

BECOME A CLASSICAL MUSICIAN!

Learning Target OR Standards & Connections

- NCAS Anchor Standard #1 - Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.
- NCAS Anchor Standard #2 - Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.
- NCAS Anchor Standard #3 - Refine and complete artistic work.

Essential Outcome(s)

Level(s)

Students will...

- Demonstrate understanding of tempo, audio recording and microphone use.
- Create an arrangement of a classical musical piece in small groups.

6-8

Activity/Project

1. As a full class, listen to the three pieces in the 6-8 Playlist here:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeDI-nXUk4Aq-2mkhIOVLoNIE9nZ3ZOxt>
2. Divide class into small groups of 2-4 and give each group a computer.
3. Each group picks either Star Wars or the Funny Cats Duet
4. Create new Soundtrap Project (*For Star Wars*
5. *follow 5-10. Funny Cats follow 11-14)*
6. Listen to Star Wars Remix Example MP3
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gq3fNsTolj8VQ5YITnaiNc_l8_WWSjlr/view?usp=sharing
7. Import [Star Wars MIDI file](#)
8. After importing your MIDI file choose new instrument sounds for each part (Ex. change a trumpet sound to a string sound or synth sound)
9. Add drum loops as desired.
10. Add effects and sound effects as desired.
11. Change tempo and key as desired.
12. Import Funny Cats MP3 into a blank Soundtrap project.
13. Add a new track (Voice and Microphone).
14. Complete Microphone setup.
15. Record voices singing (meowing) along to track.
16. **Share your song with the world!**

Extended Learning

1. Students may choose another of the pieces and record a version entirely on their own.

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