Manic Street Teachers

Model Music Curriculum 2021

Our Plan

We have been creating music curriculum resources for Key Stage 2 for the last 2 years. The recently released March 2021 Model Music Curriculum already aligns with what we have been doing and we have made minor adjustments to our future plans to ensure alignment remains.

Our Resources

Each Musician of the Month pack that we create contains a biographical knowledge organiser and mini-quiz. We also provide a range of other activities such as listening activities, geography, music videos and lessons which explore their musical or cultural importance.

We have also started providing a 30-minute music assembly for each musician. This can be watched by children at school or remotely or may be used as CPD for staff. Lessons include the following: breathing exercises, body percussion, tongue twisters, notation, singing warm-ups, information about the musician, listen/respond activities and singing practice. Each session will also involve some of the indicative musical features (elements) that give language to concepts such as pulse and rhythm, pitch and melody, structure and form etc.

Resources can be used as part of a 'Musician of the Month' or allocated to specific year groups. A space is left for you to allocate them should you wish to. We would recommend using the idea of a 'Musician of the Month' and continually roll the 4-year program, as this could then be used in school assemblies as well as creating consistency and focus through school and, at the same time, allowing for staff discussions, training and support.

This document will be updated each month. Resources in red are currently pending and we will be continuing to make these resources on a monthly basis. Once complete, we may continue making further resources to ensure schools can substitute musicians to suit their own needs.

Musician of the Month List

Western Classical Tradition and Film

Musician (Country of Origin)	Period	Year Group
Hildegard of Bingen (Germany)	Early	
George Frideric Handel (Germany)	Baroque	
Ludwig Van Beethoven (Germany)	Classical	
Amadeus Wolfgang Mozart (Austria)	Classical	
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (Russia)	Romantic	
Clara Schumann (Germany)	Romantic	
Florence Price (U.S.A.)	20th Century	
Ethel Smyth (U.K.)	20th Century	
Gustav Holst (U.K.)	20th Century	
Hans Zimmer (Germany)	21st Century	
A.R. Rahman (India)	21st Century	
Anna Clyne (U.K.)	21st Century	

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Popular Music

Musician (Country of Origin)	Style	Year Group
Destiny's Child (U.S.A.)	90s RnB	
Bjork (Iceland)	90s Singer/Songwriter	
Blur (U.K.)	90s Indie	
Elton John (U.K.)	80s Pop/Rock	
Freddie Mercury (U.K.)	80s Pop/Rock	
Kraftwerk (Germany)	80s Synth/Pop	
Kate Bush (U.K.)	Art Pop	
Bessie Smith (U.S.A.)	Blues	
ABBA (Sweden)	Disco	
Tracy Chapman (U.S.A.)	Folk	
Joni Mitchell (U.S.A.)	Folk	
Stevie Wonder (U.S.A.)	Funk	
Aretha Franklin (U.S.A.)	Gospel	
Nina Simone (U.S.A.)	Jazz	
John Coltrane (U.S.A.)	Jazz	
The Beatles (U.K.)	Pop	
David Bowie (U.K.)	Pop	
Sigur Ros (Iceland)	Post Rock	
Bob Marley (Jamaica)	Reggae	
Elvis Presley (U.S.A.)	Rock n Roll	
Jimi Hendrix (U.S.A.)	Rock n Roll	
The Supremes (U.S.A.)	Soul	

Musical Traditions

Musician (Country of Origin)	Tradition	Year Group
Lord Kitchener (Trinidad)	Calypso	
Ladysmith Black Mambazo (South Africa)	Choral	
Babatunde Olatunji (Nigeria)	Drumming	
Gong Kebyar (Indonesia)	Gamelan	
Kishori Amonkar (India)	Indian Classical	
Reem Kelani (U.K.)	Palestinian Folk	
Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan (Pakistan)	Qawwali	
Cartola (Brazil)	Samba	
Fisherman's Friends (U.K.)	Sea Shanties	
Buena Vista Social Club (Cuba)	Son Cubano	
Astor Piazzolla (Argentina)	Tango	

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Musician of the Month - Cycle A, B, C and D

Each cycle represents a year's worth of musicians, except August due to extended school holidays. Schools can start at any cycle point but are recommended to start at Cycle A. Musicians highlighted in red are pending.

Month	Cycle A	Cycle B	Cycle C	Cycle D
September	The Beatles	Stevie Wonder	Kate Bush	Kraftwerk
October	Nina Simone	Tracy Chapman	Babatunde Olatunji	Bessie Smith
November	Ethel Smyth	Bjork	Gustav Holst	Jimi Hendrix
December	Elton John	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky	Fisherman's Friends	George Frideric Handel
January	Sigur Ros	Freddie Mercury	David Bowie	The Supremes
February	Aretha Franklin	Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan	Hans Zimmer	Reem Kelani
March	Amadeus Wolfgang Mozart	Florence Price	Elvis Presley	Cartola
April	Joni Mitchell	ABBA	Kishori Amonkar	Hildegard of Bingen
May	Ladysmith Black Mambazo	Ludwig Van Beethoven	Anna Clyne	Destiny's Child
June	Clara Schumann	Gong Kebyar	Bob Marley	Astor Piazzolla
July	Buena Vista Social Club	Damon Albarn	Lord Kitchener	A.R. Rahman

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