



DES MOINES SYMPHONY

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A Note to Music Educators:

These plans are intended for you to use as is or to modify to fit your particular teaching style and learning situation. Most of the plans have both a 10-minute plan as well as a 30-minute extended plan.

The plans cover a variety of intelligences and learning styles and are meant to give your students the opportunity to interact with the music they will hear performed at the Des Moines Symphony youth concerts.

Your students should have ***the opportunity to hear and interact with these great works as much as possible before they come to the concerts.*** In this way, students will already understand, be familiar with and learn to love this music before they have the unique opportunity of hearing it performed live at the concert.

Plans include:

Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, Mvt 1 explains *motif* and allows students the chance to experience one of the most famous examples of this term ever composed.

Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition includes three plans:

- *Baba Yaga* sparks the student's imagination and promotes creative thought through writing and drawing.
- *Great Gate of Kiev* provides students with the opportunity for creative movement while working together.
- *Promenade* allows for interaction with meter through body percussion as well as practice with rhythmic literacy.

Heitzeg's Symphony in Sculpture includes a template for students to identify musical elements in each work and elicits answers to questions about feelings and mood.

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