



Vocal Explorations

9-12, Fine and Performing Arts

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Scope and Sequence

Month	Unit 1: Creating	Unit 2: Connecting	Unit 3: Performing	Unit 4: Responding
September (MP1)				
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Unit 1

Creating in Vocal Music

Summary and Rationale

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Recommended Pacing

12 weeks

Standards

NJ: 2020 SLS: Visual and Performing Arts - Music Ensembles - NJ: Proficient ([link](#))

Anchor Standard 1: Generating and conceptualizing ideas

1.3C.12prof.Cr1a

Compose and improvise ideas for melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements for specific purposes that reflect characteristic(s) of music from a variety of historical periods or cultures studied in rehearsal

Anchor Standard 2: Organizing and developing ideas

1.3C.12prof.Cr2a

Select and develop draft melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements for specific purposes that demonstrate understanding of characteristic(s) of music from a variety of historical periods studied in rehearsal

Anchor Standard 3: Refining and completing products

1.3C.12prof.Cr3a

Evaluate and refine draft melodies, rhythmic passages, arrangements, and improvisations based on established criteria, including the extent to which they address identified purposes

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Integration of Technology	

Computer Science and Design Thinking - NJSL 2020

Interaction of Technology and Humans

8.2.12.ITH.1	Analyze a product to determine the impact that economic, political, social, and/or cultural factors have had on its design, including its design constraints
8.2.12.ITH.3	Analyze the impact that globalization, social media, and access to open source technologies has had on innovation and on a society's economy, politics, and culture

Nature of Technology

8.2.12.NT.1	Explain how different groups can contribute to the overall design of a product
8.2.12.NT.2	Redesign an existing product to improve form or function

Ethics & Culture

8.2.5.EC.1	Analyze how technology has contributed to or reduced inequities in local and global communities and determine its short- and long-term effects.
8.2.12.EC.3	Synthesize data, analyze trends, and draw conclusions regarding the effect of a technology on the individual, culture, society, and environment and share this information with the appropriate audience.

Instructional Focus

Enduring Understandings:

- The creative ideas, concepts, and feelings that influence musicians' work emerge from a variety of sources.
- Musicians' creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context, and expressive intent.
- Musicians evaluate, and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.

Essential Questions:

- How do musicians generate creative ideas?
- How do musicians make creative decisions?
- How do musicians improve the quality of their work?

Evidence of Learning (Assessments)

- Classroom Observations, Questioning, and Discussions
- Teacher Observation of student performances
- Student Reflections
- Final Projects (rubric)
- Performance Evaluations
- Pre and post assessments
- Self-evaluations (rubric)

- Thinking Routines ([link](#))
- Independent/Group Testing

Objectives (SLO)

Students will know:

Students will be able to:

Music Theory

- How to reinforce their understanding of the fundamentals of musical notation and musical modes.

Music Theory

- Identify fundamental musical notation (duration, pitch, clef, key signatures)
- Identify the major and minor circle of fifths
- Identify and perform using major, minor, mixolydian, and lydian modes

Composition and Improvisation

- How to compose and/or improvise melodies given tonal, metric, and durational parameters.

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Musical expressive devices and technique

- How to recognize and perform common musical expressive devices.
- How to build a healthy vocal technique through the usage of musical expressive devices.

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- Perform common musical expressive devices (crescendo, decrescendo, sforzando etc.,)
- Recognize notated expressive devices while building healthy vocal technique

Phrase Shape

- How to use phrase shaping to magnify the natural inflection of any language in their musical repertoire.
- How to magnify the natural arsis and thesis in the text(s) studied for performance.

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- Magnify natural inflection of any language in their musical repertoire
- Recognize how natural tendencies when speaking a phrase of text translates into a sung melody.
- Craft melodies that include the natural arsis and thesis of text.

Ensemble Skills

- How to recognize the role of both the individual and the ensemble at large when rehearsing and performing.
- How to adapt, contribute and respond to various musical textures that are presented in a vocal ensemble.

Ensemble Skills

- Recognize one's role within the ensemble and the relationship to the surrounding musicians.
- Understand the musical textures of a vocal ensemble and become equipped to contribute and respond to the section(s).

Poetic Analysis

- How to analyze a poem and speak intelligently about poetic structure, feet, and form.

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Text/Music Connection

- How to connect emotive ideas and artistic concepts that are represented textually using personal musical realizations.

Text/Music Connection

Vocal Health

- How to engage and practice with good vocal health.

- Make connections between emotive ideas and artistic concepts represented textually with their musical realizations.

Vocal Health

- Engage and practice good vocal health.

Suggested Resources/Technology Tools

- Teacher Websites
- Schoology
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- Voice Memos
- Garage Band

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Unit 2

Connecting in Vocal Music

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The material covered in this unit will bring forth student personal experiences, interests and their knowledge of concepts in order to connect to music at the **proficient** level.

