eNovation D: The Grand Staff (Intervals 2nds – 4ths)

NOTE: All video and audio files are found in the media area on each lesson page.

eNovation D Overview

Summary: In this eNovation, students are introduced to the grand staff and treble and			
Caala	bass landmark notes. The interval of the 4th is added and students learn to count in 3/4		
Goals	time. Students further develop two-handed coordination through tactile drills and		
	repertoire.		
Key Elements:	Intervals: 4ths		
	The Grand Staff and Landmark Notes		
	The Treble and Bass Clefs		
	Time Signatures: 3/4		
	 Dynamics: mezzo-forte 'mf' and mezzo-piano 'mp' 		
	Dynamics: crescendo/diminuendo signs		
	Tempo: <i>ritardando</i>		
	 Mirror Fingerings and Legato between the Hands 		
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Topic 1: The Grand Staff and Landmark Notes / Rhythm: ¾ Time / Interval Review (2nds, 3rds) / Crescendo and Diminuendo

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In this lesson, students use landmark notes to identify the notes on the grand staff. Because this is the first experience on the grand staff, Reading D1 and the repertoire is focused on 2nds and 3rds only. Students should notice that each reading drill begins on a landmark note.				
Activity Type / Title with Links			Instructions/Comments	
	Video Playlist	Watch instructional videos: <u>The Grand Staff and Landmark Notes;</u> <u>Metrical Counting – ¾ Time; Dynamics:</u> <u>Crescendo & Diminuendo</u>	Watch three instructional videos.	
	Rhythm	<u>Rhythm Drill D: Time Signatures - 3/4</u> <u>Time</u>	Watch instructional video:Metrical Counting: ¾ TimeBe able to correctly count and play thefour examples on this page, using eitherthe practice or the performance play-along audio file found in the media areaat the bottom of the page.	

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Theory	Staff ID: Notes on the Grand Staff (1) (MT.NET)	Complete the MT.NET flashcard drill.
Keyboard Awareness	Staff to Keyboard: Grand Staff (1) (MT.NET)	Complete the MT.NET flashcard drill.
Technique	Three Mirror Fingering Drills (#1)	The three exercises in the Mirror Fingering Drill allow students to develop finger dexterity through mirrored fingerings. #1 serves as a review of legato and staccato. #2 develops dexterity through playing a melodic sequence.
Reading	<u>Reading D1: Grand Staff (2nd - 3rd)</u>	Practice these grand staff reading drills that only use the intervals of 2nds and 3rds. Be sure to look for your landmark notes so that you get started in the correct position. In addition to the usual care in observing the required hand and fingerings, you will also need to be aware of dynamics, articulations, and repeat signs. You will also be seeing the new symbols, 8va and 8vb.
Repertoire	<u>Little Waltz by Chan Kiat Lim (Student-</u> <u>Teacher Duet)</u>	Hands Separate. This repertoire in ¾ time uses intervals to 3rds. Perform with your teacher or with the play-along audio track.
Repertoire	<u>Feelin' Alright by Susanna Garcia</u> (Student-Teacher Duet)	Divided Melody. This repertoire in ¾ time uses intervals to 3rds. Perform with your teacher or with the play-along audio track.
Improvisation	<u>Creating Two-Handed Melodies - Winter</u> <u>Dream</u>	Use both hands to create a ¾ time melody using any of the notes in the position indicated. Perform with the audio ply-along track.

Topic 2: Melodic and Harmonic 4ths on the Grand Staff

Les	Lesson Overview			
Students recognize and play intervals through the 4th through topography, aural, and flashcard drills.				
Activity Type / Title with Links			Instructions/Comments	
	Video Playlist	Watch instructional video: Interval Reading: Melodic and Harmonic <u>4ths</u>	Watch instructional video.	
	Theory	Staff ID: 2nd - 4th (MT.NET)	Review instructional video Interval Reading: Melodic and Harmonic 4ths Then, complete the MT.NET drill.	



