Lesson: Play It In Rhythm!
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Resources: Notion Notation Software, PS49 MIDI keyboard

NAfME Standards:
2. Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
3. Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
4. Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines.
7. Evaluating music and music performances.

Objectives: Students will learn to perform music for notation.

Procedure:
1. Discuss the importance of rhythmic accuracy in notating by performance.
2. Create a new score in Notion and select the instruments for the composition. Add a title to the song and adjust the tempo of the song for the recording.
3. Select the record button and “Start Recording”. After four metronome clicks begin playing in a melody on the PS49.
4. Look at the notation and discuss differences in the notated version and what was played. Notice how precise rhythm of the performance is essential to a clean score.
5. Try adjusting the tempo faster for a sight-reading challenge. Then, try adjusting slower for a rhythmic accuracy challenge.