



Canberra Symphony
Orchestra

UNIT #6

Twentieth century rule breaking

MUSIC ACTIVITY LESSON PLAN 6.2			
Focus element	Timbre	Focus piece	Peter SCULTHORPE Kakadu
Learning type	Listening	Lesson length	Approx. 5–10 minutes
Resource links	Video #4 SCULTHORPE Djilile https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzqiShL0oxY		
Learning objectives	Students will describe the melody in Sculthorpe's <i>Djilile</i> .		
Australian Curriculum alignment	ACAMUR091 Explain how the elements of music communicate meaning by comparing music from different social, cultural and historical contexts, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music. <i>Scootle resources</i> http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/search?accContentId=ACAMUR091		



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Describe the melody

APPROX. 5 MINUTES

Measures of understanding

Students can describe and analyse the melody through:

- providing one or two adjectives to describe the melody
- accurately articulating that it moves mostly in steps
- showing the shape of the melody through description or drawing the contour.

Activity / discussion	<p><i>You may like to give students the following information or let them research it themselves if it links with your other learning.</i></p> <p>Sculthorpe uses a melody based on an Aboriginal chant in the piece <i>Kakadu</i>. <i>Djilile</i> is a melody Sculthorpe heard in an early collection of recordings by A.P. Elkin, an Australian clergyman and anthropologist.</p>
Questions	<p>Listen to <i>Djilile</i> (Video #4).</p> <p>Have students answer the following questions individually while listening to the piece.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use adjectives to describe the melody.• Does the music move in steps (small, moving from one to another), skips (skipping over one note) or big leaps? <i>(Mostly steps, with some skips at the end)</i>• Is the pitch of the melody mainly ascending or descending? Can you draw the shape of the melody (melodic contour)? <i>(The pitch ascends for the first phrase and then descends in each phrase after that)</i>