

The Hiccupatamus

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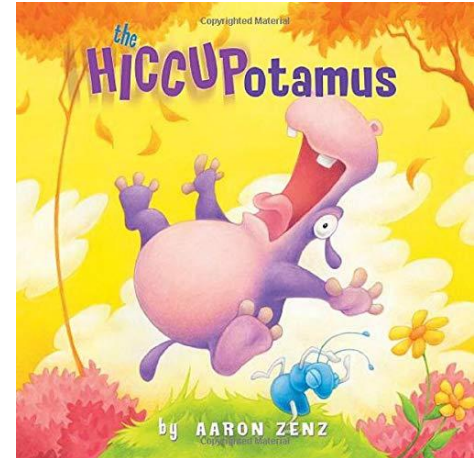
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Course/Subject: General Music

Objectives: Bordun, 6/8 meter

Materials: Book, variety of unpitched percussion instruments, barred instruments, Hippo puppet (optional), visuals of each verse for group/partner work



Process:

- Start by singing the book (with hippo puppet if you'd like)
 - I like to take pictures or screenshots of the book so I can put them in a powerpoint. It makes it a little easier to use the puppet as well.
 - Sing slowly, there are lots of words!
 - Include the "hiccups" between each verse (see arrangement below). Encourage students to "hiccup" with you.
- Students prepare the drone by patting on lap, speaking, "They won't stop." Transfer to barred instruments. Teacher plays "hiccups on glockenspiel" while students play.
- Teach "hiccups" on barred instruments. It should already be in their head from when you introduced the book.
- Split class into groups or partners. Each group or partner gets an assigned verse to sing and chooses an unpitched percussion instrument to play after their verse. Examples: vibraslap, ratchet, slapstick, drums, tambourine, etc.
- Perform with unpitched percussion instruments and barred instruments.

Song:

- The song below shows lyrics for the first page and last few pages of the book.

The Hiccupotamus

Lyrics adapted from "The Hiccupotamus" by Aaron Zenz

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Use this melody for each page in the book.

Voice: There was a hip-po-po - ta-mus

Glockenspiel: Hic! Hic!

Xylophone: Hic! Hic!

Xylophone: They won't stop! They won't stop! They won't stop!

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Voice: Who hic-cupped quite-a-lot - a - mus And

Glk.: Hic! Hic!

Xyl.: Hic! Hic!

Xyl.: They won't stop! They won't stop! They won't stop!

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Voice: then at last a mir - a - cle! His hic-cups, so se-vere - ac - le

Glk. Hic! Hic!

Xyl.

Xyl. They won't stop! They won't stop! They won't stop!

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Voice: Just didn't - t re-ap-pear - a - cle

Glk.

Xyl. Hic! Hic!

Xyl. They won't stop! They won't stop!

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Voice: He grinned from ear to ear - a - cle. Until... HIC!... Hic! Hic! Hic! Hic! The

Glk.: Hic! Hic! Hic! Hic! The

Xyl.: Hic! Hic! Hic! Hic! The

Xyl.: They won't stop! Hic! Hic! Hic! Hic! The

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Voice: end!

Glk.: end!

Xyl.: end!

Xyl.: end!