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| **Content Area** | Music | **Grade Level** | 8th Grade |
| **Course Name/Course Code** | Performance |
| **Standard** | **Grade Level Expectations (GLE)** | **GLE Code** |
| 1. Expression of Music
 | 1. Perform music in four or more parts accurately and expressively at a minimal level of 2 to 3 on the difficulty rating scale
 | MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1 |
| 1. Perform music accurately and expressively at the minimal level of 1 to 2 on the difficulty rating scale at the first reading
 | MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.2 |
| 1. Demonstrate contrasting modalities through performance
 | MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.3 |
| 1. Creation of Music
 | 1. Create music using melodic and harmonic sequences
 | MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1 |
| 1. Arrange a simple existing composition
 | MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.2 |
| 1. Improvise over simple harmonic progressions
 | MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3 |
| 1. Theory of Music
 | 1. Transcription, and rhythmic demonstration of, multiple and changing meter signatures
 | MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1 |
| 1. Notation of level 2 compositions
 | MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.2 |
| 1. Identification of musical elements in a level 2 composition or performance
 | MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3 |
| 1. Aesthetic Valuation of Music
 | 1. Evaluation of musical performances and compositions using advanced criteria
 | MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1 |
| 1. Articulation of music’s role and cultural tradition in American history and society
 | MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2 |
| **Colorado 21st Century Skills****Critical Thinking and Reasoning:** *Thinking Deeply, Thinking Differently***Information Literacy:** *Untangling the Web***Collaboration:** *Working Together, Learning Together***Self-Direction:** *Own Your Learning***Invention:** *Creating Solutions* | The Colorado Academic Standards for Music are not intended to be taught in a linear (checklist of coverage) fashion, but rather should be implemented as a cyclical creative process. Each unit within this sample blueprint intentionally includes standards from all four music standards to illustrate this process-based philosophy. |
| **Unit Titles** | **Length of Unit/Contact Hours** | **Unit Number/Sequence** |
| Got Rhythm?  | Quarter | Instructor’s Choice |
| Of Thee I Sing | Quarter | Instructor’s Choice |
| Jump, Jive and Wail  | Quarter | Instructor’s Choice |
| Get It Together!: Synchronized Movement and Music | Instructor’s Choice | Instructor’s Choice |

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| **Unit Title** | Got Rhythm? | **Length of Unit** | Quarter |
| **Focusing Lens(es)** | Structure/Function | **Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit** | MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.2 MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.2 MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.2, MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2, MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.3 |
| **Inquiry Questions (Engaging- Debatable):**  | * How does the use of musical elements help a listener identify a piece of music as a particular genre? (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8- S.3-GLE.3)and( MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1,2)
* What general criteria might be applied to music for all cultures and genres?
* What happens to music over time?
* Why is familiarity important to preference?
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| **Unit Strands** | Expression, Creation, Theory, Aesthetic Valuation |
| **Concepts** | Style, Musical Elements (rhythm, timbre, form, pitch, dynamics, tempo), Musical Preference, Economics, Laws, Form, Time, Interaction |

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| **Generalizations****My students will Understand that…** | **Guiding Questions** **Factual Conceptual** |
| Laws for publishing music create economic opportunities for developing musical styles. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2) | What were the copyright laws of the early 20th century? How did music publishing companies attract patrons in Tin Pan Alley? | How do publishing factors influence the development of musical styles? |
| Musical forms shape individual preference through appealing to expectations. (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.2) and (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2) | What was the main musical form of music from Tin Pan Alley? What is the difference between arranging and composing? | Why is verse-refrain from appealing to listeners? |
| The time and place of a musical performance determines the interaction of performers and audiences. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1,2) | What is the performance practice of music of Tin Pan Alley?  | How does performance practice influence a performer or an audience member? How has performance practice evolved in musical performance? |
| The use musical elements reinforce how listeners recognize the genre. (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3) | What are the musical characteristics of the music of Tin Pan Alley?What are the musical characteristics of popular music? | How does the interaction of musical characteristics help the listener to identify the genre? |

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| **Critical Content:** **My students will Know…** | **Key Skills:****My students will be able to (Do)…** |
| **Possible Musical Examples: George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin, Stephen Foster, Scott Joplin, Hoagy Carmichael, Jerome Kern*** A set of criteria to determine if music is written in the Tin Pan Alley style (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1)
* The names of significant composers of Tin Pan Alley, such as George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, and Cole Porter. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* The time of and places of prominence for the style of Tin Pan Alley. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* The musical elements and form that define the musical style of Tin Pan Alley. (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1,2,3)
* The performance practice of music of Tin Pan Alley (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
 | * Sing or play an instrument in different musical styles (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1)
* Sight-read in different musical styles (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.2)
* Create an arrangement of existing compositions using different voices or instruments in a particular musical style. (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1,2)
* Read music and demonstrate rhythms in the assigned music. (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.2)
* Identify the form of a composition. (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3)
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| **A student in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can demonstrate the ability to apply and comprehend critical language through the following statement(s):**  | *The timbre and form of the music of Tin Pan Alley created a unique opportunity for the music industry in the United States during the early 20th century.* |
| **Academic Vocabulary:** | Copyright, publishers, composers, characteristics |
| **Technical Vocabulary:** | Timbre, verse-refrain form, sheet music, music industry |

