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#### Dear Student:

Welcome to the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FIRST PERFORMANCE, a collection of thirteen songs written for beginning or young band. These selections represent a variety of musical styles such as rock, blues, marches, traditional folk songs, and transcriptions from classical music.

Each piece was composed or arranged especially for the first year band student and contains a limited range of musical notes as well as simple rhythms designed to provide beginning instrumentalists a repertoire of varied fun and exciting concert music.

Good luck with your First Performance!

Best wishes,

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### A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

"О Соме, Little Children"



#### A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

"O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN"

2nd Flute

J.A.P. Schulz/Magill















O Come, Little Children was composed by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (b.1747 - d.1800). Schulz was the court composer at Rheinsberg, Germany and a choir director for the Royal Court Theater in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was best known for setting poems to simple, folk-like music. The German poet, Christoph von Schmid, wrote the words to this song.

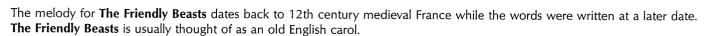
#### THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

1st Flute

Medieval French Melody



THE FRIENDLY BEASTS 2nd Flute Medieval French Melody Andante 5



#### RIO BRAVO



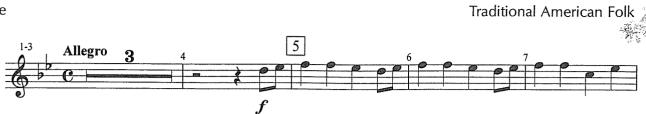
#### RIO BRAVO

#### 2nd Flute



Latin America is made up of South America, Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies. The music of this region is a combination of Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian traditions and has been influenced by the cultures of the native Indians like the Aztec, Incan, and Mayan. It features catchy melodies, infectious rhythms, and a wide use of percussion instruments.

#### **BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN**













## **BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN**

2nd Flute

Traditional American Folk













Folk songs are passed down from generation to generation through singing and listening. The common folk sing the songs to their children instead of writing them down. The original composers were forgotten as time passed and the words and places changed. These changes left many versions of the same song. **Big Rock Candy Mountain** originated in the late 1800's and was attributed to Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock. The ballad tells of a hobo's life, riding the trains and traveling the country, in search of the perfect place for a "burly bum" to live.

#### ROYAL CROWN MARCH



### ROYAL CROWN MARCH

2nd Flute



The history of the march has its beginnings in the military. Marches have a steady beat that is strongly accented. This beat was helpful for soldiers to stay in step. Many marches were written to commemorate a regal occasion such as the crowning of a king. It was with this in mind that **Royal Crown March** was composed.

#### BOOT SCOOTIN' BARN DANCE



#### BOOT SCOOTIN' BARN DANCE

Ron Cowherd 2nd Flute Traditional American Folk Allegro Tap foot 21 Tap foot Clap hands Clap hands Slap knee Tap foot

A significant part of a country's heritage and culture is found in its folk music. Using the language of the common folk, folk songs describe the lives and times of its people. This piece uses the folk song, **Ol' Joe Clark.** Joe Clark was a veteran from the war of 1812 who lived in the Appalachian Mountains. The numerous verses were made up from incidents in his life and expanded as time passed to include over 90 different verses.

Hey!

#### BAG O' BLUES



#### BAG O' BLUES

2nd Flute



The blues is a style of music developed from the African-American field hollers, work songs, and spirituals of the late 1800's to early 1900's. It is played at a slow to moderate tempo and usually written in 4/4 time. The third, fifth, and seventh notes of the scale in which the piece is written are lowered one half-step.

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#### A LITTLE BIT OF LATIN



### A LITTLE BIT OF LATIN

2nd Flute



The music of Latin America, influenced by the many cultures and traditions of its people, uses lively rhythms for dances like the habanera, rumba, cha-cha, and tango. The music uses many percussion instruments such as the claves, maracas, and cowbell to keep the rhythm.

#### A CLASSICAL CANON

1st Flute

Franz Joseph Haydn/Magill













#### A CLASSICAL CANON

2nd Flute

Franz Joseph Haydn/Magill













Franz Joseph Haydn (b.1732 - d.1809) was an Austrian composer who worked as the court composer for the royal Esterhazy family for over thirty years. "Papa Haydn," best known for his numerous symphonies and string quartets, also trained and conducted the other court musicians. A Classical Canon was originally called the *Nightingale Canon*. Words were added later describing children's anticipation to stay up on Christmas Eve while the parent sang for the children to go to bed. The title then became commonly known as the *Christmas Eve Canon*.

## Dr. Rock

1st Flute

Chuck Elledge













#### Dr. Rock

2nd Flute

Chuck Elledge













Rock music evolved into a distinctive style of music with songs like *Rock Around the Clock* and *You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog.* During the 1960's, a British band called the Beatles became very popular. In the 1970's and 1980's, electronic instruments and advanced recording techniques were developed to enhance the music.

# FANFARE AND MINUET FROM "THE ROYAL FIREWORKS"

1st Flute

George Frideric Handel



# FANFARE AND MINUET FROM "THE ROYAL FIREWORKS"

2nd Flute

George Frideric Handel



George Frideric Handel (b.1685 - d.1759) was a popular German composer who traveled widely throughout his life and settled in England. The English royalty paid him well for his many compositions. The **Music for the Royal Fireworks**, written in 1749, originally called for a huge ensemble of brass, woodwinds, timpani, and a cannon. Handel wrote the piece to accompany a fireworks celebration for the King of England. Just as the music began, the fireworks exploded accidentally. In spite of the accident, Handel's piece was a great success.

