

Croc's, Kookaburra's and Creativity: Aussie answers from the Bandroom

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These notes are prepared for you so you can add your own comments into them and therefore have a more complete view of today's clinic. They are structured in the style of a simple lesson plan.

Overview and rationale:

The purpose of this presentation is to familiarise music educators with high quality, concert band literature produced by Australian composers in recent years.

Since the late 1980's, Australian music educationalists and composers have sought to find and develop pedagogical resources and compositions that reflect a unique and distinctive character – an Australian approach to doing and expressing.

This session will give insight into how literature, originating from Down Under, can provide valuable educational opportunities for the skill and musical development of young musicians in an ensemble setting the world over. Using practical demonstrations, performed by the Camberwell High School Wind Ensemble, examples of Australian literature written specifically for Wind Band will be used as we illustrate how musicianship and skill can be extended through the employment of a variety of pedagogical approaches.

Such methods will present band directors with creative processes and engaging materials to enhance the teaching and learning environment that is their band room. It will also allow them to become acquainted with positive educational and musical experiences relevant to them and their students – encouraging the development of a more rounded world perspective.

Our aim is to share Aussie answers, via the rich depth of repertoire and down under methods, for the common problems that beset the band rooms across the globe.

Objectives:

By the end of this session the attendees will have be aware of:

1. New repertoire with which to teach
2. New manners of approaching teaching using the repertoire
3. Personal reflection that will inform their practice

Materials:

Music to be used during the session will include:

- Gladiator – Hultgren
- Legend – Tchaikovsky/Hultgren
- Bunyip Blues – West
- Simple Song – Hultgren
- Walkabout – Hultgren
- The Visionaries – Hogg

Method:

Various components of the repertoire will be used to consider methods of introducing and teaching musical concepts and the remediation of them when required. Areas of attention will include:

- Dissonance and intonation – Gladiator
- Tonality and its variations – Legend
- Rhythm and Syncopation – Bunyip Blues and Walkabout
- Melody and Phrasing – Simple Song
- The Performance Package – The Visionaries

Dissonance and intonation

Gladiator Ralph Hultgren

Gladiator 1
Ralph Hultgren

Pulsing and strong (♩ = 96-104)

Flute
Oboe
Bassoon
* Optional clarinet not shown in score
B♭ Clarinets 1, 2
B♭ Bass Clarinet
E♭ Alto Saxophone
B♭ Tenor Saxophone
E♭ Baritone Saxophone
B♭ Trumpets 1, 2
F Horn
Trombone
Euphonium
Tuba
Mallet
Snare Drum
Bass Drum
Crash Cymbals

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2

Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
Cb. 1, 2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
Tpts. 1, 2
Hn.
Trb.
Euph.
Tuba
Mallet
S. D.
B. D.
Cr. Cym.

3

Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
Cb. 1, 2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
Tpts. 1, 2
Hn.
Trb.
Euph.
Tuba
Mallet
S. D.
B. D.
Cr. Cym.

Considerations:

- Bb – F intonation exercises and tuning process – singing and referential tuning
- Phrases and shape using dissonance – trumpets and clarinets sharing the melody
- Dissonant harmonies – the introduction of major seventh and related harmony to the young ear

Legend

Tchaikovsky
Arr. Ralph Hultgren

1

Slow, expressive and rubato

Flute
Oboe
Bassoon
Bb Clarinet 1
Eb Alto Clarinet
Bb Bass Clarinet
Eb Alto Saxophone 1,2
Bb Tenor Saxophone
Eb Baritone Saxophone
Bb Trumpet 1
Bb Trumpet 2,3
F Horn 1,2
Trombone 1
Trombone 2,3
Euphonium
Tuba
Glockenspiel
Triangle
Timpani

Slow, expressive and rubato

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Flute
Oboe
Bsn.
CL1
CL2,3
A.CL.
B. CL.
A. Sax.1/2
T.Sax.
B.Sax.
Tpt.1
Tpt.2/3
Hrn.1/2
Trb.1
Trb.2/3
Euph.
Tuba
Glock.
Tri.
Timp.

