

Auxiliary Instruments & Special Instrumentation

1. *What are Auxiliary Instruments?*

- Aux Instruments would include strings, brass, woodwinds, percussion, and possibly electronic instruments.
- Aux Instruments will also be referred to as special instrumentation.

2. *Why use special instrumentation?*

- Limited instrumentation
- Add color to your arrangements
- Add to the style of your worship song selections
- Grow your volunteer base

3. *How to schedule for special instrumentation?*

- Fixed vs. Flexible teams
- Scheduling
- Music Selection
- Add additional rehearsals (at least two rehearsals)

4. *What to do with special instrumentation?*

- Add color and texture to your arrangement
- Revisit an overused worship tune with a different feel or sound
- Create parts to cover instrumentation that you don't have in your church.
- Sing/perform new songs that you wouldn't typically use on a Sunday morning

5. How to rehearse special instrumentation?

- Chord Charts vs. Lead Sheets vs. Written Parts
- Rehearsal Letters/Numbers
- Musical Phrases (Measures, Song Structure, Instrumental Bridges, Solos)

6. What should you avoid when using special instrumentation?

- Overplaying, overplaying, overplaying
- Just having someone play without talking about their part in the arrangement.
- Run-on sentences and hanging whole notes.
- Killer keys

Suggested Computer Software/Resources

- Sibelius
- Finale
- Song DIScovery
- Garageband
- Logic
- Ableton Live

Suggested Websites

- planningcenteronline.com
- praisecharts.com
- youtube.com

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