

GRAND FINALE PROJECT!

Since schools are closed until the summer, and Zoom and Skype are cool for individual lessons, but do not work for a live orchestra performance due to lag time, with your help **we will create a virtual orchestra video for our Grand Finale** this year. We shall do this by having you all individually send in a video/audio recording! NOTE: Teachers are welcome and encouraged to submit a video/audio recording as well!

Here is how this will work:

1. We'll send you a sound file (electronic realization with live bass and drums) of RUSH Tom Sawyer and also Ruben & the Jet's All Nite Long along with everyone's parts. Please download!

2. Set yourself up with ear buds or headphones so you can listen to the sound file/scratch track that you will play along with. We have included a "click track" which is like a metronome. There are two measures in 4/4 time signature, or 8 beats, before you start playing, sort of like my counting it off in rehearsal. PRACTICE with the recording!

3. When you think you are ready, video record yourself playing your part on Tom Sawyer, and also on All Nite Long. You can use your cell phone to make the video. You will still use ear buds or headphones so you can listen to the song while you play along. You may find it best to only use one earbud or headphone to hear yourself, but if you can hear yourself while wearing both ear buds/headphones, that is fine as well.

DO YOUR BEST, DON'T WORRY ABOUT BEING PERFECT! MAKE SURE YOU STICK WITH THE CLICK!

If you're not able to make a recording, no worries! You can still play along with our finished product and enjoy being a part of it.

4. We'll collect your recording file and compile them into a mass virtual orchestra recording!

I will review your recording and make sure it is what we need. If we need to, we may ask you to record again.

5. Once I have everyone's files, we will put all of our videos/recordings together to create a virtual orchestra that we can see and hear. The final video will include some of the CCO musicians playing Tom Sawyer and All Nite Long as well. We will post the final project on Facebook and YouTube, and you can share with your friends and families! You can also play along with the final recording if you'd like.

6. **DEADLINE!** Please have your video/recording file done and sent to me no later than May 12. The earlier the better (i.e. before May 12) so we have time to construct this!

WE NEED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE! LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS!

Participation can be sending in a recording (preferred) or playing along with the finished product.

For those families that have more than one musician in the family, please feel free to record all of you at the same time! Parents, siblings, and former members are welcome to participate!

Stay safe, sound, sane, and healthy!

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