### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

(Pupils should know/understand/be able to do/be aware of by the end of the lesson)

- Learn about CONCORDS and DISCORDS and how film music composers have used DISCORDS in their SOUNDTRACKS to create a mood of tension and suspense
- To plan and compose a SOUNDTRACK to a Horror Movie using a STORYBOARD using a DISCORD and choosing suitable sounds to create an effect

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

(The evidence to show that pupils have achieved the learning objectives)

### Level 3/4 (working towards) All Pupils:

Perform one of the parts of a "musical discord"

Create a basic "horror movie" soundtrack using appropriate sounds and sound effects ordering and sequencing sounds with some sense of effect and timing

## Level 4/5 (working at) Most Pupils

Describe the "musical difference" between the sound of a concord and discord

Create a more effective "horror movie" soundtrack using a prerehearsed given "discord" at some point, combining this with other sounds and sound sources and recording ideas appopriately

### Level 6/7+ (working beyond/GAT) Some Pupils:

Perform both left and right hand parts of a "musical discord" individually commenting on the effect of the sound of the chord Identify and describe musical devices and elements used by film music composers when creating soundtracks for "horror" films Use these devices and elements in their own soundtracks for "horror" films creating an intended effect with careful timing skills

# **LESSON STRUCTURE**

Starter Activity

Sore Main Activities

#### NC KS3 POS

Creepy Chords! – <u>Presentation 5</u> & <u>Starter/Plenary 4</u> & <u>Audio 16</u> & <u>MIDI 11</u>
Distribute <u>Starter/Plenary 4</u> (<u>Presentation 5 Slide 1</u>) on keyboards/desks as pupils enter the classroom. Pupils work in pairs in a practical starter activity in stages/steps to learn to perform two chords.

- a) Performing the chord of C major (then swapping treble/bass parts)
- b) Performing the "Psycho chord" (then swapping treble/bass parts)
- c) Performing the "Psycho chord" to an offbeat rhythm pattern
- d) Increasing the **TEMPO** and performing the rhythm pattern as fast as they can and changing their keyboard voice/tone/timbre to something "creepy" or "spooky"

(5 minutes)

Play and perform confidently in a range of solo and ensemble contexts using their voice, playing instruments musically, fluently and with accuracy and expression

Use staff and other relevant notations appropriately and accurately in a range of musical styles, genres and traditions

Identify and use the inter-related dimensions of music expressively and with increasing sophistication, including use of tonalities, different types of scales and other musical devices

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# 1. Creepy Chords! Class Performing - <u>Presentation 5</u> & <u>Starter/Plenary 4</u> & <u>Audio 16</u> & <u>MIDI 11</u>

- Perform the chord of C major "as a class" to the count of 4 (<u>Presentation 5</u>
   Slide 2)
- Repeat the chord of C major "as a class" to the count of 4 x 4 times
- Swap parts and repeat
- Discuss the **MOOD/EFFECT** this chord creates *happy etc.*
- Introduce the word **CONCORD** "nice" or "happy-sounding" chord
- Perform the "Psycho chord" "as a class" to the count of 4 (<u>Presentation 5</u>
   Slide 3)
- Repeat the "Psycho chord" "as a class" to the count of 4 x 4 times
- Swap parts and repeat
- Discuss the MOOD/EFFECT this chord creates in contrast to the chord of C major – creepy, eerie, mysterious etc.
- Introduce the word **DISCORD** as a chord which sounds "tense" or "creepy" often with a "clashing" sound
- Clap the offbeat rhythm pattern from the starter activity (resting on beats 2, 4, 5 & 8) (Presentation 5 Slide 4)
- Perform the "Psycho chord" on beats 1, 3, 6 & 7 at a slow tempo "as a class"
- Repeat 4 times
- Swap parts and repeat
- Increase the tempo

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(10 minutes)

# W W W . M U S I C A L C O N T E X T S . C O . U K

# 2. Listening to film music from a "horror" film – the "Psycho" soundtrack - Presentation 5 & Video 11 & Audio 17

Assemble the class around the board at the front of the classroom. Briefly describe the storyline to the film "Psycho" from 1960 and discuss reasons for not showing the film in class re certification policies! (Presentation 5 Slide 6) Watch the opening titles from Video 11 (Presentation 5 Slide 7) and listen to the accompanying soundtrack to "Psycho" listening out for the DISCORDS pupils learned during the starter activity, the contrast in MOOD during the "sigh theme" and how the piece rises in PITCH towards the end increasing tension. Also point out how the soundtrack "matches" the 'jarred' and 'distorted' text of the titles as they appear. Discuss with the class: (Presentation 5 Slide 8)

- What instruments were mainly used during the opening titles of the soundtrack to "Psycho"? (Strings/Violins)
- What effect did the use of the **DISCORDS** have on the soundtrack when listening? (Increased tension, set the "mood" for a horror film, something is about to happen!)

