

Music Updates

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Hi Friends!



This month was full of exciting presentations! I was so glad to meet so many of you at NCTCA, ESTCA and GETCA. Thanks for attending my presentations. I hope they were helpful for you. If you have any feedback or questions feel free to email me at music@fineartsata.ca

There were many people who asked for music resources in French. Here are a few that I have used:



<https://www.envolee.com/produit/par-choeur-cycle-1>

“Par Chœur” has a couple of different levels. I have the level 1 book and I’m looking forward to getting level 2. This book comes with a CD with recordings of the songs and the instrumental versions. I really like the song “Bonjour” in this book. A great alternative to a welcome song for your French music classes.



<https://www.envolee.com/produit/amuse-bouches-dans-ma-famille>

I have this series, but a different book called “Les Saisons”. It appears the book I have is no longer available, but they offer one called “Dans Ma Famille” and another called “À L'École”. These books also come with a CD that has a vocal track and an instrumental track. The book describes actions and activities that you can do with each song as well. In the center of my book there are tear out sheets with prompts for listening questions to go with each song. One song that I particularly like from my book is called “La ronde du soleil” which can be sung as a round. I’m very interested in getting the other 2 books in this series to see if I like them just as much.

<https://approchants.fr/repertoires/20142015-3>



This is a series of CDs. My understanding is that every year they release a new set of CDs and new songs. So, this image is the one that I have from 2014-2015. You can currently order the # 39, 40 or 41 [at this link](#). I haven't ordered these recent ones, but it also looks like it is now a digital download instead of physical disks. I really like this resource because on the disk (or download) it comes with files so you can print the scores for all the music. In the booklet it also contains ideas for presenting the music and extensions. BONUS: It

includes German versions of most of the songs as well!

Some Holidays Coming Up:

- Pi Day- March 14th
 - Songs that use the pi number as a song:
 - [Pi Song](#)
 - [What Pi Sounds Like](#)
 - [Pi as Music](#)
- Holi is Monday, March 25 (Hindi Festival)
 - Songs (mostly for div 1)
 - [Holi Song for Children with Actions](#)
 - [Holi Song and Dance \(Baby Shark Version\)](#)
 - [Kids Holi Dance Tutorial](#)
- Easter March 29 to April 1
 - Ready Go Music is one of my favourite YouTube channels. Here is a playlist of [Spring/Summer themed rhythm play alongs](#) for that channel.
- Eid is April 10 or 11 (Depends on the moon and geographical location)
 - Songs and CBC kids information videos:
 - [Islamic Songs for Kids: Ramadan Around the World](#)
 - [Eid Mubarak! \(CBC Kids\)](#)
 - [Special Delivery: Eid \(CBC Kids\)](#)
 - [Rap Battle: Eid \(CBC Kids\)](#)
- "May the 4th"
 - [Recorder play along for Star wars theme](#)
 - [Recorder play along for Imperial March](#)
 - [Ukulele Star wars Theme \(C F and G chords\)](#)
- [Music Monday](#) – May 6th