

Flutronix Youth Workshop Proposal

Objective:

Through an engaging and fun learning process, students will develop an understanding of basic music structure (i.e., rhythm, melody, harmony, time, etc.) and the value of collaborative and cooperative group work.

Overview:

Using examples from various musical genres, Flutronix will teach students basic elements of music and help them create and perform their own ensemble pieces.

Ages:

This workshop is designed on two levels, for children grades K-2 and children grades 3-5.

Details:

Flutronix aims to engage students through performance and listening exercises, and to provide them with a participatory musical experience. This workshop can be presented in two different ways dependent on the amount of in-school time provided.

One session

Grades: K-2

Session Length: 50 minutes

This session will begin with a short performance by Flutronix (approximately five minutes), using this as a discussion launch pad for the students. Flutronix will ask students to describe what they've heard in the performed piece, leading them to identify the concepts of rhythm, melody, harmony and time. Aided by visuals that clearly define these musical elements, Flutronix will ensure that students understand these core building blocks of music. After roughly ten minutes of discussion, Flutronix will introduce the collaborative activity.

Splitting the class in two, Nathalie and Allison will work individually with their respective groups to develop and rehearse a one-minute performance piece. Utilizing what's readily available to them (i.e. singing, clapping, stomping, etc.) Flutronix will take fifteen minutes to assist the students through the collaborative creative process, incorporating the core fundamentals they've learned during the first half of the lesson and reinforcing the importance of working together as a team. Each student will be asked to contribute creative ideas, lead sections and perform as an ensemble. At the end of the practice session, the groups will perform their pieces. Flutronix will reemphasize the key points of the activity, leaving time for questions and closing remarks.

Grades: 3-5

Session Length: 90 minutes

For this grade level, Flutronix will perform similar activities as outlined above, leaving more time for discussion and the performance development, and expanding on the

simple elements of music using direct musical examples. For instance, various genres will be briefly explored to highlight musical components (i.e. Afro-beat for rhythm, Pop for melody, Classical for harmony and Jazz for time). Students will be asked to compare and contrast these genres, in order to gain a deeper understanding of how these components work together to create whole pieces. This will segue directly into the collaborative activity.

After a short break, Nathalie and Allison will split the class into two groups, working to develop slightly longer performance pieces (2-3 minutes). Students will be allowed thirty minutes to work and each group will still receive about ten minutes to present and perform their pieces. Flutronix will reemphasize the key points of the activity, leaving time for questions and closing remarks.

Three sessions

These sessions will be an elaboration of the above, presented as follows:

Grades: K-2

Session Length: Three 30-minute sessions

- Session 1 – Flutronix performs and discusses basic musical elements.
- Session 2 – Students work on developing pieces in groups.
- Session 3 – Students will refine pieces and present final performances.

Grades: 3-5

Session Length: Three 60-minute sessions

- Session 1 – Flutronix performs and discusses basic musical elements.
- Session 2 – Students work on developing pieces in groups.
- Session 3 – Students will refine pieces and present final performances.

Cost

Flutronix will be responsible for providing any materials used during the sessions (i.e. visuals, stereo for musical playback, etc). Artist fees breakdown as follows:

- One 50 minute session - \$320
- One 90 minute session - \$500
- Three 30 minute sessions - \$600
- Three 60 minute sessions - \$1000