Northern Territory Music School

Percussion Syllabus - Mixed Stream



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NTMS Instrumental Syllabus Version trial 2022

	Theory	Practice	Technique	Tone	Expression	Pitch Range	Sight Reading	Aural	Improvisation	Performance
Conditions	Students demonstrate an understanding through correctly using content while playing repertoire appropriate to the level.						Students are given up to 2 minutes to prepare for Sight Reading assessments.			
	Stave Barline Final barline	1. Identify the parts of the instrument.	1. Demonstrate an appropriate playing posture including body, arm, hand & wrist position.	1. Play a rebound stroke to produce an even and non- choked tone.	1. Produce dynamic variation.	pitches:	1. Clap or play rhythmic patterns (minimum 2 bars duration).		1. Improvise simple rhythmic or melodic patterns (minimum 2 bars duration) using up to 5 notes within the pitch range while maintaining a steady beat.	1. Play a familiar piece from memory.
		2. Demonstrate proper care of the instrument.	2. Demonstrate rudiments on snare e.g. single stroke roll, single paradiddle, multiple bounce stroke. (100BPM)			2. Play major scales and arpeggios: Bb (5 notes).		 2. Imitate rhythmic patterns (minimum 1 bar duration) incorporating: <l></l>		2. Play or perform solo pieces.
PERCUSSION (MIXED)		3. Assemble and organise instruments ready for playing. E.g. snare on and off.	3. Demonstrate techniques on tuned percussion e.g. correct mallet position and sticking patterns.					3. Imitate melodic phrases (minimum 1 bars duration) where the starting note is given and using notes 1,2,3 of a pitch range.		3. Play or perform as part of an ensemble, maintaining steady rhythm.
LEVEL 1 - PERCI	B.D S.D	 Be aware of the tuning mechanism of the instrument. 	 Demonstrate holding position, grip, technique and knowledge of correct beaters when playing aux. percussion. 							4. Demonstrate appropriate performance behaviour e.g. picking up and putting down equipment without noise.
		5. Explain a basic practise routine.								
		6. Identify strengths and areas to improve in own playing								

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Conditions			Examples of aux. percussion (Hand held crash cymbals, suspended cymbals, concert bass drum, triangle, woodblock, cowbell, shakers, bongos, maracas, claves, congas, guiro, timbales, gong (tam tam), sleigh bells, ratchet, cajon).							
	1. Symbols & Terms: 1. $\int \frac{1}{p \int Tie Suur A}$ D.C. al Fine 2. Accent Staccato	1. Maintain proper care of the instrument/s.		1. Play eight notes with a full stroke to produce an even and non-choked tone.	1. Demonstrate a dynamic range.	1. Play all the pitches for the prescribed range.	1. Clap or play rhythmic patterns (minimum 4 bars duration) at a moderate tempo.	,	1. Improvise simple rhythmic or melodic patterns (minimum 4 bars duration) using a major scale.	1. Accurately play or perform solo pieces.
PERCUSSION (MIXED)	2. Rhythmic Concepts: anacrusis/pickup bar 3 4 5 7	cymbal and snare drum	2. Demonstrate a well balanced stance, whole body posture and movement.	quality and how to improve		2. Play major scales and arpeggios: Bb and C (one octave).	2. Play single note melodies (minimum 4 bars duration) with recurring patterns or phrases.	phrases (maximum 2 bars duration) where the starting note is given and	2. Demonstrate an awareness of beat while improvising with accompaniment (pitched or unpitched).	2. Play & perform as part of an ensemble with an awareness of rhythmic , dynamic and textural balance.
LEVEL 2 - PE	3. Pitch Concepts:		3. Demonstrate improved techniques on a range of instruments e.g. reverse parradiddle (110BPM).							3. Demonstrate appropriate performance behaviour.
		4. Assess the melodic and rhythmic accuracy of own performance (solo or ensemble.)		4. Select beaters, mallets and sticks to provide tonal variation.						4. Accurately follow conducting pattern for 3 beats per bar, observing dynamic and tempo changes as conducted.

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	1. Symbols & Terms: Andante, Moderato, Allegro, Ritardando, Largo	1. Maintain proper care of the instrument/s.	1. Demonstrate improved posture.	1. Extend dynamic range to incorporate crescendo & decrescendo, and mp to mf.	1. Apply all symbols and terms encountered in repertoire; e.g. dynamics, accents.	1. Play all pitches across a two-octave range		patterns (minimum 2 bars	1. Improvise (minimum 8 bars duration) by embellishing on the melody.	1. Play and perform with and without accompaniment.
	mp mf legato									
		0 0	2. Demonstrate alternating Full Strokes from the Level System with 1/8th notes at 100 bpm.	2. Demonstrate the use of rebound stroke when playing each instrument to create a non-choked tone.	2. Observe tempo markings.	2. Play 2 major scales and arpeggios as required in repertoire.		phrases (minimum 2 bars	bars duration) using a pentatonic scale.	2. Play and perform as part of an ensemble, adapting to rhythmic, dynamic, and textural variation.
VEL 3 -		3. Demonstrate effective and appropriate practise strategies to solve technical problems.	 Demonstrate separate right and separate left hand Single Flams with 1/4 notes at 100 bpm. 		3. Identify and play phrasing using awareness of meter.	3. Play one harmonic minor scale and arpeggio appropriate to the instrument.		•	awareness of phrasing and	3. Respond to increasingly complex conducting cues in ensemble playing.
5	notes.	and rhythmic accuracy of one's own playing and	4. Demostrate technique and correct playing position of aux. percussion.	4. Play a simple rock beat with steady time feel (minimum 8 bars @ 80bpm.		4. Play a pentatonic scale.			4. Use contrasting rhythmic patterns in improvisation.	4. Maintain appropriate performance behaviour.
			5. Play rock beats using quarter and eighth notes.							

