SmartMusic, the “Loopy” Assistant

Category: Classroom management

Level: VE

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| Objective(s) | * SmartMusic can help the teacher use time more efficiently in the classroom by SmartMusic audio driving the class
* Students are more engaged and on task
* Instead of needing to stay at the front of the room, the teacher can walk around the classroom giving individual attention
* Because the audio accompaniment is driving the class, there are no breakdowns in between repeated sections.
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| Resources | * Computer connected to powered speakers (Projector optional)
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| Procedure | * Select a method book line.
* Engage the Loop function to repeat the entire line
* Activate the settings that you want i.e., Tempo, Click, Accompaniment (recommended), etc.
* Explain to the students that after the line is finished, they will here a click off (or count off) and the line will start again.
* The teacher instructs students what action to take on the repeats based on the objective for the line. For example:
	+ “Flutes play the first time, everyone else finger the notes.”
	+ “The second time, brass buzz, everyone else sing and finger.”
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| Follow up activities | * When applicable, use this technique with any repertoire you are learning
	+ New scales
	+ Technical exercises
	+ Concert repertoire-imagine having all students being on task while working with one section of the group
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| Teacher Notes |  |