MUSIC FOR FILM



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Music has always played an important role in the cinema. In the early days, silent films were accompanied by live music played on a piano at the front of the cinema. The musicians job was to keep an eye on the screen and provide non-stop entertainment, changing the mood of the music as the film required.

In the late 1920's the 'soundtrack' was invented. Background music could now be recorded onto the film itself and so there was no longer any need for a cinema pianist. From this point on the relationship between film director and composer became important. Perhaps the most well known partnership is that of Stephen Spielberg and John Williams. Both have worked closely together for many years - their collaborations have included "Jaws" (1975), "ET" (1982), "Jurassic Park" (1993), "Harry Potter" (2001) and many more!

WHY ADD MUSIC TO FILMS?

- > It creates a mood or atmosphere often quicker than words or pictures could.
- > It heightens our emotions so that we feel them more strongly e.g. fear.
- > It can add dramatic impact.
- > It can describe a character.
- > It can move the action forward.
- > It can accompany scene changes.
- It gives us information about a place or period in time e.g. if a film is set in India, authentic Indian music will be played; if a film is set in the 1780's, music from that particular era will be played.

When the music is precisely synchronised with events on screen this is known as 'Mickey-Mousing' e.g. someone slipping on a banana skin could be accompanied by a descending scale, followed by a cymbal crash. 'Mickey-Mousing' is most commonly found in comedy films.

In a film score, the **orchestration** (or choice of instruments) and **instrumentation** (how the instruments are used) can be very important.



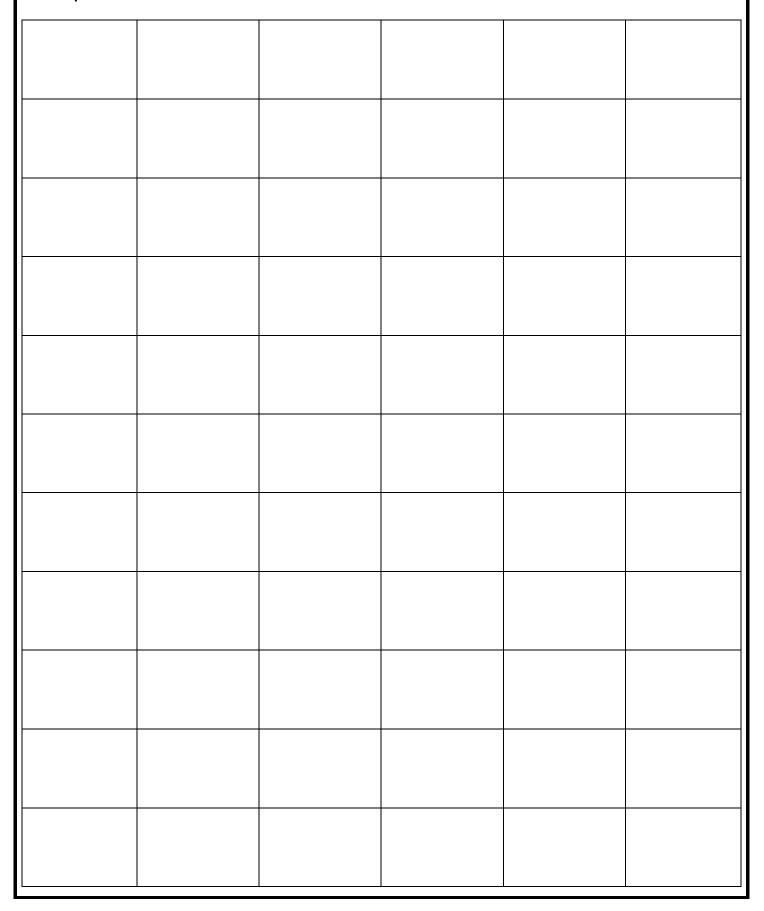
Listen to the opening of the film "Batman" with music by Danny Elfman. The film opens as the camera roams through the nightmarish alleys of Gotham City. Notice the dark orchestral colours, which add to the troubled atmosphere of the film.



TASK 1: MUSIC FOR FILM IN 66 WORDS

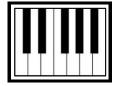


Rewrite the information on the opposite page (in your own words) using the spaces provided below. You must write in full sentences and use only one word per box:



TASK 1: LITERACY STICKER

FEED FORWARD - Rewrite a section of your work using the feedback above





TASK 2: PERFORMING "JAMES BOND" AND "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE"

In pairs, practise and perform the "James Bond" and "Mission Impossible" theme tunes on the keyboard. This will test your ability to perform in time with a partner as well as your ability to maintain an independent part.