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| **Unit Title** | Of Thee I Sing | **Length of Unit** | Quarter |
| **Focusing Lens(es)** | Inspiration | **Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit** | MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.2MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.2, MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.2, MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3 MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2 |
| **Inquiry Questions (Engaging- Debatable):**  | * How does a piece of music become “patriotic”? (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1,2)
* What message does music convey about historical events?
* Is text essential in conveying a patriotic message through music?
* What makes a piece of music “patriotic?”
* How much interpretation is acceptable when performing patriotic music?
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| **Unit Strands** | Expression, Creation, Theory, Aesthetic Valuation |
| **Concepts** | Tradition, Value, Musical Elements (rhythm, timbre, form, pitch, dynamics, tempo), Culture, Emotions |

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| **Generalizations****My students will Understand that…** | **Guiding Questions** **Factual Conceptual** |
| Musical traditions unite disparate cultural groups. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2) | What are the musical traditions of the American culture? Are all American musical traditions patriotic? | How does music become a tradition? |
| Musical elements express values known throughout a culture. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1; MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2) | How is patriotism displayed in American culture? What are some of the key patriotic music of the United States? | What makes music ‘patriotic’? |
| The cultural impact of musical values transforms music’s emotional influence. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1-EO) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1,2) | What emotional response does patriotic music aim to arouse?  | How does any music arouse emotion?Who decides how and what emotions are being aroused through music? |
| The time and place of a musical performance determines the interaction of performers and audiences. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1,2) | When are specific instances when patriotic music is performed? | How much interpretation is acceptable when performing patriotic music? How does performance practice influence a performer or an audience member? |

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| **Critical Content:** **My students will Know…** | **Key Skills:****My students will be able to (Do)…** |
| **Possible Musical Examples: Star-Spangled Banner; Grand Old Flag; Yankee Doodle; Chester; Stars and Stripes Forever; Civil War Era Selections** * The names of several patriotic tunes of the American culture. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* The melody and text of the Star-Spangled Banner. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and ( MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1, 2, 3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* Emotions are connected with patriotic music. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* Culture can define what is considered patriotic. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* The time and place of prominence for patriotic music. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* The performance practice of patriotic music. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
 | * Sing or play selected patriotic pieces. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1)
* Sight read patriotic music (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.2)
* Create a simple patriotic tune. (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1)
* Read music and demonstrate rhythms in the assigned music (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1,2,3)
* Develop criteria for evaluating music. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1)
* Describe the role of music in relation to patriotism. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
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| **A student in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can demonstrate the ability to apply and comprehend critical language through the following statement(s):**  | *The musical interpretation of American patriotic music conveys emotions and values of the American culture.*  |
| **Academic Vocabulary:** | Patriotic, Tradition, Value, Culture, Emotion, Lyrics, Inspiration |
| **Technical Vocabulary:** | Musical interpretation, Performance practice |

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| **Unit Title** | Jump, Jive, and Wail | **Length of Unit** | Quarter |
| **Focusing Lens(es)** | Collaboration | **Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit** | MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.3MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.2, MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3 MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.2, MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2 |
| **Inquiry Questions (Engaging- Debatable):**  | * How is music integral to cultural activities and traditions? (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1, 2, 3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2-EO)
* How do the musical elements form a style of music?
* How does improvisation promote creativity?
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| **Unit Strands** | Expression, Creation, Theory, Aesthetic Valuation |
| **Concepts** | Style, Culture, Improvisation, Tradition, Collaboration, Expression, Innovation, Musical Understanding, Relevance, Appreciation, Recognition, Band |

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| **Generalizations****My students will Understand that…** | **Guiding Questions** **Factual Conceptual** |
| The creation/innovation of a musical style enhances its relevance to the culture as a whole. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2) | When was swing music the prominent popular music in the United States? Where did jazz originate? What are some of the different types of jazz | How can we determine if a musical style is culturally relevant? |
| Collaboration enhances musical expression because it builds a sense of teamwork to successfully complete a complex task. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.2-EO) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2) | How do musicians in a swing band collaborate?  | How can musicians work together to make decisions for performanceWhy is collaboration an essential part of music performance? |
| Improvisation influences creative music traditions helping musicians to use multiple musical understanding at the same time. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2) | What is musical improvisation?How do swing musicians use improvisation?  | How does the development of listening skills enhance your ability to appreciate music |
| The use of musical elements reinforces how listeners recognize the genre. (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3) and (MU09-GR.8- S.3-GLE.3) | How do you recognize a piece of music as “swing”? How could we change a piece of traditional music into swing? | How does the development of listening skills enhance your ability to appreciate music? |
| The time and place of a musical performance determines the interaction of performers and audiences. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1,2) | What was the performance practice of swing bands in the United States in the 1930s? Today? | How does performance practice influence a performer or an audience member? |

