

June 1st Lesson Plan:

Hello SMP musicians!

This is THE week! Yup, we'll be recording you this week during your lesson. We won't have much time to try things twice so as you prepare for the recording, be sure you continue – no matter what happens as you're playing! Recording can be stressful, especially with a metronome! The more prepared you are, the more comfortable you'll be.

If you're not in online lessons but you'd like to be involved, contact our Program Director, Aja, at aja@seattlemusicpartners.org to see if we can fit you in for one quick recording session (you must be completely ready). If you're not intending to take part in our virtual concert, you can still do the lesson plan below. It'd be great if use your simple "voice recorder" on your phone and email it to me at ward@seattlemusicpartners.org so I can hear your progress!

Beginning and Advanced Band:

New Orleans Strut. Now that we've fixed most of the notes and rhythms, it's time to practice the piece in its entirety. I'm not kidding...set your metronome **at 108** (not slower – we must ALL be at 108) and use earbuds or headphones so you get used to that constant beat in your ears while you play. Once you start the piece, make sure you play all the way to the end. **If you make a mistake, it's crucial that you still continue as if it didn't happen.** Count all your rests out completely. I'd recommend doing this complete exercise described about five times per day. SMP's techno-wizard (Aja) can edit small mistakes so don't be concerned with a wrong note.

Beginning and Advanced Strings:

March of the Metro Gnome: Now that we've fixed most of the notes and rhythms, it's time to practice the piece in its entirety. I'm not kidding...set your metronome **at 108** (not slower – we must ALL be at 108) and use earbuds or headphones so you get used to that constant beat in your ears while you play. Once you start the piece, make sure you play all the way to the end. **If you make a mistake, it's crucial that you still continue as if it didn't happen.** Count all your rests out completely. I'd recommend doing this complete exercise described about five times per day. SMP's techno-

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