

Taka...what?

Why?

When?



What?

Who?

Where?

Takadimi

In the Choral Classroom

- 🎵 lead to accuracy & musicality
- 🎵 require & reflect an understanding of rhythmic structure, metric & rhythmic interaction, awareness of beats & attacks
- 🎵 facilitate aural recognition & identification of rhythmic patterns & metric divisions
- 🎵 provide a precise & consistent language
- 🎵 address asymmetric meters, changes in meter/tempo, complex syncopations, complex tuples groupings
- 🎵 be easily applied & a tool for life-long use

(Hoffman, Pelto, & White, 1996)

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Beat Orientation
Metric Orientation

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McHose-Tibbs	1	2 te	3 la li	4 ta te ta
Kodály	ta	ti ti	tri o la	ti ka ti ka
Gordon	du	du de	du da di	du ta de ta
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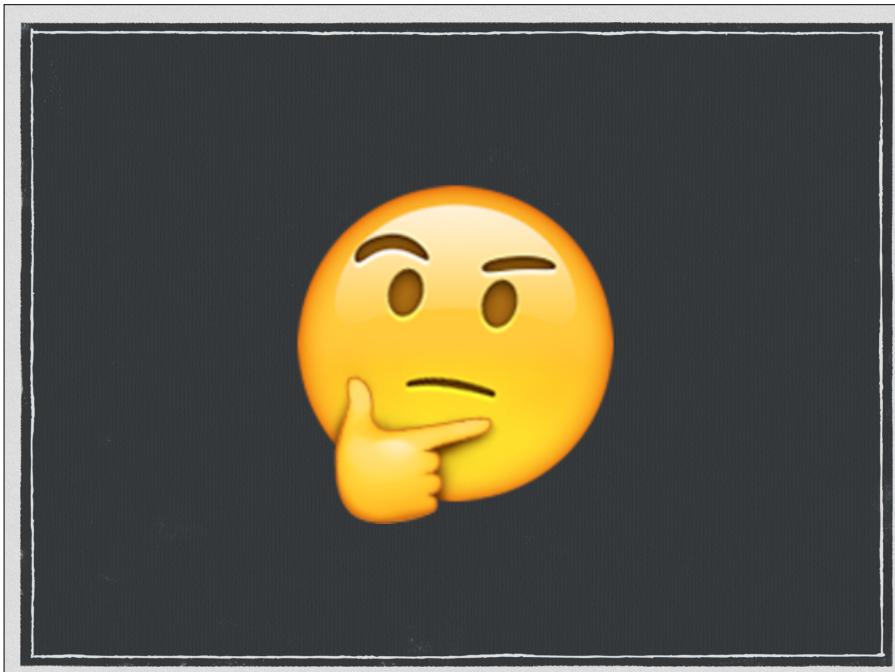


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emphasize beat or pattern

vs.

**emphasize counting
within the measure**



Sound-before-Sight-before-Theory

Let's talk!

...also, the "simple struggle."

Let's DO!

Takadimi + MLT

macrobeats

what we might call “steady beat”
or the pulse

microbeats

shorter beats created by
division of macrobeats (typically
into 2 or 3 equal microbeats)

meter

way in which macrobeats
are divided and paired

(<http://giml.org/mlt/lسا-rhythmcontent/>)

Let's DO!