The students will make connections, explore and develop proficiency at the **proficient** level in the following areas of choral music and personal vocal study:

- Practice
- Poetic and Text Analysis
- Listening and Analysis
- Phrase Shape
- Energy and Vitality
- Embodying the Music
- Ensemble Awareness
- Independent Expression
- Vocal Health

Knowledge and Connection to the Music Literature

- Major historical time periods (Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Contemporary) and their characteristic traits in relation to the chosen repertoire.
- Characteristic traits of music from various cultures (African, Asian, Hispanic, etc.) in relation to the chosen repertoire.
- Characteristic traits of music from various genres (e.g African American spirituals, jazz, opera, show tune etc.) in relation to the chosen repertoire.

Unit Rationale

When students see themselves reflected in their creating, performing, and understanding of music, it enables them to have meaningful experiences as musicians and take ownership of their craft.

Recommended Pacing

8 weeks

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Anchor Standard 10: Synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create products

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Practice

- A healthy and consistent work ethic can be cross curricular in the way it is implemented and managed when done effectively.

Practice

- Relate the process of regular vocal practice and resulting improvement with the experience of diligent work in other areas of their lives.

Poetic Analysis

- Understanding and drawing connections to poetic text(s) is an integral part of the choral ensemble experience and is essential to proper performance practices.

Poetic Analysis

- Analyze a poem and speak intelligently about poetic structure, form and composer’s process.

Listening and Analysis

- Being able to listen to, analyze and connect to a work of music and its background will enhance the performer and audience member experience.

Listening and Analysis

- Connect musical works to historical backgrounds, time periods, images, stories, or personal experiences.
- Engage in thoughtful discussions regarding social, historical, and personal implications of music and how it connects to other disciplines.
- Critically listen to and analyze music to help develop a concept of individual and ensemble tone.

Phrase Shape

- Proficient choral singers know how to magnify the natural inflection of any language in their music line.
- Language may require performers to become aware of how their natural tendencies when speaking a text translate in sung melody.

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- Magnify the natural inflection of any language in their musical line.
- Become aware of how texts translate into sung melodies.
- Learn and implement basic rules of diction and articulation.
- Magnify the natural arsis and thesis in texts.

Energy and Vitality

- Energy and Vitality are essential for successful performances.

Energy and Vitality

- Implement and consistently produce an energetic and healthy sound when singing.

Embodying the Music

- Properly performing a work of music requires both vocal technique and ability as well as a greater understanding of the impulse and message so that the body can too be engaged.

Embodying the Music

- Guide themselves through an exploration of the human impulse behind each piece of repertoire rehearsed.
- Explore connections between the impulse in repertoire and their own personal experience and knowledge.

Ensemble

- Being aware and accountable for oneself and the ensemble will greatly increase the overall performance experience and connecting process.

Independent Expression

- In order to authentically deliver a musical line the way the composer intended, we must first make observations and draw connections from them.

Vocal Health

- Vocal health and having proficient knowledge of posture, vocal range, breath support etc., is imperative to creating a healthy sound and connecting to the music, audience and other members of the ensemble.

- Discuss how the message of a piece should be conveyed through sound and body language.

Ensemble

- Incorporate a constant awareness of the changing nature of one's role within the ensemble and the relationship to those around them.

Independent Expression

- Independently make observations about music and verbally share their understandings in the delivery of their musical line.

Vocal Health

- Understand and apply knowledge of health vocal practices as an individual and ensemble performer.
- Maintain a consistent and properly supported airflow during phonation.
- Explore and understand the extremes of vocal ranges.
- Display proper posture and explain the importance in executing a strong and healthy tone.
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Explain the criteria used to select varied repertoire to study based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics of the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose or context of the performance.

1.3C.12prof.Pr4b

Demonstrate, using music reading skills (where appropriate), how compositional devices employed and theoretical and structural aspects of musical works impact and inform prepared or improvised performances.

1.3C.12prof.Pr4c

Demonstrate an understanding of context in a varied repertoire of music through prepared and improvised performances.

Anchor Standard 5: Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products

1.3C.12prof.Pr5a	Develop strategies to address expressive challenges in a varied repertoire of music, and evaluate their success using feedback from ensemble peers and other sources to refine performances
Anchor Standard 6: Conveying meaning through art	
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- Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place, and culture. The context and how a work is presented influences the audience response.

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Objectives (SLO)

Students will know:

Students will be at to:

Foundations of Music Literacy

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- How to define concepts of music notation, intervals, and chord structure using appropriate terminology;
- How to define concepts of rhythm and meter using appropriate terminology and counting systems;
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- Describe various aspects of aurally performed music in terms of melody, harmony, tempo, texture and make comparisons between performances
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- How to read and notate music that incorporates rhythmic patterns in simple, compound, and asymmetric meters;
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Creative Expression

- How to demonstrate mature, characteristic sound appropriate for the genre;
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- How to demonstrate rhythmic accuracy using appropriate tempo;
- How to demonstrate correction intonation, appropriate phrasing, and appropriate dynamics;
- How to create and notate or record original musical phrases.
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- How to demonstrate observance of key signature and modalities while sight singing;
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- How to demonstrate correct intonation, appropriate phrasing, and appropriate dynamics while sight singing.

