

MelodyWave[®] Instrument Educational Resource

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Why the MelodyWave[®] Instrument?

The MelodyWave[®] Instrument is an exciting new cutting-edge instrument. Its very newness intrigues students and invites them to become involved in making music. Many students are already familiar with computers and electronic games and will eagerly extend that interest to playing the MelodyWave[®] Instrument. Learning music will be interesting and challenging when the MelodyWave[®] Instrument is the instrument of choice. It is easy to play, and can be played equally well by younger and smaller students because the lightweight batons are easily manipulated. Little maintenance is required other than periodic recharging of the batons. The MelodyWave[®] Instrument is inviting for student and teacher alike.

The extensive library of General MIDI 1 and 2 sounds makes the MelodyWave[®] Instrument appropriate for a wide variety of classroom and music room lessons. With the MelodyWave[®] Instrument students have the opportunity to hear all of the instruments of the symphony orchestra. Are you studying music of the 50s and 60s? Many folk, rock, and jazz instrument sounds are included as well. If you are looking for ways to effectively expose your students to music from many cultures, the MelodyWave[®] Instrument can help by providing voices such as sitar, shamisan, and koto. Electronic sounds like crystal, atmosphere, and goblins provide options for creating soundtracks for video presentations or other composition projects. The combinations and applications are numerous.

Drama presentations and readings are often more engaging for audience and participant alike when authentic and appealing sound effects are added. Create a storm by using thunder, rain, and wind sounds. Convince your audience you are in the heart of downtown with the sounds of cars, sirens, trains, and helicopters. Birds and dogs can be part of your presentation as well. You can even create space scenes using starship and lasergun sounds. Have you been wanting to start a percussion ensemble? One setting allows each baton to become a different indefinite pitch percussion instrument. You and your students have a wide array of possibilities for composing and creating music and sound effects.

For the teacher, the MelodyWave[®] Instrument offers versatility that meets many needs. You can set it up as a music lab for teaching musical concepts and skills or for group projects in composition. Because it can be set up or configured in different ways, you can also put it to work in the regular classroom, gym, or stage. The MelodyWave[®] Instrument is effective alone as a performance instrument. If you are missing instruments in your band or orchestra, it can be used to cover the missing parts.

There are technical features of the MelodyWave[®] Instrument that also make your life easier. It has a wide dynamic range. In addition to having appeal for use in

dramas and readings, this range makes it highly effective for use with voices—especially the lighter voices found in elementary and junior high choirs. Students can readily learn to play musically sensitive performances because it is easy to learn and use the wide range of dynamics that can be produced by the MelodyWave® Instrument. The light weight of the batons makes it a good choice for presenting music from antiphonal, surround, processional and recessional configurations.

Portability and durability are features that appeal to many teachers and students alike. You can play indoors, outdoors, and in rooms of various sizes. The sturdy cases and durable batons are perfect for student use and ideal for transportation. Because of the size of the various components, a car is often sufficient for transporting your equipment. It is easy to move the MelodyWave® Instrument to the gym or another performance space. Even most young students can help carry the various cases. No special tables, gloves, or stands are needed. Transport only what is necessary for the performance.

The MelodyWave® Instrument is exciting for students and versatile for teachers. Your music classes, performance groups, and regular classrooms can all make use of the many features it provides. Portability makes it something you can share with your community as well as your student body. Your circumstances and creativity will certainly suggest many more ways to use the MelodyWave® Instrument.