

Group exercise with all musical elements

Material: 4 different colored sheets (A4), a keyboard for each student (not mandatory)

- Choose a familiar song and sing it with the group - lyrics and music visible on the board (here the song is Sirkuskulkue)
- 2. Go through the rhythm and time signature of the song
- Go through possible difficult passages
- 4. Each student writes down 4 different rhythm patterns of their own choosing on the A4-sheets
- 5. Then they choose in total 2 or 3 musical terms to add on a few of the sheets (eg. Allegro, Crescendo, Ritardando)
- 6. Each student arranges the rhythm sheets in an order of their choosing
- 7. ...and then reads the rhythms with their rhythm-names
- 8. Then everyone reads the rhythm together (each of them is different) first without and then with body percussion (see video 'Tips for body percussion')
- 9. It's time to add the melody to the rhythm we go through the primary chords (tonic and dominant).
- 10. Each student decides which note (of the keyboard) corresponds to each rhythmsheet and they learn to play it independently
- 11. Play the rhythm together with everyone
- 12. Sing the song together with everyone!

Have fun!

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