Next, listen to the "slasher" theme from "Psycho" on <u>Audio 17</u> (<u>Presentation 5 Slide 9)</u> discussing how it's used as the heroine is stabbed and murdered in the shower. Ask pupils to listen out for:

- What instruments are being used for this **THEME**? (Strings/Violins again)
- How are they being played? ("violently" almost like laughing!)
- What happens to the PITCH? (starts off extremely HIGH and gradually gets LOWER and LOWER as she dies and the body falls over the bath)

Show the score of the "slasher" theme and explain how **DISCORDS** are used again to create a mood of tension and "horror" before playing the "slasher" theme again. Briefly revise what composers of soundtracks to Horror Movies need to think about in their music: (**Presentation 5 Slide 10**)

- Choice of instruments and sounds (strings often used)
- PITCH (contrasts of extreme HIGH and LOW PITCH
- DISCORDS (chords with notes that "clash" when played creating tension and anticipation e.g. the "Psycho" chord)

(10 minutes)

3. Composing a Soundtrack to a "Horror Movie" using a STORYBOARD - Presentation 5 & Worksheet 7 & Video 12 & Worksheet 8 & Video 13 & Worksheet 9 & Video 14 & Presentation 5a & Starter Plenary 4

Prior to the lesson, decide whether you are going to use a 6, 7 or 9 scene Storyboard for the following task. Different storyboards can be given to pupils of different ability levels. Presentation 5a gives a customisable version of the 'Horror Movie'.

6 scene storyboard given on Worksheet 7 & Video 12 (Presentation 5 Slide 11)

7 scene storyboard given on Worksheet 7 & Video 12 (Presentation 5 Slide 11)
7 scene storyboard given on Worksheet 8 & Video 13 (Presentation 5 Slide 12)
9 scene storyboard given on Worksheet 9 & Video 14 (Presentation 5 Slide 13)
Watch the selected "horror movie" animation from either Video 12 (Presentation 5 Slide 11), Video 13 (Presentation 5 Slide 12) or Worksheet 8 & Video 14 (Presentation 5 Slide 13), which pupils will be composing a SOUNDTRACK to, pointing out how the TIMING CLICKS appear at the beginning and then discussing the different SCENES and how each lasts for 10 seconds.

Discuss the differences between a CUESHEET (which pupils used during lesson 2 for helping them create their SOUNDTRACKS to the James Bond 'Spectre' trailer) and then distribute the appropriate STORYBOARD Worksheet 7 or Worksheet 8 or Worksheet 9 and discuss how it differs. Watch the appropriate "horror movie" again following through the SCENES on the storyboard. Set the challenge: (Presentation 5 Slide 14) Create a musical SOUNDTRACK to the class "Horror Movie" using the STORYBOARD to help in planning. Think carefully about what INSTRUMENTS and SOUNDS you are going to use in each different SCENE. Each SCENE lasts 10 SECONDS.

Your group MUST use the "PSYCHO" DISCORD Starter Plenary 4 at some point in your SOUNDTRACK!!!!!! Write down your ideas below each "story" Display Worksheet 10 (Presentation 5 Slide 15) which shows a completed Storyboard, together with keyboard "voice numbers" and instruments.

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Identify and use the inter-related dimensions of music expressively and with increasing sophistication, including use of tonalities, different types of scales and other musical devices

Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music from great composers and musicians

Develop a deepening understanding of the music that they perform and to which they listen, and its history

Improvise and compose; and extend and develop musical ideas by drawing on a range of musical structures, styles, genres and traditions

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Allow each group time to plan their sound source and instrument selection then try putting their SOUNDTRACK together before rehearsing "along with the video" using either Video 12 (Presentation 5 Slide 11), Video 13 (Presentation 5 Slide 12) or Video 14 (Presentation 5 Slide 13) including the TIMING CLICKS at the start. Record each group's performance.