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| **Critical Content:** **My students will Know…** | **Key Skills:****My students will be able to (Do)…** |
| **Possible Musical Examples: Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong, Brian Setzer, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy*** The names of several swing performers, composers, and arrangers of the original swing era and the more modern era. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* The way to trade solos in an improvised piece of music. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1)
* Collaboration is essential in performing music. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3)
* Culture can develop a new style of music. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1,2)
* The time and place of prominence of swing music. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* The performance practice of swing music. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
 | * Sing or play selected swing pieces. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1, 2, 3)
* Improvise a 12-bar solo. (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3)
* Transcribe a 12-bar solo. (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1)
* Read music and demonstrate rhythms in the assigned music (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1,2,3)
* Develop criteria for evaluating swing music. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1)
* Describe the role of improvisation in relation to swing music. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
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| **Academic Vocabulary:** | Culture, Collaboration, Tradition, Style |
| **Technical Vocabulary:** | Improvisation, Performance Practice, Transcribe, Trade solos, Swing |

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| **Unit Title** | Get It Together!: Synchronized Movement and Music | **Length of Unit** | Instructor Choice |
| **Focusing Lens(es)** | Synergy/Flow | **Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit** | MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1 MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.2, MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3 MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1, MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.2, MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2 |
| **Inquiry Questions (Engaging- Debatable):**  | * How can the energy, force, and mood of various kinds of music be translated into movement? (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* How can patterns and rhythms be described in both music and movement?
* How does movement enhance an audience’s experience of music?
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| **Unit Strands** | Expression, Creation, Theory, Aesthetic Valuation |
| **Concepts** | Pattern, Technique, Rhythm, Style, Energy, Force, Expressions, Emotions, Shape, Improvisation, Movement, Relevance |

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| **Generalizations****My students will Understand that…** | **Guiding Questions** **Factual Conceptual** |
| The energy, force, and flow of music expressed through synchronized movement enhance the musical expression. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1,2,3) | What movements are appropriate and correspond to a marching band/jazz choir performance?At what types of performances would it be appropriate to pair music and movement?  | What kind of energy and force is present in this music and how can they be translated to movement? What are the considerations of improvising movement for a soloist versus an ensemble? What sounds and patterns can we improvise for various kinds of music that will be relevant to an audience? |
| Musical and movement technique demonstrate structured or improvised pattern, rhythms, and shapes. (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.1,3) | What vocabulary can be used to describe the patterns, rhythms, and shapes of both music and movement? What patterns, rhythms and shapes of movement can (insert ensemble type) use? | What patterns, rhythms, and shapes (forms) can be found in this music that correlate to movement? Why is improvisation important to know, both in music and movement? How is improvisation a form of problem-solving? |
| The style and emotion of music directs corresponding movements to create a cohesive performance. (MU09-GR.8-S.2-GLE.2) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1,2) | What style is this music and what corresponding movements can be created? What emotions does this music convey and what corresponding movements can be created? | What criteria can we apply to the correlation of music and movement? |
| Particular techniques utilize both playing/singing music and making expressive, synchronized movement. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1,2,3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3) | What musical skills/techniques are required to play this music? How can an ensemble effectively coordinate movements for effective performance? | How can different techniques of playing music and movement affect the impact of the performance?  |

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| **Critical Content:** **My students will Know…** | **Key Skills:****My students will be able to (Do)…** |
| **Possible Musical Examples: 8th Grade Ensemble with Movement*** Vocabulary terms for describing the style and mood of a piece of music and for movements (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1)
* Kinds of movements appropriate to the music, ensemble, and performance setting. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* Techniques required for performing different music effectively. (MU09-GR.8-S.1-GLE.1,2,3)
* Techniques required for performing movements effectively. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
 | * Describe using appropriate vocabulary the style and content of a piece of music. (MU09-GR.8-S.3-GLE.3) and (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.1)
* Create movements by responding to the style and mood of a piece of music. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
* Perform movements using appropriate technique synchronized with the ensemble. (MU09-GR.8-S.4-GLE.2)
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| **Academic Vocabulary:** | Movement, technique, emotion, mood, criteria, ensemble, performance, correspond, relevant |
| **Technical Vocabulary:** | Pattern, rhythm, style, space, time, energy, force, expression, emotions, order, form, line, shape, improvisation |