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Keyboard Awareness	<u>Keyboard Topography Drill: Intervals</u> 2nds - 4ths	This drill will help you learn to use your sense of touch to find the intervals 2nds- 4ths. There are four examples. Practice both and remember not to look at your hands while playing.
Reading	The Grand Staff and Landmark Notes: Lesson and Flashcards (2nds - 4ths)	Review instructional video <i>The Grand</i> <i>Staff and Landmark Notes.</i> Practice with the flashcards.
Listening	Aural ID: 2nd, 3rd, or 4th? (C major) (MT.NET)	Complete the MT.NET AURAL drill.
Listening Aural ID: 2nd, 3rd, or 4th? (A Minor) (MT.NET)		Complete the MT.NET AURAL drill.
Listening	<u>Aural Playback Matching Pitch and</u> <u>Rhythm in 5-Finger Position (2nds - 4ths)</u>	There are three audio files in each of two positions: C major and A minor. Work with these audio files until you can accurately play back what you hear. Tip: It really helps if you can accurately sing what you hear before attempting to play.
Technique	Three Mirror Fingering Drills (#2)	The three exercises in the Mirror Fingering Drill allow students to develop finger dexterity through mirrored fingerings. #2 develops dexterity through playing a melodic sequence. Watch the videos in the media area before beginning to practice. Practice slowly and accurately.
Reading	Reading D2: Grand Staff (2nd - 4th)	This drill adds the interval of the 4th to your reading. Be sure to look for your landmark notes so that you get started in the correct position.
Repertoire	Aura Lee / Love Me Tender by Geo. R. Poulton	Hands Separate. Intervals to 4ths. Perform with the play-along audio track.
Repertoire	Good King Wenceslas (Christmas)	Some hands together playing with harmonic interval accompaniment. Intervals to 4ths.
Lead Sheet	Merrily We Roll Along (U.S.)	Lead sheet using root tones only. (other options presented)
Lead Sheet	The Nightingale (Germany)	Lead sheet using root tones only. (other options presented)
Lead Sheet	Whistle Daughter, Whistle (U.S./England)	Lead sheet using root tones only. (other options presented)
Lead Sheet	Love Somebody (U.S Appalachia)	Lead sheet using root tones only. (other options presented)

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ovativePiar	Ensemble	Magnolia Drift by Chan Kiat Lim	The multiple piano ensemble helps to build a sense of pulse while playing in a larger group. (Mixed Level)
eNov	Improvisation	<u>Creating Melodies Using 4ths - Saturn's</u> <u>Rings</u>	Create a ¾ time melody using only 4ths all over the keyboard. Observe dynamics! Perform with the audio play- along track.

Topic 3: Developing Two-Handed Coordination

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Acti	vity Type / Title w	vith Links	Instructions/Comments	
	Technique	Mirror Fingering Drill (#3)	The three exercises in the Mirror Fingering Drill allow students to develop finger dexterity through mirrored fingerings. In #3, students learn to play legato between the hands (divided melodies), a technique that is required in the repertoire <i>Feelin' Alright & I've</i> <i>Been Working on the Railroad.</i> Watch the videos in the media area before beginning to practice. Practice slowly and accurately.	
	Repertoire	Heat Wave Blues by Susanna Garcia	Divided Melody. This piece requires legato between the hands and uses harmonic intervals. Perform with the play-along audio track.	
	Repertoire	Lullaby by Chan Kiat Lim	Melody with Accompaniment. Students must play hands together. The piece requires good coordination.	
	Repertoire	Walking in the Rain by Chan Kiat Lim	Melody with Accompaniment. Students must play hands together. The piece requires good coordination and hand independence.	
	Repertoire	Ancient Warriors by Chan Kiat Lim	Melody with Accompaniment. Utilizes an ostinato pattern of repeated 4ths. It requires good coordination and hand independence.	