

Creating and Using Beat Sheets To Enhance Expression
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Objectives

- To understand what is a beat sheet
- To discover how to create a beat sheet
- To experiment with how to use a beat sheet
- To experience the effects of a beat sheet

1. Getting to know you beat by beat
2. Expression...to sing, to speak, to act
3. Defining the beat sheet
 1. The text
 2. The want/intention/objective
 3. The conflict/obstacle
 4. The tactics
4. Creating a beat sheet
 1. Read through the lyrics as a monologue
 2. Ask the basic questions
 3. Adding details
 4. Constructing the beats
5. Using a beat sheet in rehearsals
 1. Introducing it to performers
 2. Calling off the beats
6. Making it work
 1. Samples
 2. Try it
 3. Experience it
7. Summary