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1. Symbols	& Terms	1. Maintain proper care of	1. Demonstrate	1. Demonstrate entire	1. Interpret and apply all	1. Play 3 major scales and	1. Sight read a piece of	1. Identify rhythmic	1. Improvise (minimum 16	1. Play or perform with and
contained in	repertoire:	the instrument/s.	appropriate posture for all		symbols and terms	arpeggios.		passages from selected	bars duration) using a blues	without accompaniment.
tenuto			aspects of the instrument.		encountered in repertoire.		duration) related to Level 2 theory.	repertoire.	scales.	
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2. Rhythmic	Concepts	2. Demonstrate strategies	2. Demonstrate	2. Select appropriate sticks,	2. Play a simple rock beat	2. Play two harmonic		2. Imitate melodic	2. Use repetition of phrases	2. Play and perform as part
		of a balanced practice	alternating Full Strokes		,	minor scales and		li v		of an ensemble, adapting to
syncopation	.)	routine.	from the Level System with 1/8th notes at 120			arpeggios appropriate to		complexity.		dynamic, textural and
			bpm.	match style.	100bpm).	the instrument.				rhythmic variation.
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	•	3. Assess the melodic, rhythmic and expressive	3. Demonstrate alternating Downstrokes			3. Play a major blues scale over one octave.		intervals of a Major scale:	3. Recognise swung and straight rhythms	3. Maintain appropriate performance behaviour.
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		playing and that of others.	with ¼ notes at 100 bpm.							
		4. Set up drum set for	4. Demonstrate separate	-		4. Play a chromatic scale	-	4. Recognise major and		
		playing.	right and separate left			over one octave.		minor scale qualities.		
			hand Single Flams with 1/4 notes at 120 bpm.							
			5. Demonstrate				_		-	
			Paradiddle-diddle (six stroke roll), Double and							
			Triple Paradiddle, Nine							
			and Ten Stroke Rolls with							
			1/8th notes at 120 bpm.							
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			6. Demostrate technique and correct playing							
			position of aux. percussion.							

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1. Symbols & Terms	1. Demonstrate the ability to tune the snare.	1. Maintain appropriate posture for all aspects of the instrument/s.	1. Maintain clear tone quality throughout the range of the instrument and over all dynamic levels.	1. Apply own interpretation (e.g.	1. Play all pitches across the full range of tunned percussion.	1. Sight read a piece of	•	1. Improvise using melodic, rhythmic and articulation techniques appropriate to style.	1. Play or perform one or more works or single movements with accompaniment.
	2. Show self motivation with practice routines.	2. Demonstrate alternating Full Strokes from the Level System with 1/8th notes at 130 bpm.	2. Develop an awareness of changes in tone quality that can be produced for different styles of music.	2. Apply appropriate stylistic expression to pieces encountered in repertoire (e.g. tone.)	2. Play 3 major scales and arpeggios.		2. Recognise any interval of the Major scale and a minor third.		2. Play and perform as part of an ensemble, adapting fluently to dynamic, textural and rhythmic variation.
3. Pitch and harmony concepts contained in repertoire appropriate to this level.	3. Critically evaluate the musicality of one's own playing and that of others.	3. Demonstrate alternating Downstrokes from the Level System with 1/4 notes at 120 bpm.		3. Play a simple rock beat with steady time feel (minimum 8 bars @ 120bpm).	3. Play three harmonic minor scales and arpeggios appropriate to the instrument.		3. Recognise simple harmonic modulation (i.e. major to minor.)	3. Apply appropriate scales to improvisations.	3. Maintain appropriate performance behaviour.
4. Read and play eighth note hi hat with sixteenth note snare/bass combinations.	4. Seek additional resources to improve mallet and snare drum technique.	4. Demonstrate Up Strokes and Tap Strokes from the Level System, no set tempo.		4. Play drum set patterns to suit different styles, e.g.waltz, motown, blues and jazz.	chromatic scales starting on any given note.				
		 Demonstrate separate right and separate left hand Single Flams with 1/4 notes at 130 bpm. 		 Accurately demonstrate articulation patterns found in repertoire. 					
		6. Demonstrate Paradiddle-diddle (six stroke roll), Double and Triple Paradiddle, Nine and Ten Stroke Rolls with 1/8th notes at 130 bpm.							
		 Maintain a rebound stroke at a variety of tempos over the full dynamic range of the instrument. Demostrate technique 							
		8. Demostrate technique and correct playing position of aux. percussion.							