- The person on the left of the keyboard should perform the bass line (ostinato) and the person on the right of the keyboard should perform the melody.
- You should practise performing both parts (melody and ostinato) and then take it in turns with your partner at performing each part.



EXTENSION TASKS:

- Perform the bass line in octaves (the same notes, 8 notes apart.)
- Perform both parts with your hands together: the bass line with your left hand and the melody with your right hand (*as well as, not instead of performing with a partner*.)



TASK 2 - PEER ASSESSMENT

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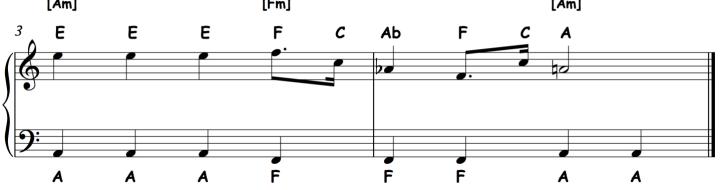
You performed the melody	You performed the bass
with your right hand	line in octaves
You performed the bass line	You performed in time with
with your right hand	your partner
You used a mixture of fingers	Your performance was fluent with no gaps
You performed the melody and the bass line with both hands together	

LEITMOTIF

A **leitmotif** is a recurring musical idea, which is associated with a particular idea, character or place. Film music composers often use **leitmotifs** to help build a sense of continuity.

Probably the best-known **leitmotif** in film is John Williams' shark leitmotif in **Jaws**. The two notes E and F, played on the double bass signify something threatening is getting closer and closer.







TASK 3: APPRAISING "MUSIC FOR FILM"



You will hear 4 contrasting extracts of music taken from a variety of different film soundtracks. Each extract will be played 3 times. Listen carefully to the music that you hear to answer the questions below:

EXTRACT 1

1.	Which instrument is playing at the beginning of the extract?	[1]
	CELLO TROMBONE CLARINET DOUBLE BASS	
2.	How many different notes are there in the introduction?	[1]
	1 2 4 6 8	
3.	What happens to the <u>tempo</u> of the music after the introduction?	[1]
4.	What happens to the <u>texture</u> of the music throughout the extract?	[1]
5.	What happens to the <u>dynamics</u> throughout the extract?	[1]
6.	Describe the atmosphere and mood that the extract creates:-	[2]
7.	To which type of film genre do you think that the extract belongs?	[1]
	COMEDY ACTION+ADVENTURE WESTERN SCI-FI	

EXT	RACT 2					
1.	This extract Which orches	features an <u>os</u> tral family firs		ated musical p	attern).	[1]
	WOODWIND	PERCUS	SION S	STRINGS	BRASS	
2.	How many not	tes are there i	n the <i>ostin</i> ato	pattern?		[1]
	3 6	5 8	12			
3.	Which orches sustained (hel	•	ompanies the	<u>ostinato</u> patte	rn with long,	[1]
	WOODWIND	PERCUS	SION S	STRINGS	BRASS	
4.	What do you ostinato patte	hear right at [.] ern begins?	the beginning o	of the extract	, before the	[1]
5.	Describe wha	t happens to tl	ne ostinato thi	roughout the e	extract:	[2]
6.	Describe the	mood that the	extract creat	res:		[2]
7.	To which type	e of film genre	do you think	that the extra	act belongs?	[1]
	COMEDY	DRAMA	SCI-FI	HORROF	?/THRILLER	

EXT	RACT 3					
1.	Which orchestral	family plays	the openi	ng chords?		[1]
	BRASS ST	RINGS	PERCUS	5SION	WOODWIND	
2.	After the opening How many notes I		<u>ostinato</u> p	attern begins	s in the strings.	[1]
	2 4	5	9	11		
3.	Which instrument	plays the m	ain melody	//tune?		[1]
	ELECTRIC GUITA	R KEYB	OARD	BASS GUIT	AR CELLO	
4.	Does the melody	move mainly	by step o	r by leap?		[1]
5.	How many beats a	are there in	a bar?			[1]
	2 3		4	6		
6.	Describe the moo	d that the e	extract cre	eates:-		[2]
ΕX	TRACT 4					
1.	Which instrument	plays the m	ain melody	//tune?		-4.7
	VIOLIN	TRUMPET	CE	ILO	OBOE	[1]
2.	When we hear the changed?	e main meloc	dy for the	second time,	what has	[1]
		<u> </u>				

3.	How would you	ı describe the <u>tempo</u> of th	e extract?		[1]
4.	Describe the I	nood that the extract cre	ates:-		[2]
5.	To which type	of film genre do you thinl ACTION+ADVENTURE	< that the extract SCI-FI	belongs? DRAMA	[1]
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APPRAISING SUCCESS CRITERIA

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7	You can identify the distinguishing characteristics of different kinds of music, making critical judgments, with reference to the musical elements.	

