

Hello AITs,

I was at a workshop the other night and was involved in this voice warmup that was a ton of fun. I was so excited to see Jason Collier in person that I just had to share the fun with you. If you do not know him, you will now - Who is Jacob Collier?

All year long, even during Dance or Drama, you can still call on vocals to provide a picker upper during any lesson. You need something quick and fun that energizes the entire class... or audience during a school assembly. Boy, do I have ideas for you. What's easier than relying on the solfège notation system to give you a boost! Give 'Sofa Singers' a round of applause...

He opened with 5 people who came to the front of the audience, and each sang a note he plucked on the piano. Do, re, mi, fa, so. do. Leave the 'tahs' alone for this. Together they sang Beethoven's' 9th, using this pattern: **Re Mi Do / Re Mi Fa Mi Do / Re Mi Fa Mi / Re Do Re So.** Try it out at recess with 5 students singing the parts. You get the audience to sing the final **SO**!

Lots of fun and only the beginning. You can get many more ideas looking at these videos. These are always fun to have in your repertoire for anywhere you go - especially where you have an audience... or when you want kids to sing in harmony. These are teachable for you to perfect over the course of this year. How much fun this can be! No instruments required BUT your voice! Brilliant! I just had to share. I left that workshop on a tremendous high. You can too!

- 1. The Tonic Solfa-Notation For those who want to take a full course on the subject
- 2. The Audience Choir London 4:58 minutes
- 3. **<u>5 Levels of Difficulty</u>** 15:41 minutes
- 4. Collier in Toronto
- 5. <u>Introducing the Chord Families</u> This last one is for teachers who do not play piano want to help kids hear harmonies, this is a great tutorial for you. Enjoy!

Wishing you a truck full of fun applying these skills to every class you teach or ever family event or party you attend. No instruments required, since you will be a 'pro' as a...**Solfa Singer!**

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