



HOW OUR TEACHER'S NOTES ARE ORGANIZED

Classical Kids recordings have been used in classes from K–9, but are most suitable for Grades K–6. In each edition of our Teacher's Notes, we rank a range of activities according to grade level with the symbols below. The icon applies to all the activities in the section, unless otherwise indicated. In the Exploring the Music sections, the icon also includes a number indicating the appropriate [National Standard for Arts Education](#).



Presenting the Recording

Each recording can be presented in its entirety (approximately 45 minutes), in two halves or in the scenes outlined in each guide. Every scene is identified in terms of tape time elapsed, CD track numbers and beginning and ending dialogue. Our Teacher's Notes are organized as follows:

Getting ready: Questions and activities for use before the recording

Scene-by-scene suggestions: For use during the recording

- The story
- Music used in the scene
- Interesting background facts
- Discussion and activity suggestions
- Suggestions for exploring the music

Follow-up: Questions and activities for use after the recording

- Charts: Themes and skills, and a 10-day lesson plan
- Student's worksheet

Music in the Integrated Curriculum

Although Classical Kids recordings can be enjoyed as musical stories, our aim is to move children from being passive listeners to active participants: to engage their imaginations, to offer new skills and knowledge, to stimulate higher-order thinking skills and, finally, to give every teacher the tools to build a rich learning environment. The Classical Kids Teacher's Notes present almost one hundred facts, activities, and thought-provoking questions to move beyond music into an integrated curriculum of social studies, creative writing, math, sciences and the other arts.

Here are some sample pages from the *Song of the Unicorn* Teacher's Notes. We begin with a piece of music to print, copy and play, then sample some of our Activities and Discussion topics, and finally excerpt from some the Background Information you would find in our complete notes.

Teacher's Notes for *Song of the Unicorn* and the other recordings in our series are available from [The Children's Group](#). For more information, please call (800) 757-8372 or (905) 831-1995.