

# COMPOSER CURSES

## PURPOSE

1. Introduce students to classical composers by teaching them the most memorable parts of famous works they can later show-off to friends and family.
2. Enhance skills of counting out loud, playing with a metronome, feeling rhythm, articulation and dynamics.
3. Learn how the recording process works.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Students will choose one of two songs from the following composers, in this order:

Frederic Chopin  
George Handel  
Peter Tchaikovsky  
Richard Wagner  
Aaron Copland

**COMPOSER COLLECTOR CARD:** The student will earn the composer's collector card when they successfully learn the excerpt from the song they have chosen by playing the correct notes, rhythm, steady beat, and the extras as appropriate for their level.

**COMPOSER CURSE REWARD CARD:** After the student has earned the composer's collector card, they will practice the challenge assigned to the composer. Once they have successfully completed the challenge they will select a Composer Curse and attempt to play the song with that curse during their lesson. This will automatically earn them a Composer Curse Reward Card.

## REWARDS & AWARDS

**Special Award** – Each student who earns a trading card for all 5 composers will receive a special award at the Spring Recital.

**Composer Curses CD** – Each student who earns a Composer Curse Reward card for each composer AND continues to maintain all 5 composer songs until April 1<sup>st</sup> will get to record their very own CD of those songs.

**Grand Champion(s) Medals** – Those students who earn 5 Composer Curse Reward cards first will receive Grand Champion medals.