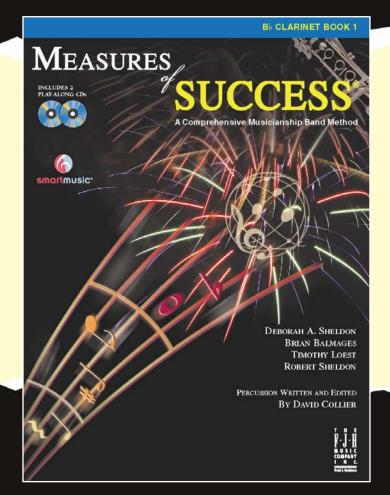
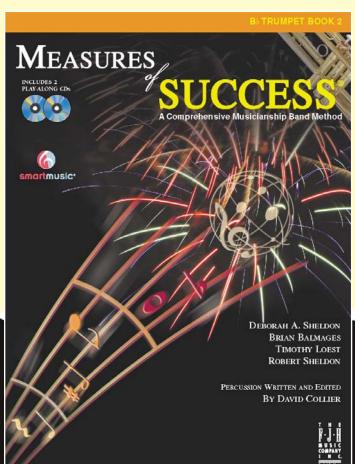
DIRECTOR INFORMATION GUIDE

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A Comprehensive Musicianship Band Method

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OVERVIEW 💥

Measures of Success[®] was created to ignite musical curiosity, to unite conceptual knowledge with performance skills, to foster understanding of the many ways that people share and interact with music, and to assess each student's continued musical growth.

COMPREHENSIVE MUSICIANSHIP

While there are differing opinions on starting systems, directors agree that the music itself is the most important component of a method. Every exercise in *Measures of Success*[®] has been sequenced to promote optimal development through great musical content. Creative titles stimulate the imagination, **musicianship challenges** promote expressive playing, and special attention is paid to important concepts such as **phrasing**. In addition, students will enjoy full band arrangements and original compositions by renowned composers **Brian Balmages** and **Robert Sheldon**. Directors will quickly discover that this performance-based method also introduces students to critical listening, composing, conducting, music history, and other elements that bring about a **deeper understanding of music**.

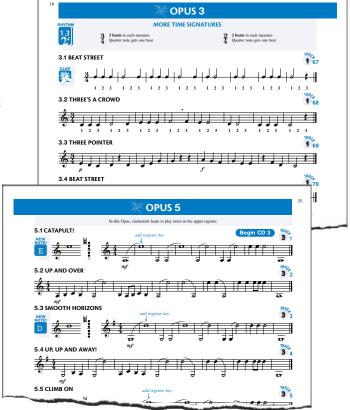
ESTABLISHING SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS

Measures of Success[®] is divided into six chapters (Opus 1 through 6). Each "Opus" is followed by a full-page assessment. Students are able to attain achievable benchmarks throughout the method, which keeps them motivated, excited, and playing their instruments.

HISTORY AND CROSS-CURRICULUM PRESENTED TOGETHER

Music history is presented simultaneously with art, literature, and world history, giving students a broad picture of social and

artistic events of a certain time period. Composer pictures, artists, paintings, authors, literary works, world history, and fun facts are presented throughout the method. This strongly supports the **National Standards** and encourages cross-disciplinary study in music education. Best of all, it is contained in the text so directors do not need to do additional research.



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Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827) lived most of his life in Vienna, Austria. His music became a bridge between Classical and Romantic music. When *Symphony No. 9* and its *Ode to Joy* were performed for the first time, Beethoven was completely deaf!

MUSIC



ART

Romanticism in art was an important movement in Europe and themes often included nationalism. Eugene Delacroix was one of the most important French artists. His *Liberty Leading the People* commemorates the French Revolution of 1830 and the overthrow of King Charles X.

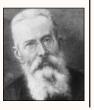
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Around this time in history, Mexico became a republic, trains first carried passengers in England, the first photograph was taken, and ice cream was first sold in the United States!

HISTORY

MUSIC

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908) was a Russian composer who was also a master of orchestration. *Procession of the Nobles* is from the opera *Mlada*, which had a score that was divided up between several composers. The entire project was never completed, yet this remains a popular work.



6.14 PROCESSION OF THE NOBLES

Pomposo (grand and dignified)

LITERATURE

American author Stephen Crane wrote the war novel *The Red Badge of Courage* in 1895. The story illustrates the harshness of the American Civil War and has become one of the most influential works in American literature. Ironically, Crane was not born until after the war ended.

WORLD

In 1895, Caroline Willard Baldwin became the first woman to earn a doctor of science degree at Cornell University. Around the same time, William Wrigley Jr. introduced Juicy Fruit® and Wrigley's Spearmint® chewing gum.

