

The Rainbow Connection

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May be used with the Orff Activity "Look Around," for the upper grades found on pages 26-27 in the March/April 2003 issue.

Preparation:

1. Place three large pieces of paper on a board or wall.
2. Have seven magic markers (colors of the rainbow – red, orange, yellow, etc.) available.
3. Create 30 or more music questions. For example:
 - "How many beats does a whole note plus a half note receive?"
 - "Who composed the 'Surprise Symphony'?"
 - "What is the music term for 'gradually getting louder'?" etc.(You determine the appropriate questions to help increase their music literacy.)

The Connection:

- Divide the students into three teams and have them form three lines in front of the hanging papers.
- Explain the object of the Rainbow Connection Game is for a group to answer seven music questions correctly. For each correct answer, they receive one color of the rainbow, which they draw on their hanging paper. (Make certain the rainbow colors are marked in the correct order.) The first team to complete a rainbow wins a "pot of gold" (your choice!)
- Begin by asking the first student on Team 1 a question. If answered correctly, he/she draws the first arc of their team's rainbow. If answered incorrectly, the teacher gives the answer.
- Continue in the same manner for each team until you have a winner. Who knows...you might even have three!