TARGET: _____



MUSIC FOR HORROR FILMS



When composing music for a film, the intended mood needs to be **instantly recognised**. This is usually achieved in the **underscoring**; the subtle music that is heard during a scene underneath the dialogue or visuals. The music in a horror film, for example, needs to create:

- Suspense
- Fear
 - A nervous feeling
- Tension
- The feeling of loneliness
- Emptiness

In order to help achieve this, there are a number of established **musical clichés** (composing techniques) that can produce instant results:

Instruments:	Strings, synthesisers, tuned percussion.
Pitch:	Extremes - very low or very high.
Texture:	Begins thin and gradually becomes thicker.
Melodic ideas:	Ostinato (repetitive) patterns.Chromatic movement
Harmonic ideas:	 Drone/Pedal - Long sustained notes. Dissonance - Notes that clash e.g. Cluster Chords.
Mode/Tonality:	Minor key, whole-tone scale, chromatic.
Rhythm:	Simple, sustained rhythms, sometimes mechanical.
Dynamics:	e.g. Quiet, gradually getting louder (<i>crescendo</i>), sudden silence, sudden loud stabs of sound (<i>accents</i>) etc



Listen to some examples of music taken from the horror/thriller film genres. How many of the above composing techniques can you hear?



TASK 4: COMPOSING MUSIC FOR FILM



Watch the YouTube video footage of the short film "Lost in Forest" as a class. You may then watch it as many times as you like by scanning the QR code below:



- S Your task, is to compose an accompanying soundtrack to the film in a horror style, incorporating the composition techniques (musical clichés) described on the previous page.
- S You should work in groups of 4 (approximately), with every member of the group making a valuable contribution.
- S Your music must accompany a minimum of the first 1:10 minutes of the film, at which point it first fades to black.
- S You may use a combination of vocals, acoustic, electronic or virtual instruments in your composition, although you are not permitted to use any of the smart instruments or apple loops available in GarageBand unless they are used for drums.
- S Your composition must include a **melody** (tune) and an **accompaniment**.
- ♪ It must also include an ostinato and a drone.

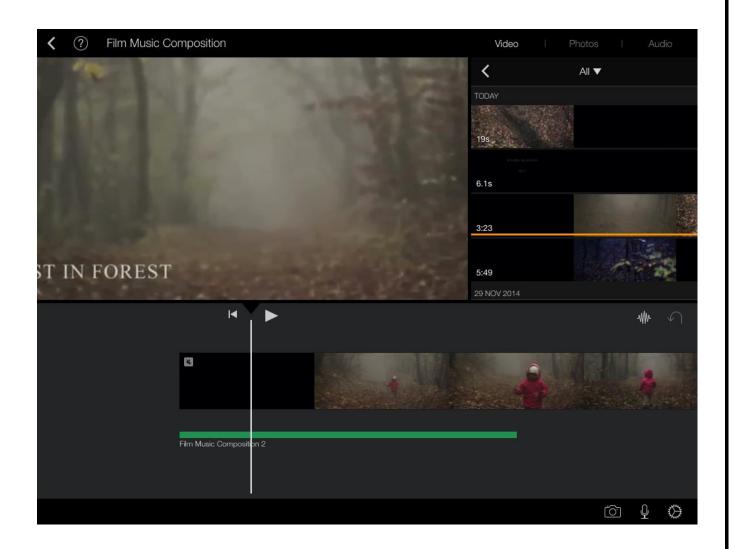
S Think about how you are using each of 8 the elements of music:-

TEMPO	=	Fast or Slow
DURATION	=	Long or Short notes (creating different rhythms)
SILENCE	=	Often forgotten, but very effective
TIMBRE	=	The type of sound
TEXTURE	=	Thick or Thin
STRUCTURE	=	How the piece is put together (repetition of sections etc)

- J You may decide to record your composition into GarageBand, step by step, as you go along. Alternatively, you may decide to rehearse an acoustic performance of your composition that you don't record until the very end.
- S Either way, your group's composition must be recorded into GarageBand eventually, even if this is a single-track audio recording of your live performance.
- J To avoid problems that can occur during group work situations e.g. a pupil being absent or an iPad being in repair, every member of the group must keep an up to date record of the composition in progress.
- S Once completed and recorded into GarageBand, your composition will be opened in iMovie as demonstrated below:

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Open in iMovie Open in AceMusic			
Curtain Call - Demo 20/01/2014 17:08	Film Music Composition Today, 22:06	Film Music Composition 2 Today, 22:13	My Song Today, 22:12

In iMovie, you will then be able to sync your finished soundtrack to the film footage provided in order to complete your composition task.



