



New Trend in Music

Music All Around

Cross-Curriculum Activity (01)

The Fun of Handbells

Handbell is a unique percussion instrument and it can be played by an ensemble. Form groups of 15-22 students to perform as the accompaniment of the song *Lifelong Beauty* and perform in School Assembly.



Preparatory Stage

Instrument: Handbells or Handchimes

[Recommended range: 2 octave (25 notes G4-G6) or 3 octaves (37 notes C4-C7)]

Music: *Lifelong Beauty* (New Trend in Music Book 1 P18-19)

Number of people: Up to 15 persons for 2 octaves / up to 22 persons for 3 octaves

- Other:**
- 1) The lowest octave (C4-B4) will be used as the bass line of the chord. All remaining notes will make up the chord notes. Each note will represents 2-3 chords.
 - 2) In the 2 octaves range, using C5-F5 to replace C4-F4 as the lowest note is G4.

Required Handbells:

2 Octaves:

C chord: C5, C, E, G
 Dm chord: D5, D, F, A
 Em chord: E5, E, G, B
 F chord: F5, F, A, C
 G chord: G4, G, B, D
 Am chord: A4, A, C, E
 A7 chord: A4, A, C#, E

3 Octaves:

C chord: C4, C, E, G
 Dm chord: D4, D, F, A
 Em chord: E4, E, G, B
 F chord: F4, F, A, C
 G chord: G4, G, B, D
 Am chord: A4, A, C, E
 A7 chord: A4, A, C#, E

Implementation

- Each student will assign a handbell and each handbell represents a note.
- List out all the notes of the chords, all students should be aware of the chords they have to play.
- All students have to circle their chords on the score.
- During the training, teacher can start with a warm up exercise of ringing different chords with a 2-beat rhythm.
- Teacher conducts students to play the accompaniment of the song *Lifelong Beauty*.
- Other performers join and play the main melody by vocal or other instruments.

Online Resources

- Score of *Lifelong Beauty*
- Self/peer evaluation form

