

Bridging the Gap: Creating a Web-Site to Enrich Your Teaching

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Why create a web-site?

The internet and the World Wide Web are ubiquitous

People expect to find information there

Content can be updated easily and presented in almost any way you want

Demonstrates professionalism and familiarity with current technology

Types of sites

- Informational – disseminate information
 - Rehearsal/performance schedules
 - Class descriptions
 - Post forms or handbooks
 - Contact information
 - Instructions

- Promotional
 - Advocacy materials
 - Music department accomplishments
 - Photographs of ensembles and students (must get permission)
 - Recordings or videos of performances or other examples of student work
 - Fundraising

- Instructional
 - Music files for listening assignments
 - Ear training exercises
 - Accompaniments for choral pieces (Scorch)
 - Practice tracks for improvisation
 - Solo and ensemble accompaniments
 - Links to reference information
 - Webquest
 - Post tutorials, lessons, or worksheets
 - Podcasting

Examples of music department web-sites:

- Haverford Township (PA) Jazz Bands: www.haverford.k12.pa.us/jazz/
- Torrington (CT) High School: www.thsmusic.net
- Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan: www.ebernet.com/nvot/
- Hilltop High School (CA): <http://hhs.suhsd.k12.ca.us/~musictech/>
- Wooster High School (OH): www.whsmusic.nvi.net/
- Central Park School (AL): www.musictechteacher.com
- Herndon High School (VA): www.herndonband.org/

Good examples of instructional web-sites

www.carolbroos.com

www.sd54.org/schools/armstrong/hays/

www.musictechteacher.com/

www.trschools.com/dmarowitz/

Software tools

Free (or ones you probably already have)

- Microsoft Word and Powerpoint
- Netscape Composer (downloadable at www.netscape.com – only available in version 7 and before)

Commercial

- Dreamweaver (Macromedia/Adobe, \$190 for educators) (also available as part of Studio 8, \$300 for educators)
- Microsoft: Expression Web (Microsoft, \$90 for educators) (also available as part of Expression Studio,

Things to keep in mind:

Copyright – fair use?

Solution = make it yourself

File formats

Size of files

Update site regularly

Keep it simple and don't get hung up on "bells and whistles"

Domain Names and Hosting

www.godaddy.com

www.ipower.com

www.networksolutions.com

Reference

www.webstyleguide.com/

www.umich.edu/~ece/resources/design.html (Basic Web Design Principles)

www.makepages.com (Steve Estrella)

www.ti-me.org (Technology Institute for Music Educators)

www.killersites.com

www.websitetips.com