



Music Ed Insights



Three Insights to take with you from...
**Know Your Composers; Selecting Literature
with Karen Howard**

Go beyond the basic biographies of the composers you program.

- Talk about the culture they were a part of.
- Talk about the people around them at the time.
- Even small children can understand and appreciate this - start early.

Use your limited budget selectively.

- Support publishers and pieces that provide better information about context.
- Diversify the genres of your programming.
- Diversify the genres of what your students watch and hear.

Make a list of every song you've ever used.

- How many languages are represented?
- How many countries?
- How many white men versus people who are not white men?

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