



## **Musicianship Level 1 – 3 (multi-level class) Course Outline**

**Lecturer:** Maree Hennessy

**Overview:** Musicianship involves the study of sight-singing, score reading, aural perception, musical dictation and analysis using the tools of the Kodály philosophy (tonic solfa, rhythm duration syllables and hand signs). This class will study core repertoire as decided by the course lecturer. Exercises and assessment will be modified/adapted to differentiate for varying levels of study.

**Dates:** Block 1 (5 days): Monday 13 April to Friday 17 April 2015  
Block 2 (5 days): Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October 2015

**Time:** 8.30am – 10.00am

**Venue:** Presbyterian Ladies' College (room to be announced)

**Time Commitment:** In addition to the daily classes (total 15 hours), participants will need to put aside time to practise musicianship skills. The time needed to do this will vary for each person but 15-20 minutes per day is recommended as a minimum.

**Materials:** Students will need to bring an A440 tuning fork, pencil, eraser, manuscript and notebook. Students may also need to acquire the set text as detailed below. The lecturer will provide all other materials as necessary. Access to a piano or piano keyboard is strongly recommended.

**Set texts:**

- *Bolkovac, E& Johnson, J. 150 Rounds for Singing and Teaching*
- *Kodály, Zoltan. 333 Exercises*

**Recommended Resources:**

- *KMEIA Purely Pentatonic CD*

**Depending on your level, the following texts may be useful:**

- Molnár, A. (1955). *Classical Canons*
- Bacon, Denise. *50 Easy Two Part Exercises, 185 Pentatonic Exercises, 46 Two Part American Folk Songs*
- Kodály, Zoltan. *15 Two Part Exercises, 24 Little Canons on the Black Keys, 77 Two Part Exercises*

**Content:**



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	Musicianship Level 1	Musicianship Level 2	Musicianship Level 3
<b>Pitch and tonality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>doh and lah tetra-tonic</li> <li>doh pentatonic</li> <li>intervals of Maj 2nd and Min 3rd</li> <li>Introduction to Diatony</li> <li>Key signatures: 2 sharps, 1 flat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pentatonic scales (doh, re, mi, soh, lah)</li> <li>Pentatonic tri-chords and tetra-chords</li> <li>Diatonic Major, Natural and Harmonic Minor Scales</li> <li>Intervals: Maj 2<sup>nd</sup>, Min 3<sup>rd</sup>, Maj 3<sup>rd</sup>, Per 4<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced review of all pentatonic scales (d,r,m,s,l)</li> <li>Pentatonic tetra-chords</li> <li>Intervals Maj 2nd, Min 3rd, Maj 3rd, Per 4th, Per 5th and Min 6th</li> <li>Diatonic Scales – Major, Natural Minor and Melodic Minor</li> </ul>
<b>Rhythm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duple and triple metre in simple and compound time</li> <li>Even divisions of a single beat including  in simple time, and  in compound time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duple, triple and quadruple metre in simple and compound time.</li> <li>Even and uneven divisions of a single beat in both simple and compound time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Even and uneven divisions of a single beat in both simple and compound time.</li> <li>Simple syncopation, including anticipation of the first beat and use of the quaver rest.</li> </ul>
<b>Sight Singing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unison, pentatonic and tetra-tonic exercises.</li> <li>Sol-fa and letter names in treble and bass clefs</li> <li>Use of the tuning fork.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unison pentatonic exercises.</li> <li>Sol-fa and letter names in the treble and bass clefs.</li> <li>Use of the tuning fork.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solfa and letter names in the treble and bass clefs in pentatony and diatony in simple form.</li> <li>Use of tuning fork.</li> </ul>
<b>Part Work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple two-part exercises and canons</li> <li>Introduction to sing and play.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pentatonic scales against a tonic drone.</li> <li>Simple sing and play exercises.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pentatonic scales against a drone or simple melodic ostinato</li> <li>Ensemble performance of canons and exercises.</li> <li>Sing and play canons and exercises</li> </ul>
<b>Harmony</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple two-part exercises including work with harmonic pillar tones (d-s, l-m)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diatonic harmony in Major and Minor keys using primary triads</li> <li>Diatonic triads in root position in Major and Harmonic minor scales</li> </ul>
<b>Memory and Dictation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorisation of simple melodic and rhythmic patterns up to 16 beats</li> <li>Simple melodic dictation using tetra-tonic or pentatonic tone sets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorisation of longer melodic and rhythmic patterns up to 8 bars.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorisation of longer melodic and rhythmic patterns up to 12 bars</li> <li>Simple 2 part rhythmic and melodic dictation</li> </ul>
<b>Creative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvisation using known rhythmic and melodic vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvisation using known rhythmic and melodic vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvisation using known rhythmic and melodic vocabulary</li> </ul>

**Assessment Tasks:** To be set and determined by the lecturer. Assessment types will include – PERFORMING: 1) Individual technical work and part-work (sing and play on piano keyboard), 2) Ensemble (singing in parts); and AURAL/VISUAL ANALYSIS: 3) Written Test. Repertoire for assessment will be specified for each level, with assessment tasks differentiated accordingly.

Assessment will be marked according to the following matrix (sourced from the Australian Kodály Certificate Curriculum 2013).

### Aural and Visual Analysis

High Distinction	Distinction	Credit	Pass	Fail
The student identifies and notates with no, or very few inaccuracies, consistently	The student identifies and notates with few inaccuracies, that do not affect the overall shape and function	The student identifies and notates with some inaccuracies but maintains the general character,	The student identifies and notates with many inaccuracies that may alter the shape and function of the	The student rarely identifies and notates with accuracy and significantly alters the overall shape and



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### Performing

High Distinction	Distinction	Credit	Pass	Fail
<p>The student demonstrates an accurate, fluent performance that shows consistent technical proficiency.</p> <p>The student performs expressively, demonstrating a strong sense of the style, effectively communicating the mood and character of the music.</p>	<p>The student demonstrates an accurate, fluent performance that shows substantial technical proficiency.</p> <p>The student performs expressively, with good awareness of the style, communicating the mood and character of the music.</p>	<p>The student demonstrates a mainly accurate and fluent performance with technical proficiency.</p> <p>The student performs with some expression and awareness of style, and generally communicates the mood and character of the piece.</p>	<p>The student demonstrates a reasonably accurate performance and adequate technical proficiency.</p> <p>The student communicates some of the style and character of the music.</p>	<p>The student demonstrates an inconsistent or incoherent performance with frequent inaccuracies/ lapses in performance.</p> <p>The student communicates little or none of the style and character of the music.</p>