9

9

9

Considerations:

- The harmonic structure and the need to be aware of tendency in melodic and harmonic motion
- Chromaticism
- The impact of tonality on intonation

3

Flute
Oboe
Bsn.
CL1
CL2,3
A.CL.
B. CL.
A. Sax.1/2
T.Sax.
B.Sax.
Tpt.1
Tpt.2/3
Hrn.1/2
Trb.1
Trb.2/3
Euph.
Tuba
Glock.
Tri.
Timp.

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Triangle

Tonality and its Variations

Legend Tchaikovsky/Hultgren

Bunyip Blues

1
Brian West

Rhythm and Syncopation Bunyip Blues Brian West

Considerations:

Rote to note – teaching simple rhythms and syncopations by rote

- The persistent beat of Bunyip Blues
- The opportunity to teach the syncopation *en masse*
- The layering of the rhythmic ideas that allow transparent instruction and development of understanding

Driving ♩ = 134

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* optional kit part available

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Simple Song

Ralph Hultgren

Embracing some of the concepts gleaned from the sections on tonality and dissonance we can consider the manner in which those and other musical components impact on the presentation and interpretation of the melody.

Considerations:

- The work on the open fifth idea, found earlier in *Gladiator*, can be utilised here in securing the melodic intonation and also in shaping the line
- The dissonance concept from *Gladiator* and the tonality concepts from *Legend* can be combined here in melodic and counter melodic shaping and phrasing
- The phrasing of the accompaniment can be made more polished and musical
- The whole of the component content in dissonance, tonality, intonation and melodic shaping can be engaged with in a simple 5 – 6 bar phrase such as is found in the coda of *Simple Song*

Melody and Phrasing Simple Song Ralph Hultgren

Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this session the delegates will have:

- Found new repertoire to teach with (Objective 1)
- Considered new methods of introducing and teaching musical concepts (Objective 1 and 2)
- Considered the remediation of those concepts, where required, by way of the repertoire and the methodologies presented throughout this clinic (Objective 2 and 3)

Information of value to attendees:

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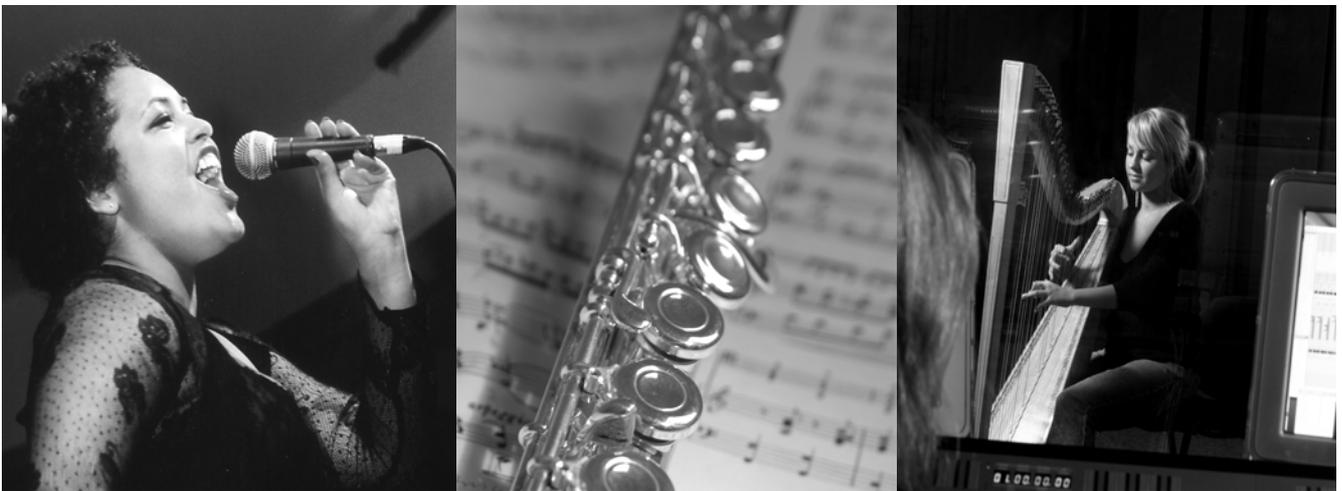
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