

Using First Steps in Music with non-music elementary teachers

Using *First Steps in Music for Preschool and Beyond* by John M. Feierabend (GIA Publications, Inc.; G-7001) gives elementary non-music majors everything they need to successfully incorporate music into their daily teaching. The package comes with four CDs, which include all the songs and rhymes that are in the book as well as classical music for movement activities. Since most non-music majors cannot read notation, they use the book for pedagogy and directions and learn the songs and rhymes by listening to the CDs. They are easy and quick to learn.

The selected repertoire represents quality literature that is beautifully modeled to reinforce appropriate text, key, vocal range, tempo, and artful expression that non-music majors are able to pass on to their students.

Non-music majors also enjoy using *Move It!* and *Move It! 2*. These two delightful DVDs contain beautiful music paired with coordinated and artistic movements. Each one is a gem. All the non-music majors and their students need do is simply watch and follow along. They are immediately engaged; there is no need to read music.

Non-music majors have become more confident in their music modeling, both tonally and rhythmically, using *First Steps in Music for Preschool and Beyond*.