

Roland Classroom Activity: RM700 Piano

Lesson: Map A Melody

Concepts: Exploring Visual Music

Grades: K-3, 20 minutes

Preparation:

None.

National Standards Met:

Standard 3: Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.

Standard 5: Reading and notating music.

Standard 7: Evaluating music and music performance.

Detailed Lesson Plan:

Note: For best results, practice accessing the Piano Roll button and try the below activity in advance. OPTIONAL: connect a large monitor or screen to the RM700 via the VGA “out” to display the Piano Roll to a larger group.

1. Press REC.
2. Select SMF format for recording when prompted
3. Select NEW SONG when prompted.
4. PLAY a short melody moving UP the piano.
5. Press STOP.
6. Press PIANO ROLL twice.
7. Press PLAY and watch the colored dots and bars move UP the staff.
8. Repeat with:
 - A short melody moving DOWN the piano
 - A melody with LONG notes.
 - A melody with SHORT notes.
9. Discuss the direction and dots of the “map.”
10. Invite students to play their own melody to map. Encourage students to move up and down the piano and play short and long notes.