

Creativity Prompt

POTS AND PANS ORCHESTRA

Description

Make some music with the things you've got around your house!

Time to Complete

5-20 minutes

Materials

Pots, pans, cups, spoons, spatulas- anything in your house that makes an interesting sound.

Instructions

Gather your orchestra instruments. This can be anything you like the sound of!

For example: Pots, pans, plates, utensils, a jar of rice or beans

Gather your musicians.

This could include your family or your friends via video chat

Make some music! There is no right or wrong way to do this! If you're stuck, try the following suggestions:

Make a rhythm: Create a musical pattern you can repeat.

Call and response: One person makes a rhythm, everyone else repeats.

Add and subtract: One person starts, another adds to what the first person is doing, and another, until everyone is participating. Then, when the time is right, slowly subtract player by player until fewer and fewer sounds are being heard. The last person can end the piece when it feels right to them.

Conductor: One person is now the conductor (no tuxedo required). That person will use cues (like pointing or gesturing high and low to indicate volume) to tell the other players what to play. This can rotate between participants.

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Optional Add Ons

Pick a theme for your composition.

Pick an emotion or emotions to inspire your piece.

Pick a season or a type of weather to inspire your piece.

Pick a favorite story to inspire your piece.

Once you have your theme, make a list of sounds you can make on your 'instruments' that you feel fit the theme. Ask yourself these questions:

Would the sounds be loud or quiet, or both?

Would the sounds be fast or slow, or both?

What would the texture of our piece sound like? Would there be many sounds or few sounds?

Will your piece have a beat? What does the beat sound like?

Sharing Suggestions

Take a video or picture of your Pots and Pans Orchestra and share with family and friends.

Share your poem with us in the comments on Facebook, or via a tagged Instagram story.