Title of Unit: Ostinato Creations

## Critical Learning

Songs in many cultures are played as hand-games and rock-passing games.

Body percussion accompaniments for a song can be played on the beat.

Accompaniments can be created with notes of different lengths

## Guiding Questions

What are some different ways to keep the beat in a singing game?
What happens when body percussion accompaniments are added to a song?
What effect does adding a tuned percussion accompaniment have?

Learning Goals
By the end of the lesson

## I can

- move to different rhythm patterns on a signal
- read, say and perform rhythm notes ta, ti-ti and ta-ah to a steady beat while a song is being sung


## Curriculum Expectations

C1. Creating and Performing: apply the creative process to create and perform music for a variety of purposes, using the elements and techniques of music.

C1.1 sing unison songs in tune and/or play simple melodies and accompaniments for music from a wide variety of cultures, styles and historical periods
C1.2 apply the elements of music when singing, playing an instrument and moving.
C1.3 create simple compositions for a specific purpose and a familiar audience
C1.4 use tools and techniques of musicianship in musical performances.

## Instructional Components



## Materials <br> Song, "Tue Tue"- Teacher Resource 1 <br> White board/chart paper, markers <br> BLM 1 Rhythm cards: (1 enlarged set for whole class instruction; smaller sets for student use) <br> BLM 2 Beat Map <br> pitched percussion instruments, e.g., alto xylophone, bass xylophone non-pitched percussion instruments, e.g., temple blocks (or 3 instruments with different timbres/pitch levels)

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Lesson \#2
Approximately 40 minutes

## Minds On

Approximately 10 minutes
Review "Tue Tue" with bordun (Low D and A played together on a pitched percussion instrument).

Teacher plays a different temple block (or 3 different instruments) to represent each of 3 different movements students will perform: one sound for 'walk'/playing quarter notes; a different sound for 'down/up'/ playing half notes; and a third sound for 'jog'/playing eighth notes.

As the teacher plays the rhythm pattern and representative sound (one at a time), the students say the action word, e.g., " jogging" then jog to the eighth note patterns around the room.

Teacher then changes the sound/rhythm pattern and the students change the speech and movement.

Continue to practice having students listen and change movements when signaled by a change in rhythm pattern and temple block/instrument sound (timbre).

Teacher Tip: Skills of moving to rhythm patterns, and changing on a signal take time to develop; practice these skills frequently.

## Action!

On the board/chart paper draw four boxes to represent four beats. Question students: What note is represented by the walk? (ta). How many beats are in "walk"? (1)
Draw the note (8) on the white board in the $1^{\text {st }}$ box and write 'ta' (an oral prompt) above the note.

What notes are represented by jogging? (ti-ti) How many beats are in jogging? (1). Add the notation and the 'oral prompts' to the chart ( $2^{\text {nd }} b o x$ ).

How many ta's are in down/up? (2) Introduce the new term 'ta-ah'. If the ta-ah has 2 ta's in it, how many beats is it? (2)
Draw the new note in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ boxes, and shows it lasts for 2 beats.
Write the symbols for ta $\downarrow$, ti-ti $\sqrt{\square}$, and ta-ah $\delta$ on the board. Match the rhythm values with the words 'pass', 'neighbours' and 'stones'. Have students discover that the

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## Assessment as

Learning (AaL)
Teacher observes
students'
movements and
gives feedback
about how
accurately students' movements match the 3 rhythm patterns played.

## Assessment for Learning (AfL)

 Observe how accurately students are able to read the new rhythmic patterns and keep a steady beat.ta and ti-ti last for 1 beat, and ta-ah lasts for 2 beats.
Teacher Tip: help students understand that this is the element of duration - the length of notes. When clapping ta-ah, hold hands together and move them from left to right to show how the length of ta-ah is 2 beats.

Hold up individual rhythm cards; students call out the oral prompt/time name and clap the corresponding note values. Combine the cards to create 4-beat patterns that students 'say and clap'.

## Consolidation <br> Approximately 10 minutes

Half the class sings the song "Tue Tue"; half patsches/say "stone" (ta). Switch roles.
Repeat the process with ta-ah: half the class sings; half patsches/say "pass" (ta-ah).
Repeat the process again with ti-ti: half the class sings; half patsches/say "neighbor" (ti-ti)

Reflect: Which rhythm did you feel was the most effective with the song? Why? Which was the most challenging to perform with the song? Why? What other words could be used to represent ta, ta-ah, and ti-ti?

Extension: Provide students with sets of cards from BLM 2; students create 4-beat rhythmic patterns they can read and perform in a variety of ways, e.g., with body percussion.

## Assessment of Learning (AoL)

Observe student's accurate naming and performing of note values.

