

## Music Time with Mr. Ross: “Blue Skies”

Grades PreK – 2

*Music Time with Mr. Ross” is an interactive music activity. The show’s mission is to encourage students to participate in music-making and learn about a variety of musical instruments and styles. Vocabulary and literacy components are incorporated into each episode.*

**Materials:** None

### The Lesson:

Introduction: *Music Time* Theme Song (sing along)

Warm-Up & stretching exercises, the Full Body Wiggle

Vocal warmup – Sing up & down the scale

The Song of the Day- Learn to sing a new song: **Blue Skies** – composition and lyrics by Irving Berlin

Show & Tell – Guest Musician, Miss Liz on hand pan drum

The Word of the Day: **Resonate** - say, spell, define, and demonstrate the word of the day

Tempo Game

New Orleans Strut

*Music Time* Theme Song (sing along)

### Connection to the Nevada Academic Content Standards for the Fine Arts

- Performing: Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation.
- Responding: Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.

Connection to Literacy: active listening, vocabulary, letter recognition, responding

### About the Artist

#### **Colin Ross**

Colin Ross is composer and multi-instrumentalist. He plays a large and ever-shifting repertoire of original music, standards, blues, and Americana. Beginning with classical piano at the age of five, Colin has continued to study and grow throughout his career, playing a variety of instruments and styles.

While maintaining a full-time performance schedule, Colin has recorded and released five albums on his own label, Oharaross Productions and include:

**Refractions** – original new age piano music.

**The Once and Future Swing** – five-piece band recorded live, playing a set of swing standards and new songs.

**Good For You** – studio project with original blues and jazz songs and lots piano and slide guitar.

**Refried Boogie** – boogie-woogie and roots/blues piano.

**Soliloquy** – a series of introspective classical improvisations.

Colin is a teaching artist on the Nevada Arts Council's Teaching Artist Roster and a presenting artist with Sierra Arts Foundation's Elder Care Concert Series.

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## Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster

*The Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster* is an online resource for schools, organizations and communities seeking to engage teaching artists. Roster artists are experienced in collaborating with schools and communities to conduct arts learning and cultural experiences in, through and about the arts.

Explore the roster at <https://www.nvartscouncil.org/rosters/teaching-artists/>