

Lesson: Play It In Rhythm! Author: John Mlynczak

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.