#### **BOOGIE BLUES**



#### **BOOGIE BLUES**

2nd Flute



Blues music evolved throughout the early 20th century. "Boogie-woogie," a popular style developed during this time, was normally played at a fast tempo, had a repeated melodic pattern in the bass (called a "walking bass"), swinging eighth notes, and a series of improvised variations in the upper melody.

#### MINOR ROCK



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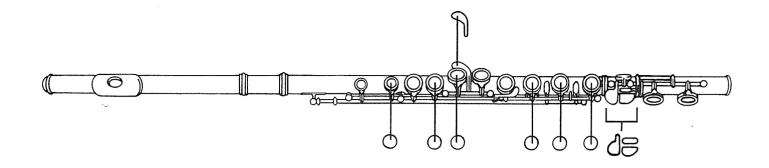
2nd Flute

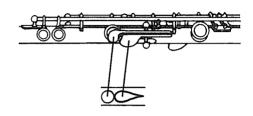


"Rock and Roll" was a phrase used by disk jockey, Allan Freed, in the early 1950's. He wanted to attract teenagers to his Rhythm and Blues concerts. The name caught on and rock and roll replaced American "pop" music. Rock music has a heavy dance beat with strong accents on beats 2 and 4 and lyrics that relate well to young people.

## GLOSSARY

Accent >	play the beginning of the note louder	Mezzo Piano mp	medium soft
Accidentals #, b, \		Moderato	moderate speed
Allegro	quick and lively	Natural	cancels a flat or sharp
Andante	moderately slow	One-Measure Repeat 🗷	. repeat the previous measure
Articulation	type of attack used to play a note	Percussion Clef ===	indicates that the lines and
	or group of notes divides the music staff into	<b>-</b>	spaces on the staff do not designate specific nitches: also
	measures  F Clef, read by bassoon, trom		called neutral clef or no-pitch clef; read by snare drum, bass
	bone, baritone, tuba, timpani and electric bass		drum, cymbals, and most other auxiliary percussion instruments
Blues	American genre of popular vocal	Piano $p$	musical thought or sentence
	music, developed from African	Dick Lin Note(s)	
	American field hollers, work songs, and spirituals; characterize		note or notes that come before the first full measure of a piece
Ryonth Maril	ed by a harmonic structure that is made up of a 12-measure phrase		music of everyday life, it has play- ed a role in each historical period
Breath Mark		Repeat Sign	repeat from beginning or repeat
Canon	a style of contrapuntal music, similar to a round		the section of music between repeat signs
Carol	song usually associated with Christmas	Rhythm and Blues	
Common Time C	same as 4/4		of blues; instrumentation included
Crescendo -	gradually play louder		drums, piano, electric guitar and
Decrescendo >	gradually play louder		bass, saxophone, brass, and vocalists
Double Bar	. marks the end of the music	Rock	
Dynamics	. loudness or softness of music		that developed in the 1960's
Fermata 🙃	. hold note or rest longer than its usual value		from rock and roll, with more amplification and distortion of
Flat	lowers the pitch of a note by a		sound and more room for improvisation
	half step	Rock and Roll	
Forte f			that developed from rhythm and blues in the 1950's and was
Fortissimo ff	very loud		especially popular among young
Harmony	result of two or more different	Shown #	people
	notes played or sung at the same time	Shire	raises the pitch of a note $1/2$ step
Improvise	to create music as it is being performed	•	curved line connecting two or more notes of <u>different</u> pitches
Jazz	style of American popular music that emerged at the turn of the		one person plays/whole section plays
	20th century and continued to evolve throughout the 20th	Staccato J	note meaning to play short and
	century	Staff ===	detached lines and spaces on which music
Key Signature	sharps or flats stated right after the clef; key signatures change		
Ledger Lines	certain notes throughout a piece of music	3wing	style of American popular music that was played by the "big bands" of the 1930's and 1940's
and a second sec	short lines added above or below the staff used to extend the staff	Tempo	speed of music
	to notate pitches that are beyond	Tenuto	line placed above or below a note
Long Rest +4	the range of the staff	Tie	meaning to sustain for full value
Maestoso	majestically	Ti., ct , // 9.9	notes on the <u>same</u> line or space
Measure	space between two bar lines; also known as a "bar"		top number tells the number of counts in each measure; bottom number tells the type of note that
Medieval	(also known as Middle Ages,		receives one count
	400-1400AD) a time in European history of warfare, religious devotion, and royal pageantry	2	G Clef; read by flute, oboe, clari- nets, saxophones, trumpet, French horn, and mallet percussion
Melody	organized succession of tones		repeat the two previous measures
Mezzo Forte mf	medium loud		president incusting





#### **FLUTE CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Sitting up straight
- ☐ Flute positioned to the right of body
- ☐ Left hand forms a "C"
- ☐ Left and right thumbs correctly placed
- ☐ Fingers gently curved
- ☐ Right little finger on Eb key
- ☐ Elbows away from body
- ☐ Flute pointing slightly downward
- ☐ Hole in lips centered on embouchure plate
- ☐ Proper amount of embouchure hole covered
- ☐ Lips parallel with flute
- ☐ Air stream properly directed over the hole
- ☐ Breathing correctly
- ☐ Good tone produced

#### FLUTE SURVIVAL KIT

- ☐ 2 soft, clean cloths
- ☐ key oil
- $\square$  pencil
- ☐ band music
- ☐ method book
- $\square$  music stand

#### FLUTE FINGERING CHART

- o = open
- = pressed down

When more than one fingering is shown, the first is the most commonly used. Additional fingerings, known as "alternate" fingerings, are used in certain situations to allow for better technique.

