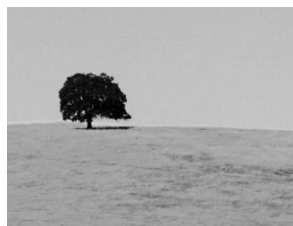




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**Convention Theme
Sounds of Nature**

The Theme topic for Conventions in 2016 and 2017 is Sounds of Nature: a combination of different elements and sounds inspired by nature and the out-of-doors.

- Music may **bear the title of the Sounds of Nature**, such as The Storm by Burgmüller or Butterfly by Grieg for piano, Flight of the Bumblebee for violin, Lilacs for voice, Three Lakes Sonata for flute, pieces or songs about rainbows, stars, moonlight, mountains, the ocean, animals, snow, leaves, etc.
- Music **commonly referred to by a subtitle of the Sounds of Nature**, such as Chopin's Winter Wind Etude, Raindrop Prelude, etc.

Two to three short movements from a suite are allowed, as long as it is within the time limit. Vocal students may sing art songs or selections from a song cycle, collection, or larger work.

Teachers should contact their Branch CM Chair or Instrument Coordinator if there are any questions.

Piano, Strings, Voice, Winds: Levels 3 – Advanced
Harp: Levels 1 – Advanced
Time limit: 7 minutes

Sounds of Nature might Include (but not limited to) music about the following:

- Space:** Sun, Earth, Planets, Moon, Stars, Galaxy, Eclipse, Milky Way, Comets
Water: Sea, Ocean, River, Lake, Stream, Pond, Bay, Lagoon, Swamp, Waves, Surf, Ice
Land: Mountains, Island, Cliff, Canyon, Valley, Plains, Fields, Desert, Jungle, Forests, Waterfalls, Glaciers, Rocks, Caves, Crystals, Sand, Beaches
Critters: Animals, Reptiles, Insects, Birds, Marine Life, Dinosaurs
Plants: Trees, Flowers, Gardens, Blooms, Leaves
Seasons: Spring, Summer, Winter, Fall, Months of Year
Weather: Hurricane, Storm, Tsunami, Earthquake, Rain, Snow, Thunder, Wind, Breeze, Rainbows, Clouds, Fog, Mist, Sunshine
Day: Night, Evening, Morning, Sunset, Sunrise, Noon, Midnight, Moonlight



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**“Sounds of Nature”
Piano Suggestions**

Glacier Majesty – Alexander
Hurricane Warning – Alexander
On Majestic Peaks – Alexander
Whirlwind – Alexander
Nocturnes – Any Composer
Evening in the Country – Bartok
Out of Doors, With Drums and Pipes – Bartok
Moonlight Sonata – Beethoven
Birds – Bernstein
Insects – Bernstein
Poems of the Sea – Bloch
Canyons and Waterfalls – Bober
III. The Serpent’s Kiss-Rag Fantasy – Bolcom
The Garden of Eden, Gardenia – Bolcom
Awaking in the Woods, Op. 109, #12
La Bergeronnette (Wagtail), Op. 100 – Burgmuller
La Pastorale, Op. 100 – Burgmuller
Le Courante Limpide, Op. 100 – Burgmuller
L’Hirondelle (Swallow), Op. 100 – Burgmuller
Tendre Fleur (Tender Flower), Op. 100 – Burgmuller
The Pearls, Op. 109, #2 – Burgmuller
The Spring, Op. 109, #5 – Burgmuller
The Storm, Op. 109, #13 – Burgmuller
Mouse in the Coal Bin – Celebrations
Autumn Moon Over the Calm Lake – Chen
Etudes: The Winter Wind, Ocean, Butterfly, etc. – Chopin
The Cat and the Mouse – Copland
In the Mermaids Garden – Crosby
Rainy Day Blues – Cuellar
Clair de Lune – Debussy
Estampes, Gardens in the Rain – Debussy
L’isle Joyeuse – Debussy
Le vent dans la plaine (and some other Preludes) – Debussy
Reflets dans L'eau – Debussy
Once Upon a Rainbow – Faber
The Lark – Glinka-Balakirew
Notturmo – Grieg
Night Winds Op. 5 – Griffes
The Fountain of the Acqua Paola Op.7, no. 3 – Griffes
Buds and Blossoms – Gurlitt
Little White Donkey – Ibert
Going Buggier – Leaf
Star Light, Star Bright – Louie
The Butterfly – Makapar
To a Water Lily – McDowell
To a Wild Rose – McDowell
Woodland Sketches – McDowell
Spring Song – Mendelssohn
Enchanted Forest – Mrozinski
The Bird. The Duck. – Prokofiev
Gaspard de la Nuit, Ondine – Ravel
Jeux d’eau – Ravel
Black Earth – Say
Papillons Op. 2 – Schumann
Lotus Land Op.47, No.1 – Scott
Rustle of Spring – Sinding
Spring Dance – Sun
Rain Tree Sketch II – Takemitsu
June from the Seasons of the year – Tchaikovsky
Snowdrop – Tchaikovsky
Song of the Lark – Tchaikovsky
Starlit Night – Tchaikovsky
The Seasons – Tchaikovsky
Glowing Red Morningstar Lilies – Wang
Liuyang River – Wang



