

# Striking the right note in schools



## Students access State Library music collection online

THE sound files and music scores housed in the State Library of Queensland's Music Queensland collection will be available to students in a series of music Raps titled *Illuminating Australian Music*.

The Rap series, which will be launched next Term, encourages the use of ICT in the classroom and is the result of a partnership between the State Library of Queensland and Education Queensland.

Brisbane South Learning Place mentor Bronwyn White said students could draw on the digitised music resources housed at the State Library and use MP3 players, iPods and digital cameras to respond to activities.

'These Raps can be adapted for use in any classroom setting,' Ms White said.

'Each Rap has a prepared collection of four higher-order thinking Rap points based on The Arts and SOSE curriculum.

'The prepared activities involve students in discussion, collaboration and debate, in identifying issues and developing concepts.

'They also offer the opportunity to showcase their use of new and innovative technology in an online environment.'

*Illuminating Australian Music* focuses on Australia's, and in particular Queensland's, musical heritage, featuring the State Library of Queensland's database of digitised sheet music and sound recordings produced prior to 1930.

The themes for the Illuminating Rap series include: Aussie Heroes, My Place, Patriotism, Queensland

Life, Social Dance, The Art of Song (sheet music cover art) and War.

The original musical composition *Illumination*, by Brisbane composer Sean O'Boyle, which was commissioned especially for the opening celebrations of the new State Library of Queensland, will have a Rap focus.

Participating students also may be offered the opportunity to showcase their Illuminating Australian Music Rap compositions at live performances and installations at the new State Library of Queensland.

### TIPS

#### Make an instrument (02698h)

This resource includes an activity in which students make a musical instrument. Students learn how to construct a shaker, bottle top tambourine and a drum. This activity sheet is part of Prep/Year 1 – unit provided by the Distance Learning Unit.

#### Experimental music (02941)

This unit guides students to understand digital music, develop analysis skills and introduce the techniques for keyboard and computer-mediated learning. Complete with plan, activity rotation, assessment, student work sheets and examples this unit provides students with an understanding of the process of creating music.

#### Publish your own music CD (02082)

Students analyse music videos for message, symbolism and effect on

a target audience. They then form their own group and write songs, produce and edit their own music/video CD and design packaging and marketing strategies.

### EduSites

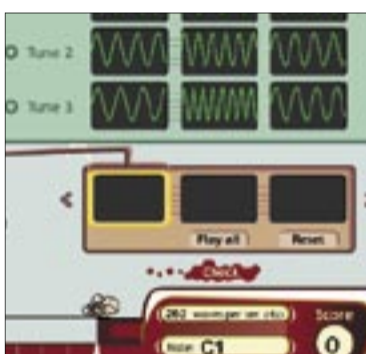
#### MusicAustralia

A collaboration between the National Library and the National Film and Sound Archive, this website aims to provide a single access point for music of interest to Australians.

#### Sounds like???

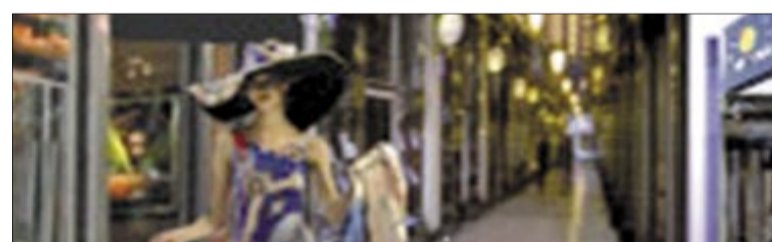
In this online music module, students are asked to be aliens from Planet Xanthropia, which has no musical instruments. After researching instruments from a range of cultures students design and manufacture instruments to take home.

### TLF Learning objects from The Le@rning Federation (TLF)



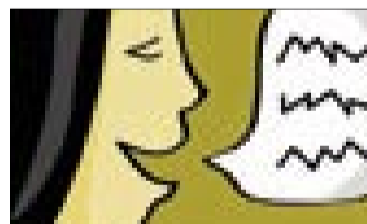
*Making music (series): Free play (L1193), Match that sound (L1194), Match that tune (L1195), Make a tune (L1196).*

Users make musical notes by plucking a string and exploring how vibrations create pressure waves through the air. Relationships between string length, musical pitch and wave frequency may be explored. (A combination package is L1192.)



#### Sonic space: future mall (L886)

Create a soundscape from noises such as synthesised voices and electronic music in a futuristic shopping mall. One in a series of six.



### TLF digital resources

#### O For the Wings of a Dove, c1923 (R810)

This Mendelssohn song was recorded by Dame Nellie Melba, the famous Australian soprano.

#### Six traditional nursery rhymes (R826)

Made in Australia in 1930, this sound recording features *Oranges and Lemons, Pussycat, Pussycat, This Little Pig, London Bridge, Old King Cole* and *Simple Simon*.



### Upcoming events

#### Online Animation Festival (February–June)

Celebrate the art of animation. Participate in animation workshops and showcase your students' work in the animation rap.  
February 24 - Basic Flash  
March 3 - Interactive Flash  
March 10 - Stop Frame animation

For the latest information visit the Learning Place.

#### Technology, Furniture and Architecture Design Challenge

Design architecture and furniture for a 21st Century classroom! \$5000 worth of ICT resources and a prototype for the winning design.

For details and other PD opportunities visit [www.learningplace.com.au/ea/licsunshinecoast](http://www.learningplace.com.au/ea/licsunshinecoast)

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