

QUARANTINE

Music Resources, Practice Aids, Apps & More

Websites

Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra

<https://listeningadventures.carnegiehall.org/>

Interactive website with information about the composer and the instrument families.

Fun for grades 1-4

Classical Kids

childrensgroup.com

Find a number of different audio stories about composers for purchase. (CD or digital format)

Fun for ages PreK - Grade 4

Compose Create

composecreate.com

Great (free) resources – flashcards, rhythm activities, staff paper, puzzles, theory sheets, repertoire

Concerts of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra

www.digitalconcerthall.com

Now free for 30 days

Music Theory

musictheory.net

This website has many free theory exercises: Click on the tab for free exercises, and students could start with note identification. The exercises can be set for just a few notes, with or without accidentals, in either or both clefs: use the wheel at the upper right to customize. It even makes sound! Beginning readers may want to start with just a few notes. Beyond that are intervals, key signatures, chords, and much more, which would be more appropriate for older students who have some theory background already.

Beginner to advanced students

Suzuki Association of the Americas

<https://suzukiassociation.org/>

Find resources for parents and listings for Suzuki Institutes throughout North America



Video Clips/Movies

32 Short Films about Glenn Gould

National Film Board (Canada) - Glenn Gould - On the Record (30 minute film)

For teens/adults

Backstage with Bleeckie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYoWkuV7ztk>

Watch a muppet style puppet go backstage at the orchestra and talk to different musicians.

Fun for grades PreK-3

Boomwackers videos on Youtube

Most families don't have a set of boomwackers, but students can play the notes on the piano. Families could also divide the notes.

Fun for the whole family

Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saens

This video features a mixture of live musicians, real animals, and cartoons. Produced in 1985 - still enjoyable!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uerDXMMGrS0>

All ages

Jackson 5 on the Carol Burnett Show

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcuSn5w4JJ4>

Fun for teens/adults

'I've Got Rhythm' (Gershwin) performed by Hiromi Uehara (BBc Proms Concert)

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x62aqdw>

'La Campanella' (Liszt) – performed by Evgeny Kissin

This piece is often played at the 10 piano concerts in Japan and Suzuki workshops.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FbQZCsYXVg>

Peter and the Wolf – (Disney, narrated by David Bowie)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Va8Uz6MoKLg>

All ages, although the wolf is rather scary

The Transformative Power of Classical Music - Ted Talk with Benjamin Zander

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9LCwI5iErE>

Interesting for teens and adults

Tubby the Tuba (read and sung by Danny Kaye) – Youtube

Fun for PreK - Grade 3

Victor Borge - short video clips on Youtube. Pianist/comedian.

Fun for all ages

What is Sonata Form?

This is a good explanation for students learning the Beethoven sonata in Volume 4. After viewing, look through the score and find all the sonata form building blocks.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2G6xMcUUbEA>

Helpful Apps

Decks

Each card shows you a musical sign or symbol and you guess the definition. When you click on the card, a voice gives the correct pronunciation with a written definition.

Ages 6-15 years

NameTheNote

A note is shown and you click on the correct note button (it lights up the answer)

Ages 6-18 years

Noteworks

This app for note identification can be adapted for just a few notes, with or without accidentals, in either or both clefs, and at various speeds. A creature comes out to "eat" every note successfully identified; every mistake catches fire, and students get a second chance to fix it. Comes with some fun music. The highest levels will be quite challenging.

Recommended for students twelve and under

Rhythm Cat Lite

A song is heard with the rhythm written out. You tap a button to the rhythm you see and hear. There are several levels ranging from easy to more difficult.

Ages 6-12 years

Practice Aids/Online Stores

The Practice Shoppe – great practice aids and musical gifts

<https://www.thepracticeshoppe.com/>

Books

Bach, Beethoven and the Boys: Music History as It Ought To Be Taught by David W. Barber
Humorous Reading for Teenagers and Adults

If It Ain't Baroque...More Music History as It Ought To Be Taught by David W. Barber
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Why Beethoven Threw the Stew by Steven Isserlis
Interesting and funny stories about composers – ages 12 and up

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Other Resources

ESPS Volume 1 Lyrics and Material

ESPS Volume 2 Workbook and Composers