(30 mins)

(5 mins)

## Watching/Listening to a range of "Horror Movie" Soundtracks at different Levels

Finish the lesson by selecting a number of appropriate examples from the Musical Contexts "IN ACTION" series modelling how a range of different "levels" approached and completed the task pupils have undertaken (this may also be used BEFORE pupils have started the task). The Pupil Audio 2 Supporting Notes gives further information about each of the files and the files are listed below. Either watch or listen to selected examples discussing effectiveness of each soundtrack and how each group used the "Psycho" Discord, other sounds, timing to the "on-screen action" and how the soundtrack created an appropriate "mood" to the "Horror Movie" genre.

Y9U2PA21 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4c example Y9U2PA22 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4b example Y9U2PA23 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4a example Y9U2PA24 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5c example Y9U2PA25 - "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5b example Y9U2PA26 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5a example Y9U2PA27 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 6+ example Y9U2PVID11 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4c example Y9U2PVID12 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4b example Y9U2PVID13 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4a example Y9U2PVID14 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5c example Y9U2PVID15 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5b example Y9U2PVID16 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5a example Y9U2PVID17 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 6+ example

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# CROSS CURRICULAR - LITERACY/ NUMERACY/CITIZENSHIP/ICT

Literacy - Role of the media in society

**Plenary** 

Media Studies - Film & Cinema; the role of music to support and enhance the moving image

Numeracy - Timing skills are important when composing film music and each scene on the storyboard must last 10 seconds

LANGUAGE FOR LEARNING - spell/use/understand Soundtrack, Genre, Tempo, Mood, Effect, Chord, Concord, Discord, Rhythm, Rhythm Pattern, Offbeat, Theme, High Pitch, Low Pitch, Storyboard, Timing Clicks, Scenes, Soundtrack, Sound Effect

### EAL/SEN/GAT

(GAT) Higher ability pupils can perform on their own instruments when creating and composing their soundtracks to their "Horror

(SEN) Lower ability pupils can be encouraged to explore the range of sounds offered by classroom percussion instruments in creating their "Horror Movie" soundtracks

### HOMEWORK SUGGESTIONS

Pupils should be asked to watch the "Film Music Revision Video" to revise all skills, knowledge and understanding on "Soundtracks" and "Film Music" for a 30 minute Listening Assessment during lesson 6. Pupils can watch this video at home from the Musical Contexts YouTube® Channel at the following link: http://youtu.be/oS8P3yWY3tM

LESSON RESOURCES - keyboards, full range of tuned and untuned classroom percussion instruments; software and projection equipment capable of playing .mp4 videos or access to the Musical Contexts YouTube® Channel; recording device

Y9U2PPT5 - Lesson 5 Presentation Y9U2A16 - The "Psycho" Discord

Y9U2VID11 - "Psycho" - Opening Title Sequence Y9U2W7 - "Horror Movie" 6-scene Storyboard

Y9U2W8 - "Horror Movie" 8-scene Storyboard Y9U2W9 - "Horror Movie" 9-scene Storyboard

Y9U2PP5a – "Horror Movie" customisable/editable Storyboard

Y9U2PA2 – Pupil Audio 2 Supporting Notes

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Y9U2PA23 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4a example Y9U2PA24 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5c example Y9U2PA25 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5b example Y9U2PA26 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5a example

Y9U2PA27 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 6+ example

Y9U2MIDI11 - The "Psycho" Discord Y9U2A17 – The "Slasher" Theme from 'Psycho' Soundtrack

Y9U2SP4 - Creepy Chords!

Y9U2VID12 - "Horror Movie" 6-scene Storyboard

Y9U2VID13 - "Horror Movie" 8-scene Storyboard Y9U2VID14 - "Horror Movie" 9-scene Storyboard

Y9U2W10 "Horror Movie" 6-scene "completed" examplar

Y9U2PVID11 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4c example Y9U2PVID12 - "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4b example Y9U2PVID13 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 4a example Y9U2PVID14 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5c example Y9U2PVID15 - "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5b example Y9U2PVID16 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 5a example Y9U2PVID17 – "Horror Movie" Soundtrack Level 6+ example