Takadimi + MLT

Skill Learning
Sequence

Teacher Gives

Students Respond

Imitation on a
neutral syllable

neutral

neutral

Imitation using
assigned syllables

syllable

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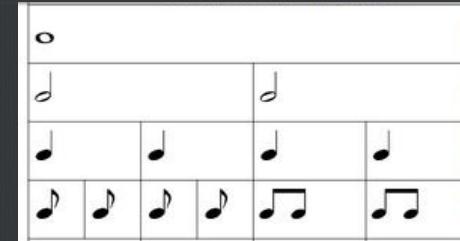
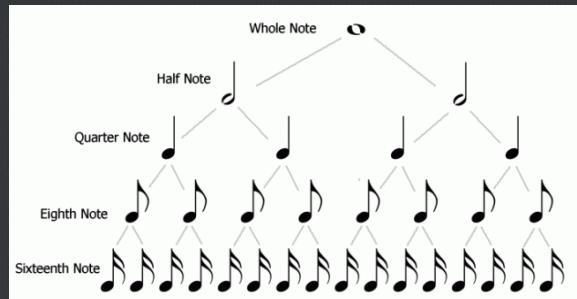
Aural-Oral
labeling

neutral



syllable

(<http://giml.org/mlt/lسا-sls/>)



The Basics (Duple)

Time sig.	Beat	Division	Subdivision
e.g. 2 3 4 2 2 2			
e.g. 2 3 4 4 4 4			
e.g. 2 3 4 8 8 8			

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Common Beat-Length Patterns (Duple)



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The Basics (Triple)

Time sig.	Beat	Division	Subdivision
e.g. 6 9 12 4 4 4	♩. ta	♩ ♩ ♩	♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩
e.g. 6 9 12 8 8 8	♩. ta	♩ ♩ ♩	♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩
e.g. 6 9 12 16 16 16	♪. ta	♪ ♪ ♪	♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

The Basics

Beat	Division	Subdivision
$\text{d}.$ ta	d d d ta ki da	d d d d d d ta va ki di da ma
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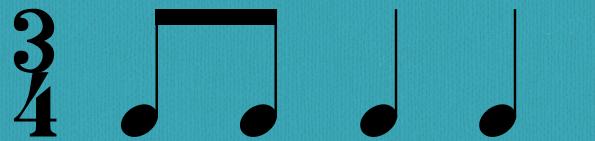
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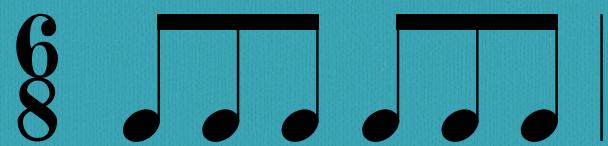
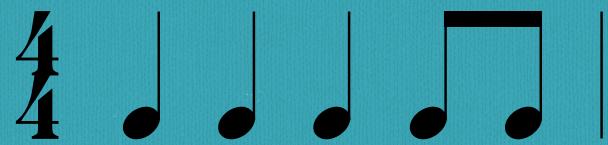
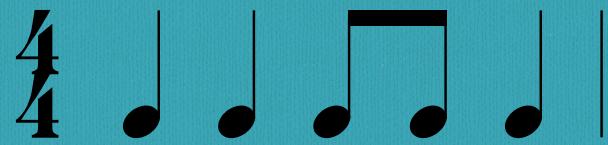
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I intentionally am NOT starting with 4/4.



Macro, Micro, & Meter





Introducing a New Beat Pattern

Teacher Gives

Students Respond

neutral

neutral

syllable

syllable

neutral

syllable

Introducing a New Beat Pattern





Dictation

Teacher Gives	Students Respond
neutral	neutral
syllable	syllable
neutral	star

Sound-before-Sight-before-Theory

THERE'S MORE!

Like rests and dots
and compound meter and borrowed meter
and changing meters and musical memory and games
and improv and dictation and composition
and, and, and all the things!

...but that's a different session.

Teaching with Takadimi

sound before sight

play with rhythm

multi-task

be expressive

don't forget compound meter



Review & Reminders

- Beat Orientation vs. Metric Orientation
- We like to **move it, move it!**
 - Macro, Micro, & Meter
- Simple + Compound = an unexpected **love** affair
- Sound. Then Sight. Then Theory.
 - **THEORY IS LAST!**
 - Does a quarter note reeeeally get one beat?
- Any system is better than no system...
 - ...so long as it is used **systematically**.

Thank you!

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