FILM MUSIC COMPOSITION CHECKLIST

Please as appropriate

OSTINATO	CRESECENDO	
DRONE / PEDAL	STABS OF SOUND	
CLUSTER CHORDS	SUDDEN SILENCE	
INCREASE IN TEXTURE	DISSONANCE	
EXTREMES IN PITCH	CHROMATIC MOVEMENT	

COMPOSING LOG

Please keep track of all the work completed towards your composition in the space provided below. This must include 'feed forward' responses to verbal feedback and recommendations provided by your teacher.

You should use a WWW/EBI structure.

e.g. WWW = We have composed a spooky ostinato pattern using the notes C D Eb and F# on the keyboard and recorded it into GarageBand. EBI = We add a low-pitched drone or pedal note to create more suspense.

DATE	COMPOSITION NOTES

FILM MUSIC COMPOSITION SUCCESS CRITERIA

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4	You can work with others to create a film music composition that demonstrates understanding and appropriate use of the musical elements.	
5	You can work with others to create a well-structured film music composition that demonstrates understanding and appropriate use of the musical elements and development of musical ideas.	
6	You can work both independently and with others to create a well- structured film music composition that sustains and develops musical ideas.	
7	You can produce coherent (clear) compositions, demonstrating a high level of understanding and control of the musical elements.	
8	You can produce convincing compositions, which display general consistency of style.	



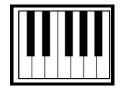
COMPOSING MUSIC FOR FILM SELF EVALUATION



Reflecting on your film music composition and the feedback provided by your teacher and your peers, what do you think that you did well and how do you think that you could improve your work during future composition tasks?

FILM THEMES

Theme music is a piece that is often written specifically for a film, and is usually played during the intro, during the title sequence and/or during the ending credits. The purpose of the **theme music** is often similar to that of a leitmotif, to establish a mood for the film as well as to provide an audible cue that the film is beginning e.g. "Pirates of the Caribbean" by Klaus Badelt.



TASK 5: PERFORMING "PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN"



SUCCESS CRITERIA:

Level	Description	
3	Perform the first two lines of the melody with your right hand.	
4	Perform the whole of the melody line with your right hand.	
5	Perform the first two lines with both hands together (Melody in your right hand and the first of each of the bass line notes in your left hand.)	
6	Perform the whole piece with both hands together (Melody in your right hand and the first of each of the bass line notes in your left hand.)	
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8	As Level 7 but with chords in place of the bass line.	

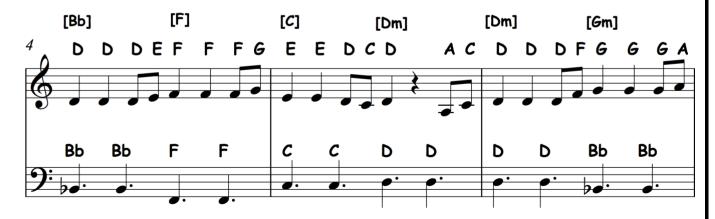
You will be awarded an a, b or c sub level depending on the accuracy of your notes and rhythm, fluency of performance and your keyboard technique.

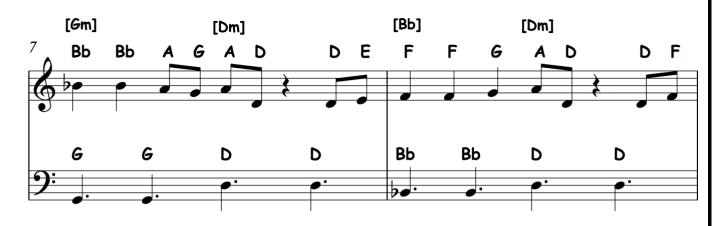
FEED FORWARD

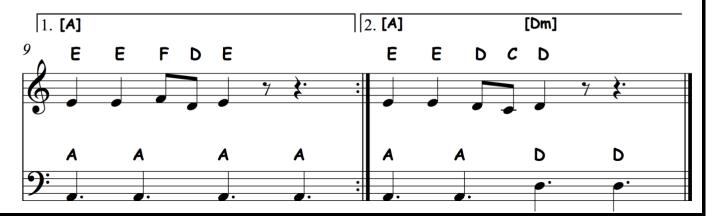
Reflecting on your "Pirates of the Caribbean" assessment, how do you think that you could improve in future keyboard performance tasks?

