



The image above is a still from a film by artist Althea Thauberger. The film featured in *Enter Stage Left: The craft of theatre in art* which was presented at the Glucksman in Spring 2017. You can find out more about it here: <http://www.glucksman.org/exhibitions/enter-stage-left-the-craft-of-theatre-in-art>

This week's **#creativityathome** activities take inspiration from the theatre as we explore storytelling, music, performance and design.

CREATIVE EXPLORATION

The music that accompanies a play or film has a huge impact on the way we experience it. Music can alert us to dramatic situations, prepare us for scary moments or enhance the joyful scenes. What would the music playing during a scary scene sound like? What would a joyful scene sound like?

Musicals (both film and theatre) have songs pop up during important parts of the story and provide opportunities for audiences to sing along and feel involved. What is your favourite song from a musical?

Make a playlist of your favourite songs and get everyone in your house involved in a sing-along party!

ART ACTIVITY

MATERIALS: Scissors, cardboard toilet roll tube, glue, tape, paper, colouring pencils or markers, rice or lentils, pen, stick (lollipop stick or old pencil)

Make your own maracas in today's art activity and then put them to use as we invite you to share a musical performance as part of our House Chorus challenge.

Activity 1: Musical Instruments

Today we're making fun musical instruments called maracas. Most commonly played in pairs, maracas are musical rattles associated with Latin and Caribbean music. Follow the instructions and watch our tutorial video for a step by step guide to make your own.

Take your toilet roll tube and use it to draw out two circles on your piece of paper.

Cut out the circles but make sure to leave a little extra paper around your drawn circle.

Cut lots of little slits into the extra piece of paper around the circle and fold them out in the same direction.

Add glue to the slits and stick the piece of paper on to one end of the toilet roll tube.

Cut a small hole or slit in the centre of the other piece of paper to allow your stick to go through.

Glue or tape your stick in place

Add the rice or lentils to the toilet roll tube, not too much - 1/4 is good.

Glue the other piece of paper with stick to the end of the tube.

Add some tape to make sure both ends are tightly attached.

Measure and cut out some paper to go around the centre of the toilet tube.

Decorate with drawings or patterns.

Glue on the paper design.

Repeat the process for your second maraca.

Well done! Time to make some music!

Activity 2: House Chorus!

What's the song everyone in your house has playing in their heads? That song that somebody is constantly humming or singing? We want you to get everyone in your house together to sing the chorus of that song!

Make sure to record it and we'll share it with our audiences.

We would love to see what artworks you create. Ask your parents or guardian to share them with us on the Glucksman's and through their [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts and we will post them to our online galleries on our website.

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