

NEH- Most Southern Place on Earth

Blues Unit

Keyboard Lesson Plan

Rehearsal/ In-Class Performance of Booker T & The MG's "Green Onions"

Aim: How do we create a good piano performance?

National Music Standard: (1) Music literacy: Read pitch notation (2) With guidance, perform music with expression.

Learning Targets: *Students will be able to...*

- Discuss what makes a good piano performance
- Read pitch notation.
- Discuss the history of Booker T & The MG's and Stax Records
- Perform "Green Onions" with the right hand melody.

Do Now: What makes a good piano performance? (provide 3 details)

Discussion: What aspects of piano performance are important? What do you notice about Booker T's keyboard playing? What do you wonder about Booker T & The MG's and Stax Records

Demonstration: Students are coached on performing "Green Onions" on the keyboard.

Teacher demonstrates how to play the notes of the melody "Green Onions"

- Students find the notes of the melody on the piano
- Students read the pitch and rhythms in Treble Clef notation.
- Students perform "Green Onions" melody individually on the piano

Evaluating Student Progress:

- Students will be asked to perform "Green Onions" on the piano as a class.