Dm: Bb: Bb D F JERRY BRICKHEINER PRODUCTS ACE Am: RIBBE F: FAC CEG **C**: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL G Bb D Gm: **A**: A C# E [Bb] [Am] [Dm] [Dm] A C F FG Ε DEF Ε DCCD A C D D Melody Bb Bb D D D Α D Α Bass チ 20

DFA









THEME SONGS AND THE FILM/MOVIE SOUNDTRACK



When a film's theme has lyrics, it is known as a **Theme Song**, which brings with it huge potential for marketing opportunities. Films can help to launch hit songs and their performing artists with their wide audience exposure, and similarly, popular songs can help to sell films.

The James Bond series of films, for example, have developed a tradition of commissioning top contemporary singers and songwriters to compose and perform the theme songs for their films. Some of the following themes have become major pop hit songs: "Live and Let Die" (1973) by Paul McCatney & Wings, "Goldfinger" (1964) and "Diamonds are Forever" (1972) by Shirley Bassey and most recently "Skyfall" (2012) by Adele.

"My Heart Will Go On", also called the "Love Theme from Titanic", is the main theme song to the 1997 blockbuster film "Titanic". Its music was composed by James Horner and its lyrics were written by Will Jennings, while the singer Celine Dion recorded and released it. Originally released in 1997 on the "Titanic" soundtrack album and Dion's album "Let's Talk About Love", the romantic song went to number 1 all over the world, including the United States, Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom and Australia.

"My Heart Will Go On" became Celine Dion's biggest hit and one of the bestselling singles in history, having sold more than 15 million copies worldwide. Today, along with two other songs from film soundtracks, Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" from "The Bodyguard" and Bryan Adams' "(Everything I Do) I Do It for You" from "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves", it is considered to be one of the biggest love ballads of the 1990s.



TASK 6: PERFORMING A FILM THEME SONG



Use your iPad to research an appropriate film theme song that you would like to perform as a class or in smaller groups. Remember that in order to achieve the higher levels you need to be prepared to sing a short solo. Using the success criteria below, please an appropriate level based on your performance during the "Film Theme Song" singing task:

Level	el Singing Performance	
2	I sang a limited range of notes keeping mainly in tune.	
3	I sang in tune and controlled my breathing.	
4	I sang showing control of the elements.	
5	I sang a part within my group fluently.	
6	I performed a short solo.	
7	I performed a solo with attention to detail.	

FEED FORWARD (How can I improve in future singing activities?):





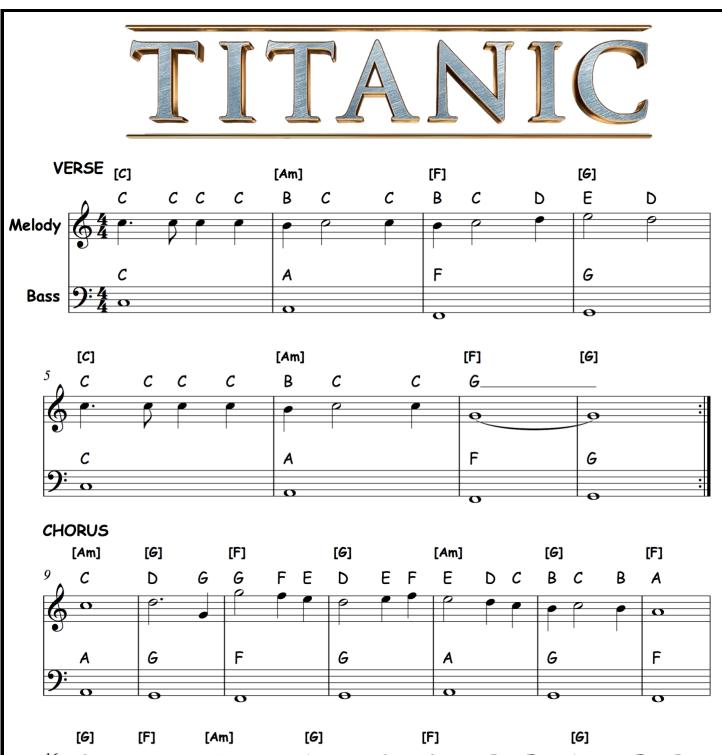




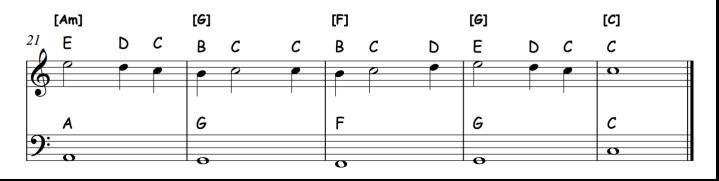
The film musical was a natural development of the stage musical after the advancement of film sound technology. The musical film is a film genre in which songs sung by the characters are interwoven into the narrative, sometimes accompanied by dancing. The songs usually advance the plot or develop the film's characters, though in some cases they serve merely as breaks in the storyline, often as elaborate "production numbers". Examples of such film musicals include "West Side Story", "Oliver!", "Annie", "Little Shop of Horrors", "The Sound of Music", "Grease" and "Les Miserables".

