

# Motiflab — Concept Poster

*Print this and pin it up — an at-a-glance map of the Motiflab cast and the ideas each one carries. Come back to it whenever you want to remember who teaches what.*

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## Meet the cast — and what each one teaches

| Character    | What they carry                                                                    |
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| <b>Trill</b> | The motif itself — visual posture shifts as the motif develops, inverts, fragments |
| <b>Meld</b>  | Harmony — notes that bloom underneath to support the melody                        |
| <b>Thrum</b> | Bass — the deep low foundation the whole song stands on                            |
| <b>Clap</b>  | Rhythm — the steady beat pattern the song walks on                                 |
| <b>Twine</b> | Counter-melody — a second tune that weaves against the main one                    |
| <b>Surge</b> | Dynamics — how loud and soft; how a song breathes                                  |
| <b>Ply</b>   | Texture — how many layers sound at once; thick or thin                             |
| <b>Tint</b>  | Timbre — the color or flavor of a sound                                            |
| <b>Nest</b>  | Key — the home note the song keeps returning to                                    |
| <b>Wend</b>  | Cadence — how a phrase comes to rest; the song's punctuation                       |

## Key ideas at a glance

*The big concepts this cast helps you master:*

- What Is a Motif?
- Motifs in Famous Music
- Building a Melody
- Rhythm & Meter Basics
- Repetition & Variation
- Transforming a Motif
- Development Techniques
- Contrast & Tension

- Harmony & Mood
  - Musical Form: Small Forms
  - Musical Form: Large Forms
  - Texture & Orchestration
  - Narrative Arc in Music
  - Dynamics, Articulation & Expression
  - Composing Choices
  - Capstone: Whole-Piece Thinking
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