

Noteable News

Hi All!

I hope your year is coming along nicely. As the weather turns we head into the solid bit of the year full of school productions, formal assessments and public performances. Don't forget to lighten things up by joining our facebook group. There is quite a collection of great YouTube clips gathering there that you can download to use in your classes. I find myself using almost one per class now. Noteable has been out and about at VCE conference in Victoria and soon at the Living Music and Dance Conference 7-8 May in Darebin. We are currently looking for conferences to attend in NSW - let me know if you hear of any.

Jenny

Quote of the Day:

The only thing better than singing is more singing.

Ella Fitzgerald



What's New?

Heaps! Great Relief Senior High School has been released in its 2nd edition to give your students even better cover lessons for when you are away. We also welcome the resources of Deborah Smith to our collection. For those of you uninitiated Deborah's resources are amongst the most comprehensive you will find. They are a bible for music teachers! The biggest and best news is our new wristband USB. Not only are they the coolest thing in the universe, but they come loaded with resources from 2008 and 2009 issues of 'Good Stuff'. These are perfect for teachers as they can simply stay on your wrist all day!

Sad Music Joke:

What's the difference between alto clef and Greek?
Some conductors actually read Greek.

Teacher Tips!

Talk the talk! An age old problem in schools is how busy students are - especially the good ones. They are involved in everything. If we want our ensembles to be seen as 'cool' (although I have always preferred the nerdy is the new cool approach - the truly cool kids do what they want and don't care what anybody thinks), then assume that it is. Don't consider other activities competition, assume that your rehearsals are always first choice because they are the best. Don't work around things, make things work around you! This does of course put on some pressure to ensure that your rehearsals are:

- Fun
- Students always leave feeling good which means ending with a piece that they play well and enjoy.
- When they perform they are proud of their efforts and sound good - no matter what their level.



What's in Good Stuff

Good stuff is off to a great start for this year. Issue one was about getting motivated while issue 2 delved into the world of copyright as it was on the news so much!. Issue 3 is about Peter and the Wolf - an oldie but a very goodie for all ages. So many young people have never heard this!



www.noteable.com.au