As well as the films themselves, many soundtracks composed for Walt Disney films have had huge commercial success e.g. "Beauty and the Beast", "The Lion King", "High School Musical", "Camp Rock" and most recently "Frozen".

The soundtrack to "Frozen" features the critically acclaimed song "Let It Go" performed by Idina Menzel. The soundtrack reached its 3 million sales mark in the United States of America in July 2014. Nearly half these were digital sales, making the album the best-selling soundtrack in digital history.

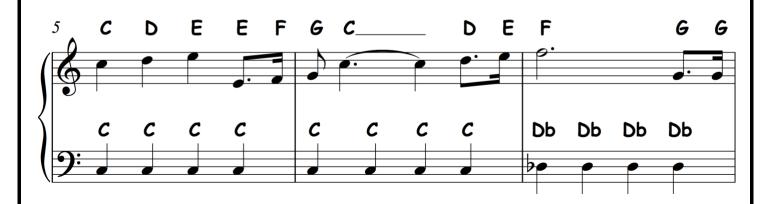


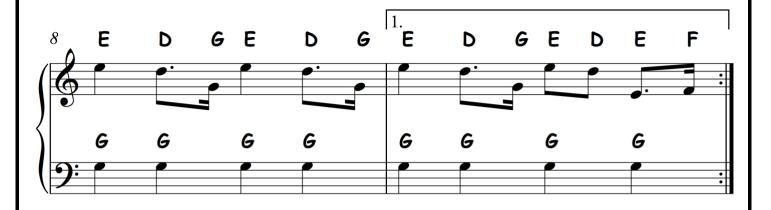


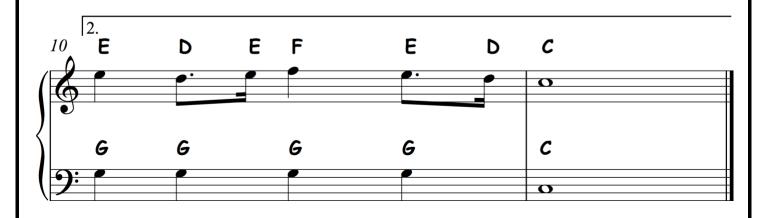








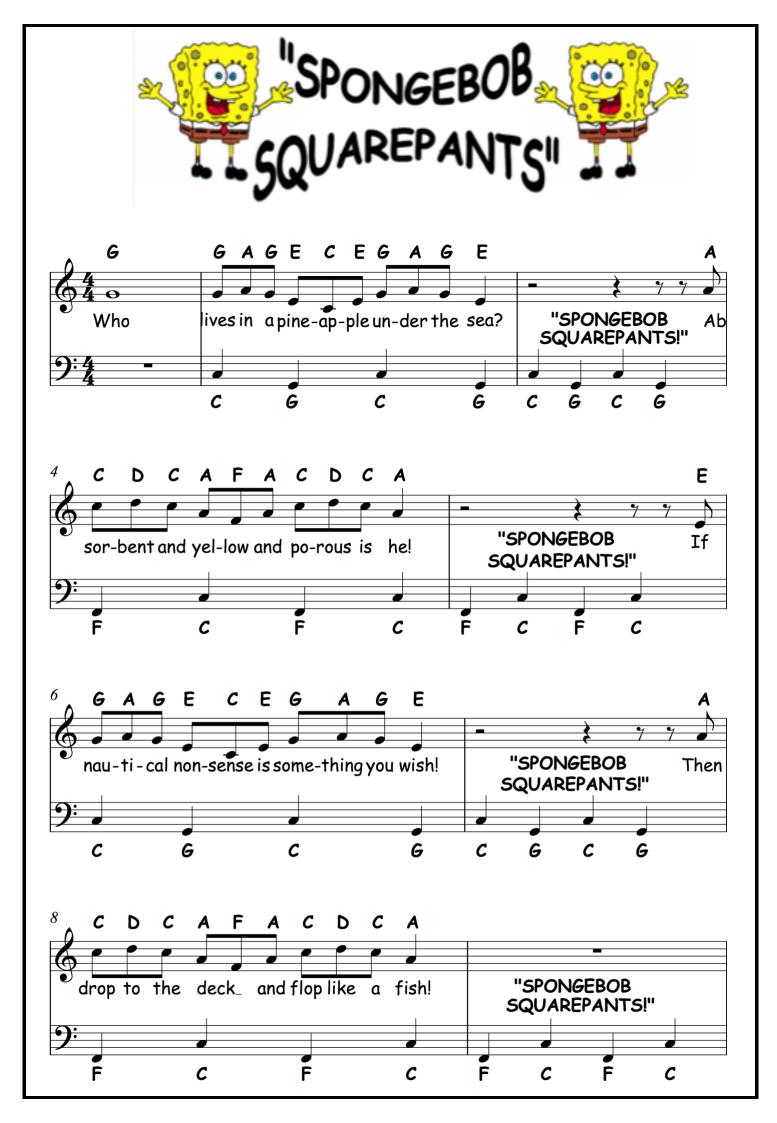


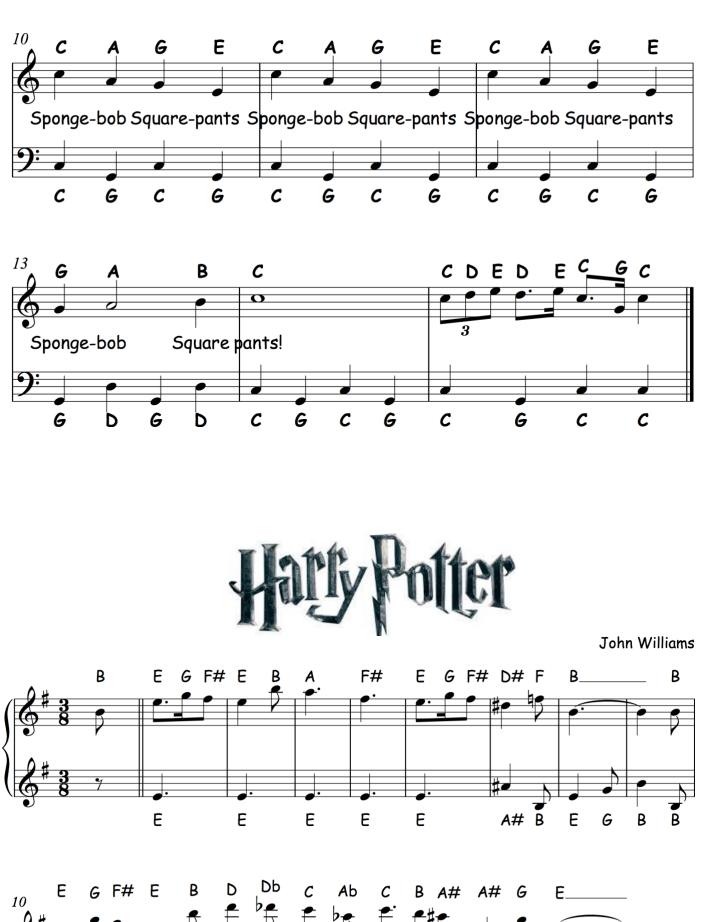






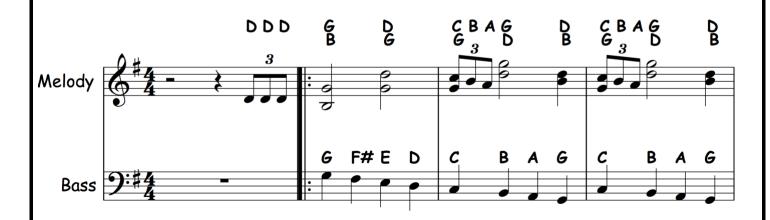
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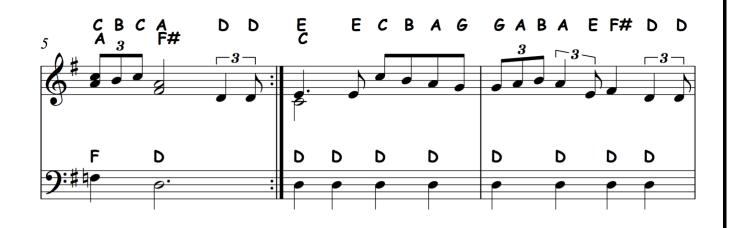


