



# SONG OF THE MONTH

## “WAVING THROUGH A WINDOW” BY BEN PLATT

Meets National Core Arts Standards 7-9

### OBJECTIVES

- Perceive and analyze artistic work (Re7)
- Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work (Re8)
- Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work (Re9)

### MATERIALS

- *Music Alive!* magazines (May 2019)
- Computer or mobile device with Internet access

### START

1. Ask students to read the text on pages 14-15 on their own
2. Have one of the students read aloud the text on page 16
3. ▶ **Play** Ben Platt’s “Waving Through a Window” (*Hear the Music track 1 on musicalive.com*), while the students read through the notation on pages 16-17

### DEVELOP

#### 1. Ask students about the story:

- What four awards make up the legendary EGOT?
- Which award has Ben Platt not won yet?
- What was the film that first made Ben Platt well known?
- Can you name three musicals Ben Platt has been in, besides *Dear Evan Hansen*?
- What is the nature of Ben Platt’s character in *Dear Evan Hansen*?
- What is the title of his new album?

#### 2. Ask students questions about the song/notation:

- What key is this song in?
- What instruments do you hear at the beginning?
- What is the pitch of the note played three times in the first measure of the Pre-Chorus?
- What elements of the song change during the bridge?
- Where is there a key change during the song?
- Do you think Ben Platt’s voice is suited for this song?
- How does this song make you feel?
- Does it remind you of any other songs you have heard before?

3. The EGOT awards are meant to recognize artists who master multiple areas of the performing arts. Receiving an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony would be like getting an award for excellence in math, science, language arts and social studies in school.

Can you name any members of the EGOT club?

What kinds of things can you win these types of awards for?

**EMMY:** excellence in the television industry

**GRAMMY:** ongoing contributions and influence in the recording field

**OSCAR:** artistic and technical excellence in the film industry

**TONY:** excellence in live Broadway theater

### CLOSE

Watch the video of the cast of *Dear Evan Hansen* perform “Waving Through a Window” live. Pay attention to the character personality, acting performance, and how Ben Platt’s expressions contribute to the overall message of the song.

### ASSESS

- Did the students follow along with “Waving Through a Window”?
- Did they answer the discussion questions?
- Did they watch and analyze the performance?

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Crossword Puzzle can be found on page 7

