

# Fremont Elementary School Music Docent Program Program Outline & Instructions

## The Music Docent Curriculum

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### Lower Grades\*:

#### *Mr. McSymphony*

The curriculum begins with the Mr. McSymphony program. There are 5 lessons with accompanying CDs to play the music. The narrative of each lesson is on a PDF file on the Music Docent Flash Drive. Please feel to use it verbatim, or to make it your own to whatever degree you feel comfortable.

A complete Music Docent flash drive can be found in the Music Docent cart drawer for in-class use. If used it MUST be returned to the drawer when finished.

Note: The McSymphony music can be played in several different ways depending on your preference

1. Using the CDs which are in the Music Docent Cart drawer
2. MP3 files on the Flash Drive can be imported to your personal music device.
3. There are also CD quality Audio files in the same folder on the drive. (But the overall sound quality of the music examples is pretty low to start with...)
4. Loadable iTunes folder on the Flash Drive, and instructions (*iTunes how to open.pdf*) as to how to open it on your computer. This is a way of opening iTunes on your own computer with the Mr. McSymphony playlists already set-up.

### Upper Grades\*:

#### *Classical Music Journey for Young People ("CMJ")*

This part of the curriculum is entirely presented on PowerPoint presentations. The docent will need to arrange for a computer to project the presentations. The classroom teacher should have a computer with PowerPoint installed and can assist, but the Docent might prefer to set up and use their personal laptop,

if available. You should be able to run the presentation straight off the flash drive, but you might get better performance by loading the file onto the computer directly.

If you do not have PowerPoint on your personal computer you can download the free PowerPoint Player here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=13>

There are some teachers guides on the Music Docent flash drive in the “CMJ Documents” folder. The teacher's user guide (*A Classical Musical Journey for Young People.pdf*) is password protected and the password is “cama” to open it and “cama123” if you want to print any pages.

\*Please note:

As we phase in the curriculum all students will start with McSymphony and only get a certain way through the program. In its first year the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will only just get a start and the kindergarteners will be the only group that, over the next 7 years, will get the whole program. By the fall of 2019 all students will be on the standard curriculum schedule.

The phase in curriculum schedule, year by year, can be found in the Music Docent Files “Curriculum Matrix.pdf” and “Curriculum Plan.pdf”.

With both Mr. McSymphony and with CMJ it is HIGHLY recommended that you look carefully over the teachers guides, run through the PowerPoint presentations, even practice with the cart if you can, before going in to teach a Music Docent lesson. This is not something you can jump in and do unprepared.

### Which Lesson am I teaching?

The Music Docent Schedule will note which lesson you are teaching, i.e. Sixth grade, Lesson 2. Look at the *Curriculum Plan.pdf* for the current school year and you will see that, for example, in 2014-2015 Sixth Grade Lesson 2 is “CMJ 1, unit 4. Find “CMJ Volume 1/CMJ 1-4.pptx” on the flash drive and you’re all set.