



LESSON PLAN

Target Grade - 5th grade

Objective:

Students will distinguish among a variety of musical timbres, including those of woodwind, brass, string, percussion, keyboard, electronic instruments, and instruments of various cultures. Students will prepare to attend the Boerne Performing Arts performance.

TEKS Addressed:

Foundations: Music Literacy -- Students will distinguish among a variety of musical timbres, including those of woodwind, brass, string, percussion, keyboard, electronic instruments, and instruments of various cultures.

Critical Evaluation and Response -- Students will be expected to exhibit audience etiquette during live and recorded performances; evaluate a variety of compositions, and formal or informal musical performances using specific criteria; and justify personal preferences for specific music works and styles using music vocabulary.

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Over the past 50 years, The Canadian Brass have performed on five continents and sold over 2 million albums worldwide! This internationally acclaimed quintet will return to Boerne, but this time to perform jubilant arrangements of beloved Christmas songs. The Canadian Brass will bring holiday cheer showcasing their virtuosity, spontaneity, and sense of jocular humor. Along with Christmas classics, “the men who put brass music on the map” bring their trademark mix of genres to *Ring in the holidays with a Special Christmas celebration like no other!* (from <https://boerneperformingarts.com/artist-info/>)

1. Watch promo video of Canadian Brass: [Canadian Brass Promo Video](#)
2. As students watch the promo video, students will take note of different kinds of brass instruments.
3. Discuss audience manners, expectations on and off the bus, expectations as enter and exit CHS, expectations of dealing with BPA members and other teachers.
4. Review the Instruments of Orchestra: [Review of Instruments of the Orchestra/Brass Family](#) (resource provided by The Kennedy Center: [full resource](#))
 - Use the resource The Kennedy Center Instrument Spotters Guide to review instruments in the orchestra.
 - Use the Capture Sheet to review facts and characteristics about brass instruments.
 - Play the game Perfect Pitch to review concepts.



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Assignment:

Upon return from performance, students will be expected to report and discuss:

- *Favorite Song
- *Favorite Performer/Instrument
- *Recommendation to 5th graders that will attend in future years