

# Transit Vocal Band

Friday, April 28, 2023

**Time**  
10:00 am  
1:00 pm

**Grade Level**  
5th Grade  
6th Grade



Transit Vocal Band is a high-energy a cappella group that has entertained audiences throughout the US and has produced award-winning albums! Their cast of professional musicians have experience teaching K-12 and college-level students. They have educated and entertained for over 850 school audiences since the group was formed in 2005. This highly interactive educational program will trace the historical development of the contemporary a cappella genre. Students will learn about ways science and technology enhance the a cappella sound, whereby inspiring the creative utilization and improvisation with the most natural instrument of all - the human voice!

In this program, students will compare and contrast the characteristic sounds of various popular musical genres (eg. Motown, Country, Jazz, Rock & Roll, Rap/Hip-Hop, Pop, Beach Music and EDM or Electronic Dance Music). With respect to each of the aforementioned genres, students will: 1) become familiar with the historical and cultural context imperative to their development; 2) observe and differentiate between performance styles unique to each; 3) hear the improvisational techniques used to vocally imitate complex sounds, both instrumental and inorganic, unique to each (e.g. harmonicas in country music or synthesizers in EDM); 4) witness how creativity and artistic innovation allows the transformation of a song between genres; 5) discover and observe how essential specific percussive patterns are to the groove or rhythmic "feel" of each genre; and 6) become familiar with age-appropriate musical concepts and vocabulary exemplified by each genre!

**Curriculum Connections:** Music, History, Listening/Communication Skills, & Visual & Performing Arts

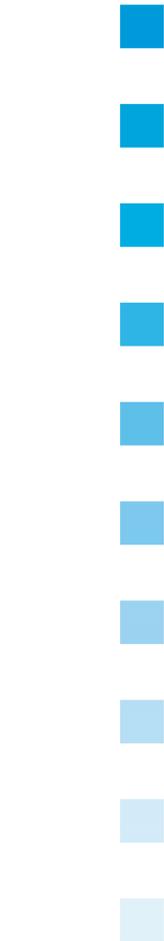
**Produced by:** Transit Vocal Band

**Performance Length:** 50 Minutes with 10 minute Q&A

**Suggested Grade Levels:** (6-12)

**Study Guide:** YES

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