Historical and cultural relevance

- How to compare and contrast music by genre, style, culture, and historical period;
- How to identify music-related vocations and avocations;
- How to identify and describe the uses of music in societies and cultures;
- How to identify and explore relationships between music and other academic disciplines;

- Define terms relating to tempo (eg. allegro, rit., adagio, accel., etc).
- Define terms relating to dynamics (forte, pianissimo, crescendo, dim., etc.).
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Creative Expression

- Perform with a mature, characteristic vocal sound.
- Perform with correct articulation and demonstrate correct posture when singing.
- Perform/sing various rhythms and in tempo.
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Critical evaluation and response

- How to practice informed concert etiquette as a performer and as an audience member during live and recorded performances in a variety of settings;
- How to design and apply criteria for making informed judgements regarding the quality and effectiveness of musical performances.
- How to develop processes for self-evaluation and select tools for personal artistic improvement;
- How to evaluate musical performances by comparing them to exemplary models.

Ensemble Skills

- How to develop constant awareness of the changing nature of one's role within the ensemble and the relationship to those around them.

Poetic Analysis

- How to analyze a poem and speak intelligently about poetic structure, feet, and form to get as near to the composer's process/intent.
- Make connections between emotive ideas and artistic concepts represented textually within their musical realizations.
- Understand that the way texts are painted musically are dependent upon stylistic conventions.

Embodying the Music

- Body language, facial expressions, and our subsequent perception of a performer's commitment, mastery, or insecurity all impact the perception of a listener.

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Ensemble Skills

- Cultivate awareness of the ensemble by coordinating final consonants, balancing to the melodic line or to the group as a whole, and tuning.

Poetic Analysis

- Identify poetic form in text, imagery, metaphor and other poetic devices such as alliteration, assonance, and metonymy.
- Discuss how the construction of a poem and work play might influence the reader's perception of time.
- Identify moments of text painting in a piece of music and heighten this connection through an informed performance.
- Place important choral art within a historical context to deepen their understanding and interpretation.

Embodying the Music

- Develop an awareness of the mind, voice and body connection to better connect with and embody music in practice and performance.
- Explore connections between impulse and their own life experiences.
- Discuss how the message of a piece should be conveyed not just in sound, but in our body language

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Unit 4

Responding in Vocal Music

Summary and Rationale

Unit Summary

Students will learn criteria for selecting music, interpreting musical expression, responding to music, and evaluating a composition or performance at the **proficient** level.

Students will build vocal technique, sight reading skills, and explore different forms of musical expression through teacher chosen exercises and repertoire. Regular performances for audiences of peers, family, and community members provide students with an opportunity for reflection on their progress in the realms of vocal technique, musical literacy, and musical expression.

Students will make connections and explore the following areas of choral music and personal vocal study:

- Musical Elements
- Poetic and Text Analysis
- Blend and Balance
- Phrase Shape
- Independent Musical Expression
- Ensemble Awareness & Expression

Unit Rationale

When students respond to musical compositions and performances in a variety of musical genres, they deepen their own understanding and musicianship.

Recommended Pacing

8 weeks

Standards

NJ: 2020 SLS: Visual and Performing Arts - Music Ensembles - NJ: Proficient ([link](#))

Anchor Standard 7: Perceiving and analyzing products

1.3C.12prof.Re7a

Apply criteria to select music for specified purposes, supporting choices by citing characteristics found in the music and connections to interest, purpose and context.

1.3C.12prof.Re7b

Explain how the analysis of passages and understanding the way the elements of music are manipulated informs the response to music.

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Instructional Focus

Enduring Understandings:

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- Response to music is informed by analyzing context (i.e., social, cultural, historical) and how

Essential Questions:

- How do individuals choose music to experience?
- How does understanding the structure and context of music inform a response?
- How do we discern the musical creators' and performers' expressive intent?

creator(s) or performer(s) manipulate the elements of music.

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Blend and Balance

- Understanding and utilizing the pyramid of balance as a guide, students will understand the importance of ensemble blend and balance amongst their peers.

Phrase Shape

- Proficient choral singers know how to magnify the natural inflection of any language in their music line.

Musical Elements/Phrase Shaping

- Analyze, interpret, and evaluate the way in which expressive elements (i.e. phrasing, dynamics, tone, articulation, etc.) affect the response to a musical work.
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- Analyze and evaluate one's own vocal production to judge the accuracy and quality of personal progress to the proficient level.
- Use experiences with listening to and analyzing professional recordings to help develop and establish

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Independent Musical Expression

- In order to authentically deliver a musical line the way the composer intended, we must first make observations and draw connections from them.

Ensemble Expression and Awareness

- Being aware and accountable for oneself and the ensemble will greatly increase the overall performance experience and connecting process.

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Ensemble Awareness & Expression/Blend and Balance

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