“Hats Off to America”

A Musical Journey Through History Celebrating Our Cultural Heritage

Travel on down through the music and social studies curriculum on a tuneful American adventure that embraces songs, stories, history, heritage, humor and theater. Take along twenty period hats and a few jam-packed bookbags brimming with instruments – you can bet a guitar and banjo, a concertina and lots of harmonicas just might come in handy over terrain that abounds in rousing sing-alongs and wide-eyes surprises. Come and string along with a crew of colorful characters that step right out of history and onto the stage, pulling you into a world of fun.

Early American Life
The American Revolution
“Yankee Doodle”
Immigration
“When I First Came to This Land”
The Frontier, Tall Tales and Minstrel Music
“Oh, Susanna”
The Civil War
“Goober Peas”

Transportation and Western Expansion
The American Railroad
“I’ve Been Workin’ on the Railroad” or “Wabash Cannonball”
Sailing Ships, Square-Riggers and New World Trade
“The Leaving of Liverpool” into “Day-O” (“The Banana Boat Song”)
Covered Wagons and Horse-Drawn Carriages
“She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Mountain”

The Twentieth Century
Exploration of African-American Inspired Forms of Music
“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho” and “I’m Goin’ Fishin’” (“Fishin’ Blues”)
Industrial Growth – A Tribute to Farms, Factories and Mills
“Old MacDonald Had a Farm” featuring Chicken Karaoke
Work and Leisure – Just Plain Fun Singing
“Take Me Out to the Ballgame”
Songwriting and Musical Expression
(Students Participate in Writing a Song about School Life)
“Where’s My Homework?”
Grand Finale – All Singing
“This Land is Your Land”

“I must study politics and war, that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, navigation, commerce and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry and porcelain”

Letter of John Adams, addressed to his wife, Abigail, 1780

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