

Concert Choir Virtual Learning

High School A Cappella Groups

April 29, 2020



High School Concert Choir Lesson: April 29, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: students will be able to understand the elements of contemporary a cappella and listen for them in examples

BELL WORK

Write down the following:

- Define a cappella
- What is the genre of "contemporary a cappella"?
- Can you name an a cappella group?



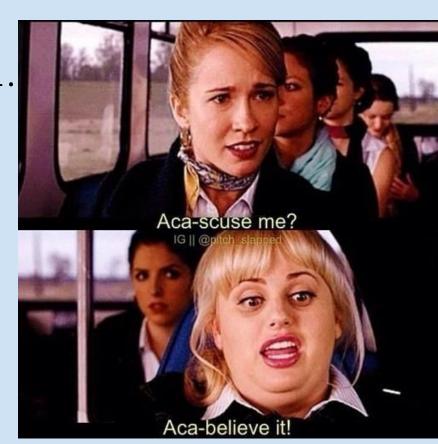
CONTEMPORARY A CAPPELLA

- College a cappella groups have been around for decades
- Shows like the Sing Off started to put together a cappella groups
- Pentatonix won the Sing Off in 2011 and gained major popularity
- The movie Pitch Perfect put this genre even more into the spotlight



CONTEMPORARY A CAPPELLA

- The competition from the movie Pitch Perfect is real!
 - a. International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA)
 - b. International Competition of High School A Cappella (ICHSA)
 - c. College and high school groups compete across the nation every year
 - d. They create a 12 minute performance with 3-4 songs, dance, and transitions



ELEMENTS OF CONTEMPORARY A CAPPELLA

 The arrangements (written covers of songs) that these groups sing are done with no instruments

2. Parts of the group:

- a. <u>Beatboxer/Vocal Percussion</u>b. Bass (sings bass line on syllables like "dm" or with
 - the other parts)c. Soloistsd. Inner parts (SATB, SSAA, or TTBB)

- . Dance
 - a. Simple movesb. Formations
- 4. Tuning and Intonation play a huge role in a
 - successful group (just
 like choir)
 - arranged by someone in the group

 a. They can make the

The songs are usually

They can make the arrangement very similar to the original or very different

CONTEMPORARY A CAPPELLA

In the following videos, listen and watch for:

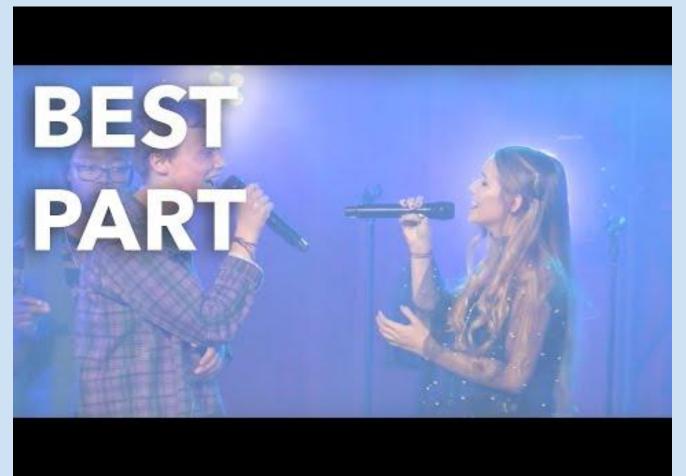
- a. Vocal Percussion/Beatboxeri. Holds mic close to face
- b. Soloist
- c. SATB parts
 - i. See if you can listen for specific parts
- d. Dance/movements
- e. Expressiveness

- f. Syllables they use to imitate instruments or sounds
 - a. Doo, dah, wah, bum, etc.
- g. Intonation/Tuning
 - song? Is it similar to the original?
 - Different?

PENTATONIX - BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY



A CAPPELLA- BEST PART



A CAPPELLA-STRASBOURG ST. DENIS



A CAPPELLA- EVERGREEN



MORE PRACTICE

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Berklee College of Music

A Cappella Academy

Here are a couple more awesome a cappella groups that you should check out.

