Teaching Tips: Intermediate

Beat: Intermediate
Introduce: show students how to conduct simple 2/4 or 4/4 patterns

Reinforce: shuffle classical music having students conduct steady beats but stop when it’s not so steady

Assess: give a student leader a baton to perform for the class and they assess if the student knows when the beats are steady or not

Rhythm: Intermediate
Introduce: match words or phrases to various rhythms

Reinforce: mix and match words or phrases to make a class poem

Assess: have half the class perform poems and the other half perform the rhythms (on rhythm instruments or body percussion)

Pitch: Intermediate
Introduce: play or sing a 3 note melody having students respond with movement

Reinforce: pair students to create their own melodies and movements

Assess: have groups perform, and class can help assess if movements match

Timbre: Intermediate
Introduce: dance to “Cha Cha Slide” instructing students to listen closely to sfx

Reinforce: start a word wall of terms that can be used to describe sfx

Assess: have students create their own “Cha Cha Slide” variations using timbres they choose

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