

Swan Lake (Ballet Suite), Op. 20: I. Scene (Swan Theme)

by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovksy

What we will learn in our SQUILT LIVE lesson:

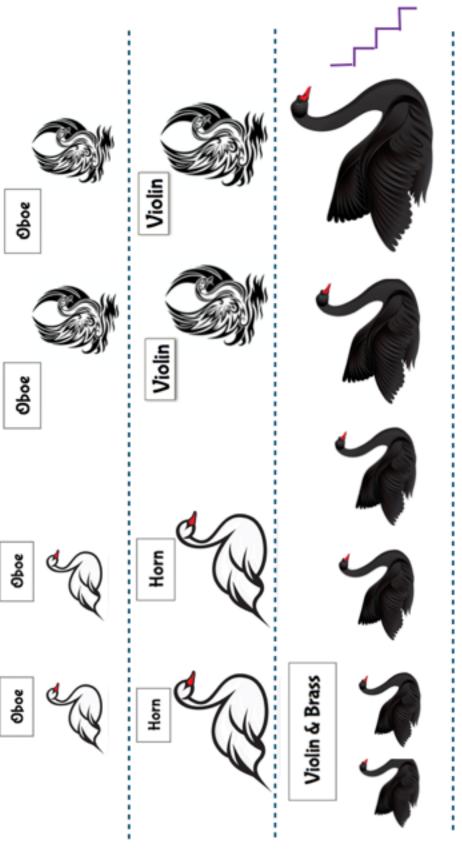
- Brief Tchaikovsky biographical information (for more, see the Nutcracker lessons in the SQUILT LIVE! archives December, 2017)
- Background behind Swan Lake story synopsis
- Follow a listening map for the Swan Theme: identify instruments and their families, dynamic levels, and the concept of **CRESCENDO** and **DECRESCENDO** in the piece.



Before the Lesson:

Having a variety of activities for your children will keep them engaged during the lesson. Different printables will work for different ages, etc... Choose what your child might enjoy.

- Print the Swan Theme listening map
- Print the Draw What You Hear Sheet
- Print the Zentangle Swan Coloring Sheet
- If your students have the <u>Meet the Instrument flashcards or</u> matching cards, we will be using them during our lesson. (They aren't necessary, but they could be helpful.)
- Print the 4 Box SQUILT Notebooking Sheet older children may want to use this as an extra challenge - I will touch on a few of the elements on this sheet briefly in the lesson. If your children are familiar with the <u>Elements of Music</u>, this sheet will get easier with each lesson!





Theme from Swan Lake

Concept: Crescendo/Decrescendo

SQUILT Music Appreciation

Draw What You Hear

Theme from Swan Lake





SQUILT

Super Quiet UnInterrupted Listening Time

Dynamics

(Louds and Softs in Music)

Rhythm/Tempo

(Patterns of Sound & Speed of the Beat)

Instrumentation

(What instruments do you hear? Which families?)

Mood

(How does the music make you feel?)

Title: Theme from Swan Lake

Composer: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovksy

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Zentangle Swan



Additional Learning/ Listening:

<u>Story Nory</u> —> listen to the Swan Lake story (beautifully done!)

<u>Swan Lake Resource Guide from the Pittsburgh Ballet</u> —> good resource if you want to dive deeper into the ballet

<u>The entire Swan Lake Ballet</u> —> if you're feeling quite ambitious!

<u>Swan Lake/Main Theme</u> —> ask your children how the choreography goes with the dancing?

<u>Swan Lake/Main Theme</u> —> video of an orchestra... have your children identify the instruments while following the map from our lesson

To learn more about other Romantic Era composers in <u>SQUILT Volume 3</u>. This volume includes two additional pieces by Tchaikovsky.

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