

Music Notes

Music For Children Strikes Responsive Chord

(NAPSA)—Striking the right note with children, parents and schools throughout the U.S. is the opening prelude of a new online music education resource launched by the San Francisco Symphony.

The site, SFSKids.com, is one of the most comprehensive and easy-to-understand music education destinations online—and it's fun. This interactive Web site not only stimulates children's appreciation for music but also encourages youngsters to study a musical instrument.



Applause And Encores for a new Web site that stimulates children's appreciation for music.

The Music Lab is the crown jewel of the Web site, offering children a straightforward and innovative lesson about the basic components of music, including tempo, rhythm, pitch, harmony and music symbols. With bold, vibrant colors, animation and sound, the Music Lab also allows children to create and play music. The Lab also teaches kids about the variety of instruments that make up an orchestra.

"SFSKids.com is a natural outgrowth of the San Francisco Symphony's extensive education and community efforts that began in 1919 with *Concerts for Kids*. These efforts continue today with programs including the *San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra*, *Music for Families* and *Adventures in Music*," said Michael Tilson Thomas, music director for the San Francisco Symphony.

Since 1911, when the San Francisco Symphony gave its first concert, it has played a defining role in shaping American cultural life.

For more information, visit www.SFSKids.com.