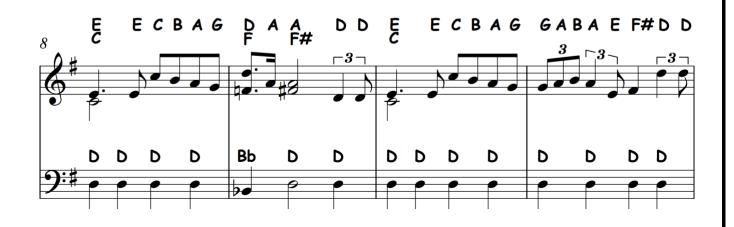


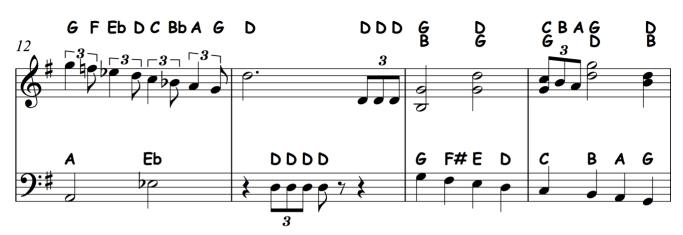


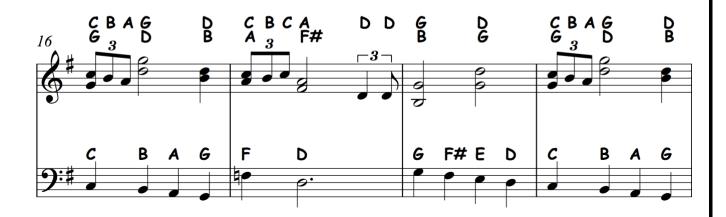


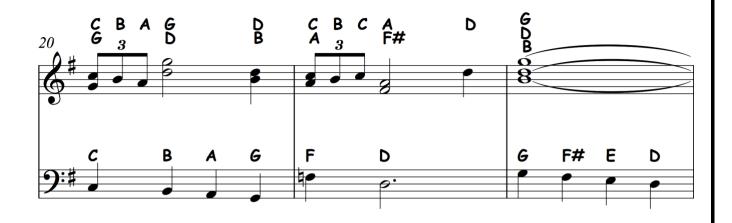


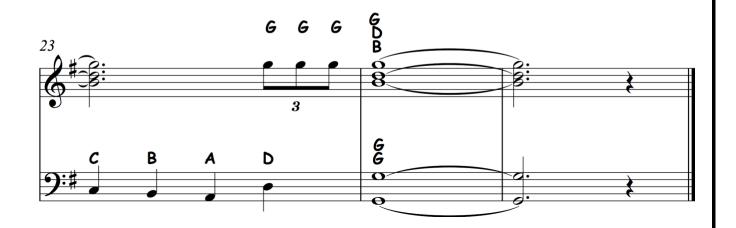






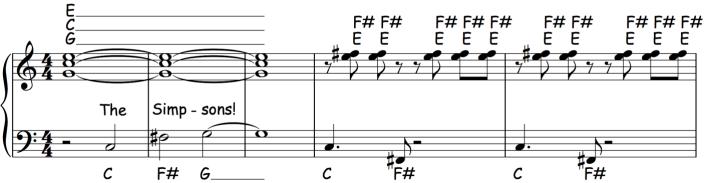




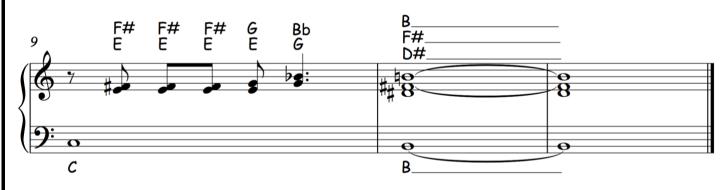


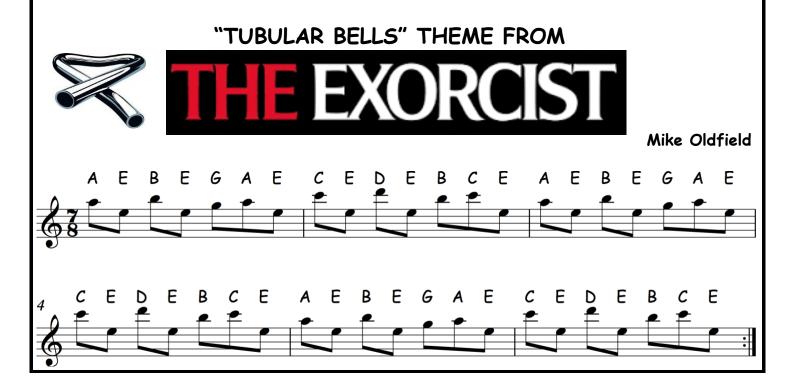


Danny Elfman











PERFORMING LOG

Write down one thing that you have done well in today's lesson (WWW) and one thing that you will try to improve on/move forward with next time (EBI).

e.g. WWW = I can perform the notes of "Pirates of the Caribbean" on the keyboard correctly with my right hand.

EBI = I need to practise the rhythm to produce a more fluent performance.

DATE	1 X WWW and 1 X EBI (*Remember to write the title of
	the piece of music in speech marks e.g. "James Bond")

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UNIT SUCCESS CRITERIA:

PERFORMING

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OVERALL LEVEL FOR THIS UNIT: _____