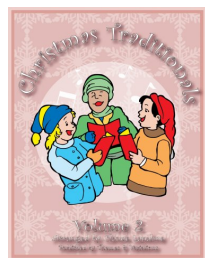
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Christmas Traditions Vol 2- beautiful orchestrations and vocals with a perf/acc CD, piano accompaniments and reproducible lyrics sheets. Christmas Traditions Vol 2- beautiful orchestrations and vocals with a perf/acc CD, piano accompaniments and

reproducible lyrics sheets. Songs include I Heard the Bells, Good King Wenceslas, Huron Carol, Twelve Days of Christmas, Pat-a-pan, O Holy Night, I Saw Three Ships, O Come All Ye Faithful, The First Noel, We Three Kings. Great value - only \$20 Book/CDSongs include I Heard



Santa and Rudolph go on Survival or at the North Pole

as the celebrity contestants. Will they win the million dollars so the toys can be finished for Christmas?



Slapshot Santa Scores Again - K-6 holiday musical. Santa wants to play hockey in the NHL! Slapshot Santa Scores Again - K-6 holiday musical. Santa wants to play hockey in the NHL! Slapshot Santa Scores Again - K-6 holiday musical. Santa wants to play

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Nov. 1-2, 2013
Red Deer, Alberta
Alberta Music Conference
Sessions to be announced

Nov. 7-10, 2013
Ontario Music Educators
Niagara Falls
Denise Gagne AND Susie and Phil from Australia will be presenting sessions!

Nov. 14-16, 2013
AOSA, Denver, CO
Denise is presenting a session on apps and digital resources for teaching recorder. Susie and Phil from Australia are presenting workshops on some of their amazing materials for preK - middle school.

Michigan Music Educators Conference
Jan 16-18, 2014

Prince George
Early Childhood Conference Jan. 31st
- Music and Literacy
- Favorite Action and Fun Songs for early childhood

Vernon Musicplay Day
Feb. 7, 2014
- Have fun with Musicplay
- Teaching the elements of music with Musicplay

Calgary City Teachers Convention
Feb. 13, 2014

Washington State Music Educators Conference
Feb. 14-15, 2014

Medicine Hat Teacher's Convention
Feb 20th, 2014

Lethbridge Teacher's Convention - SWATCA
Feb 21st, 2014

Houston Music Teachers PD, March 1st

Dallas Workshop, sponsored by Music in Motion, March 2nd

St. Louis Orff Chapter,
March 8th, 2014

Do you want a workshop that will inspire and give your Orff or Kodaly chapter many new ideas? Contact Denise Gagne at denisegagne1@gmail.com

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Holiday Concert

Scripts - This is a collection of 14 scripts for holiday concerts written by teachers from all over Canada and the USA. It includes song suggestions, but you will find it very easy to use or substitute your own song choices. A PDF file of all the scripts will be available so you can

easily cut and paste and create your own concert.
<http://shop.musicplaytext.ihoststores.com/productinfo.aspx?productid=HOI>
 (This is the Canadian site - go to musicplay.ca for the US site)



Celebrate Around the World - This collection of 10 composed and traditional songs could be used as a holiday concert or could be used any time of year as a multicultural celebration. Songs for Day of Eid, Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, Winter (Snowing), Chinese New Years, Kwanzaa are included. A simple script is included as well as an interactive vocal PDF to print or to project. (Includes linked audio)

<http://shop.musicplaytext.ihoststores.com/productinfo.aspx?productid=CEI> (This is the Canadian site - go to musicplay.ca for the US site)

Music APPS for iPhone, iPad and Android !!!



Note Name Match Game - new app for iPhone, iPad and Android. There are 10 levels of note names in treble clef and in bass clef. Treble clef Level 1 is notes in spaces, Level 2 is notes on lines, Level 3 is notes on lines and spaces, continuing to get more challenging. Players are

timed to see how quickly they finish a level.
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/note-name-match-game/id693109355?mt=8>



Rain Rain Go Away - for iPhone, iPad or Android devices. This is a sound story book that uses the Rain Rain Go Away song, and a poem that your students can create sound effects to accompany. After many repetitions of the Rain Rain song, students can play an interactive game where they listen to short melodic

fragments from the song and identify the melody map that best represents it. They can try out different non-pitched instruments with the chant, and they can learn to play the melody of Rain Rain on a xylophone. Students love this story and the related activities!

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/the-rain-rain-story-app/id638746145?mt=8>



Vocal Warm-ups for Singers or Choir

We are thrilled to announce that our second app is in the iTunes store! This app is based on the warmups book, "Strictly Warmups" by Kerry Heisler. The warm-ups in this collection are organized into five sets. Each set includes a physical warm-up, breath awareness, then five minutes of a variety of mid-range warm-ups. A vocal model with a male and female vocalist to accompany the singers for the first exercises, then you or your group continue until the end of the exercise. This is a great collection of warmups useful for elementary, middle school or high school choirs, or for solo singers. This app is available for iPad, iPhone and Android.

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/vocal-warm-ups-for-singers/id597200553?mt=8&ls=1>

If you haven't tried it yet, our recorder app **Learn and Play Recorder** has everything that you need for your beginning recorder classes. Use the app to teach in class, and give your students the link to download at home and practice!

Are you using any of our materials (Themes & Variations publications) in your Holiday Concert, an assembly, or in your classes? If you are performing any of Themes & Variations songs, send us a video of your concert, and we'll give you a credit of \$25 to be used towards purchase of the Musicplay Digital Resources. We LOVE to see your performances of our songs. (We must be able to post excerpts on YouTube)

Musicplay Grants

Apply now to receive funding to assist with the purchase of K-6 music curriculum! 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. Schools will be notified within 30 days of applying. Fill in the application. E-mail to tvmusic@telusplanet.net or fax the application to 1-888-562-4647. Reporting Requirements: Schools receiving grants must complete a brief questionnaire 6 months after receiving their curriculum. Grants have been awarded to more than 150 schools! (We will post a list online!) Applications are available at www.musicplay.ca

Are you Doing Workshops?

- I'm happy to send out Resource Booklets and/or sample materials to anyone who's doing workshops for teachers using any Themes & Variations publication. If you are doing a workshop, let me know if I can help you in any way. I would love to have more teachers presenting workshops on our materials!

If you live in one of these states, I'd love to come and do a workshop and finish my bucket list! Arizona, Delaware, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, West Virginia.

Newsletter Suggestions?

I'd love to have your suggestions for future newsletters.

This newsletter came from an email question, so send me an email if you have a topic for me. denisegagne1@gmail.com

New Products that are Coming Soon!

Listening Resource Kit 1 Digital Resources -

I've been able to use the listening maps, playalongs, and composer information for the past year as this product has been in development. It is beautifully done, and will be a valuable addition to the Listening Resource Kits. It will include kids demo movies of many of the active listening activities and beautiful listening maps for many selections.

Smart Vocal Warmups

Kerry Heisler's vocal warmups collection will soon be available as a SMART Notebook file for SMART Board users, and an interactive PDF file with linked audio for teachers with computer/projectors.

Come on Dance!

New collection of dance and movement pieces by Susie and Phil. They'll be sharing some of these pieces at OMEA in November and AOSA in Denver. You'll love the selections. Includes:

- Beat Street
- Funga Alafia
- Hello (in many languages)
- Move with the Motion
- Come on Dance
- Haïda
- Edna the Elephant
- The Dinosaur Rock
- On with the Show
- My Special Scarf
- Rainbow Rave
- Get in the Groove

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