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Vocal Suggestions

RENAISSANCE/BAROQUE

Blow, Blow, thou Winter Wind – Arne (B/CL)
Gia il sole dal Gange - Scarlatti
Have You Seen But a White Lily Grow? – Anon.
Here Amid the Shady Woods – Handel
I'll Sail Upon the Dog Star – Purcell
Le Violette - Scarlatti
The Silver Swan - Gibbons
When Daisies Pied – Arne (B/CL)
Where E'er You Walk – Handel

ROMANTIC/IMPRESSIONISTIC

Après un rêve – Fauré
At the River – Lowry
Aurore – Fauré
Beau soir – Debussy
By the Brook – Grieg
Corals - Treharne
Der Nussbaum – Schumann
Du bist wie eine Blume – Liszt
E el l'uccelino – Puccini
La Paloma – Yradier
La Procession – Frank
Lilacs – Rachmoninoff (R/Co)
Mattinata – Leoncavallo
Nuit d'étoiles – Debussy
'O sole mio – di Capua
Psyché – Paladilhe
Still wie die nacht – Böhm
The Lark – Dvorak
The Sun, whose Rays Are All Ablaze – Sullivan
Weep You No More – Quilter (R/Co)
Wie Melodien zieht es mir – Brahms

CLASSICAL

An die Nachtigall – Schubert (CL/R)
Beneath a Weeping Willow's Shade – Hopkinson
Glory of God in Nature – Beethoven (CL/R)
La vezzosa pastorella – Bruni
Rose Softly Blooming – Spohr
The Last Rose of Summer – Moore
The Mermaid's Song – Haydn
The Violet – Mozart
Vaga Luna, che inargenti – Bellini (CL/R)
When the Roses Bloom – Reichardt

CONTEMPORARY

Asturiana – de Falla (R/Co)
At The Zoo – Kramer
Climb Every Mountain – Rodgers
Clusters of Crocus/Come to My Garden – Simon
Corner of the Sky - Schwartz
Evening Song – Edwards
Fiocca la neve – Cimara
Green Finch and Linnet Bird – Sondheim
Into the Woods – Sondheim
Look to the Rainbow – Lane
Love's Philosophy – Quilter (R/Co)
Must the Winter Come So Soon? – Barber
Nebbie – Respighi
Plant a Radish – Schmidt
Silent Noon – Vaughan Williams
Snowdrops, Snowflakes – Prokofiev
The Green Dog – Kingsley
The K'e – Dougherty
The Lotus Bloom – Niles
The Sea – MacDowell (R/Co)
The Water is Wide – Anon.
Waldensamkeit – Reger (R/Co)