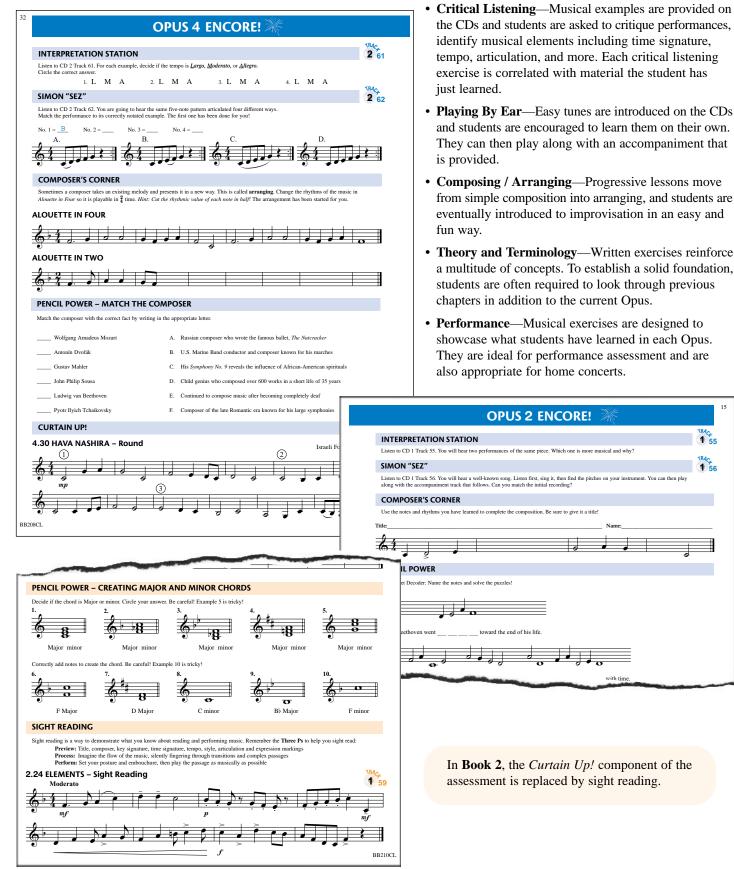
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

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ASSESSMENT 💥

ENCORE! — ASSESSMENT BUILT IN TO EACH STUDENT BOOK!

Following each Opus is a full page "Encore!" designed to assess skills and knowledge addressed in the Opus. This gives directors clear tools for accountability and helps measure student progress.



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STARTING SYSTEMS 💥

SOUNDS BEFORE SYMBOLS

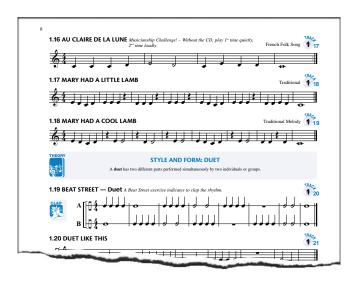
Many directors advocate the practice of **playing before seeing notation**, a critical component of getting students to connect the instrument with their ear. Book 1 accommodates this growing philosophy with the inclusion of an **optional starting page** that gets students playing before jumping into the challenges of notation. In no time, students are playing **familiar tunes** and even **composing**, all before encountering formal music notation.

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FOCUS ON SEQUENCING, PACING, AND REINFORCEMENT

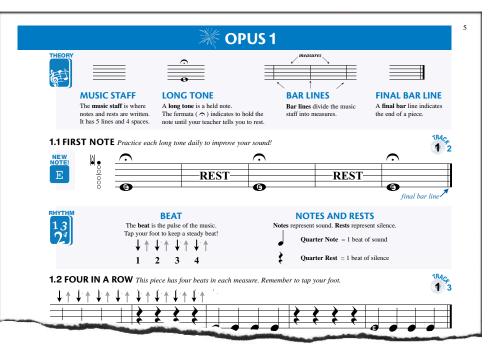
The expertise of band director **Timothy Loest** and Professor of Music Education **Deborah A. Sheldon** provides the framework of the method. New concepts and notes are carefully paced, with special attention to the first several notes learned. Students are playing familiar tunes quickly but are not overwhelmed with too much, too soon. The sequence of instruction allows student musicians time to **focus on tone production, rhythm, and pulse.** New material is introduced systematically and then reinforced throughout the book. *Measures of Success*[®] is effective in a wide variety of settings including:

- Group / full band instruction
- Private or homogeneous instruction
- Students with complex or special learning needs



LONG TONES VS. PULSE AND RHYTHM

Many directors are divided on whether to start students with long tones to develop a good sound or use quarter notes to teach musical pulse and rhythm. *Measures of Success*[®] alternates between long tones and quarter note exercises for the first three notes, giving directors more control over a starting system.



