

Lesson Plan 15 – Sun Dance Opera

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RECOMMENDED FOR ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENT OF L.H. CONTRACTIONS AND FOR THE ‘ANT AND BUTTERFLY’ ENSEMBLE (Levels 1 and 2)

- Complete Lesson: *Butterfly* in Supplemental Lessons

	ACTIVITY	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
1.	Warm-up	Video	Daily Warm-up Routine III (p. 32)
2.	Review Song	Teacher Directed	Freight Train, Echo Chamber or Eine Kleine
3.	Sight Reading	Teacher Directed	Level II Sight Reading Exercises (embedded in lesson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teacher chooses exercise(s) - 2-3 minutes
4.	Listening: Melody Only	Video	Sun Dance Opera – demonstration performance with scrolling music
5.	Get Ready to Play	Video	Sun Dance Opera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Left hand contraction - Less repeated material than most previous songs
6.	Component Practice	Video	Sun Dance Opera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call and response style learning of each motif
7.	Individual Practice	Teacher Directed	Students practice alone or in small groups
8.	Change of Pace/ Brain Break	Teacher Directed	Student solos, games and videos etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the ‘Activities and Videos’ glossary in the Resources folder has ideas and links
9.	Play-Along: Full Ensemble	Video	Sun Dance Opera melody <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjust tempo as needed
10.	Summary and Closing	Teacher Directed	Summarize and review the learning targets for this lesson (found below). Close with one more full class/ensemble performance of Sun Dance Opera.

After completing Lesson 15 students can:

- Learn simple musical phrases by ear with increasing confidence
- Memorize and perform music with little repeated material
- Combine all of the notes and rhythmic variations we have learned to date in a single context
- Perform Sun Dance Opera accurately while demonstrating principles of ergonomic technique

Lead Guitar meets National Arts Standards in the areas of General Music, Ensemble and Harmonizing Instruments. Refer to the ‘Arts Standards and Lead Guitar’ PDF in the Resources folder for an overview and detailed list of standards addressed by level.