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String Suggestions

VIOLIN

Clarke, Rebecca	Midsummer Moon
Debussy, Claude	Beau Soir
Elgar, Sir Edward	Chanson de Matin; Chanson de Nuit
Jones, Edwards	Red Parrot Green Parrot
Huws	
Klauss, Noah	Summer Sunset
Kreisler, Fritz	Liebesfreud
Kreisler, Fritz	Liebesleid
Mendelssohn, Felix	Spring Song
Rimsky-Korsakov	Flight of the Bumblebee
Rimsky-Korsakov	Hymn to the Sun
Saint-Saens, Camille	The Swan
Schubert, Francois	The Bee (L'Abeille), Op. 13, No. 9
Vaughan Willaims, R.	The Lark Ascending
Vivaldi, Antonio	Four Seasons Concerti

VIOLA

Colledge, K. & H	Stepping Stones
Colledge, K. & H	Wagon Wheels, Shooting Stars
Debussy, Claude	Beau Soir
Jones, Edwards	Red Parrot Green Parrot
Huws	
Jones, Kenneth	Evening Mist; Song of Delight
Kreisler, Fritz	Liebesfreud
Kreisler, Fritz	Liebesleid
Saint-Saens, Camille	The Swan

CELLO

Cheney, E.W.	Running of Bulls
Debussy, Claude	Beau Soir
Kreisler, Fritz	Liebesfreud
Liszt, Franz	Liebestraum
Saint-Saens, Camille	The Swan
Schubert, Francois	The Bee (L'Abeille), Op. 13, No. 9
Squire, W.H.	At Morn
Squire, W.H.	At Twilight



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Wind Suggestions**

FLUTE

Sea Chant by Peter Sculthorpe
Spring Song by Frank Bridge
Waltz of the Flowers by Leo Delibes
Night Soliloquy by Kent Kennan
Danse de la chèvre by Arthur Honegger
Sonata (Three Lakes) by Daniel Dorff
Hillsongs for Piccolo & Piano by Gary Schocker
Sunswept by Adrienne Albert
Concerto in DM, RV 428 “Il Gardilleno” by Vivaldi
Reflections of Water by Phyllis Avidan Louke

CLARINET

At the Brook from Two Pieces by Mikhail
Stardomsky - Solos for the Clarinet Player,
Christmann
Song to the Evening Star by Richard Wagner – Solos
for Clarinet, Schmidt
Spring Song from Songs without Words by F.
Mendelssohn - Clarinet Solos - Everybody's
Favorite Series, Amsco Pub.
Spring Dance Grieg - Clarinet Solos - Everybody's
Favorite Series, Amsco Pub.
Tales from the Vienna Woods Johann Strauss -
Clarinet Solos - Everybody's Favorite Series,
Amsco Pub.
Shepherd on the Rock (arranged for clarinet solo)
Schubert
Spring Time - Verroust - Master Solo at the
Intermediate Level, Hal Leonard
Clouds in Summer by Hovey/Leonard - Solo Sounds
for Clarinet vol. 1
Ode to Autumn by Leoni - Solo Sounds for Clarinet
vol. 1

OBOE

Flower-Clock by Jean Francaix
Fantasie pastorale by Eugene Bozza
Two insect pieces by Benjamin Britten
Country gardens by Percy Grainger
Longing for the spring (“Come lovely May”) by
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Song from the hillside by Alan Richardson
Down in the valley by Alan Richardson
The kisscadee bird by Alan Richardson
Autumn Winds by Louis Moyse
Springtime meadows by Louis Moyse

SAXOPHONE

Summertime by Gershwin - Broadway by Special
Arrangement, Alfred
Over the Rainbow - Movie Songs by Special
Arrangement, Alfred
Dancing Under the Afghan Sky by Christiaan Venter
Willow, Willow by Aldridge Grainger, Arr. Simpson
Hymn to the Sun by Rimsky-Korsakov – Soloist
Folio, Rubank
Echo Lake by Nyquist - Solo Sounds for Saxophone
vol.1
Feather River by Leonard - Solo Sounds for
Saxophone vol.1
The Swan of Tuonela Legend by Sibelius – Solo
Sounds for Saxophone vol.1