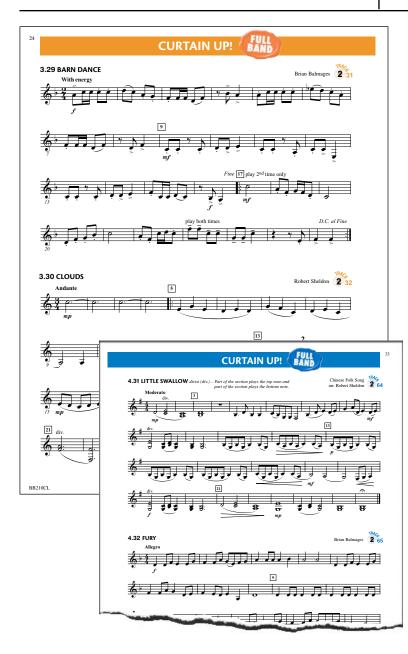
PERFORMANCE

PLAY-ALONG CDS: A NEW LEVEL OF ACCOMPANIMENT

All exercises are played twice by professional musicians—first with the student line, then the accompaniment alone. Accompaniments include live musicians, incredible orchestrations,

and a wide variety of styles including concert band, full orchestra, rock, Latin, jazz, funk, country, electronic, and world music. Classical pieces are presented with accompaniments that put them in their original context. **Percussion-specific CDs** let percussionists hear a characteristic sound of every instrument while the winds are moved into the background.

In addition to the included CDs, students and directors can download the remaining accompaniment tracks **for free** from **www.fjhmusic.com/mos**. They are also available on CD from your favorite music dealer.



MEASURES OF SUCCESS® AND SMARTMUSIC®

The combination of SmartMusic[®] and *Measures of Success*[®] gives you the ultimate in flexibility and assessment using **every accompaniment track.**

- Adjust tempo so students can practice at any tempo while still enjoying the original accompaniment or band arrangement
- Get **immediate feedback** on note and rhythm accuracy correctly played notes appear in green while red notes indicate an incorrect pitch or rhythm
- Use a built-in metronome with any accompaniment
- Submit SmartMusic[®]'s grade, **assessment** screenshot, and **recording** to a teacher with the click of a button



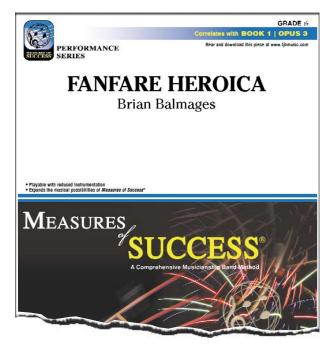
27 FULL BAND ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN BOOKS 1 AND 2!

BOOK 1: 15 FULL BAND ARRANGEMENTS BOOK 2: 12 FULL BAND ARRANGEMENTS

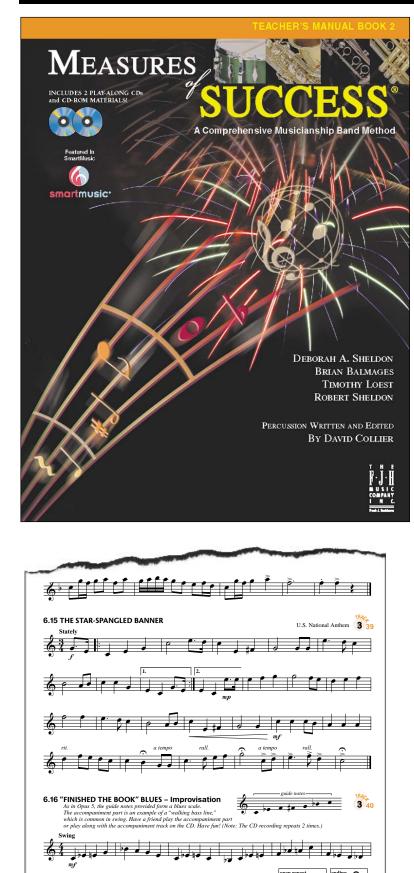
Beginning with Opus 2, full band pieces are correlated with every chapter. When students complete each Opus and the respective Encore (assessment) page, they will be ready for the full band pieces that follow. All band pieces feature the writing talents of renowned composers **Brian Balmages** and **Robert Sheldon**.

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE OPTIONS

In addition, an **expanded library of music** is available with the *Measures of Success*[®] Performance Series, which is correlated by Opus in the exact same way as the music in the method.



FEATURES OF BOOK 2 💥

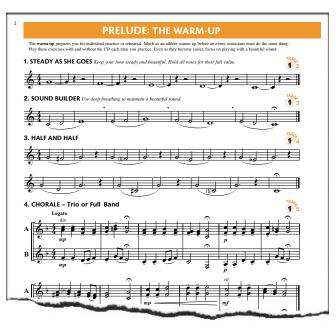


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BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF BOOK 1

- World music representing music from 20 countries across the globe
- **Composers** over 35 composers, including 14 new featured composers
- **New cross-curricular opportunities** ties to many literary works included in school curricula, and highlights important and fun historical facts
- Exciting accompaniments continuing the incredible array of styles found in Book 1
- Assessment new Encore pages that further address: Critical Listening Playing By Ear Composing / Arranging Theory / Terminology Performance / Sight Reading
- **Performance** 12 pieces for full band that correlate with each Opus and a full page solo for each instrument
- Scales and Arpeggios Major, natural minor, harmonic minor, and melodic minor



NEW FEATURES

- Review a comprehensive *Recapitulation* chapter that reviews material from Book 1
- Sight Reading correlated with each Opus
- Warm-ups a full page of long tones and chorales for individual, section, or full band use
- Improvisation six improvisation studies with flexible performance options

TEACHER'S MANUAL AND PERCUSSION BOOKS 💥

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