

# Welcome to Our Musical Trip!



Hello Explorers!  
 My name is Melody, and I will be your guide on this musical journey. My favorite thing in the whole world is learning about new music. My second favorite thing is sharing that music with others! Music is such an important part of our community. That's why I drive my bus all around the Lowcountry sharing the musical world around us. I've made so many friends who sing and play all kinds of music, and I can't wait for you to meet them! Come along with me and make **YOUR** discoveries!  
 I'm so excited to see you at the concert!  
 Melody

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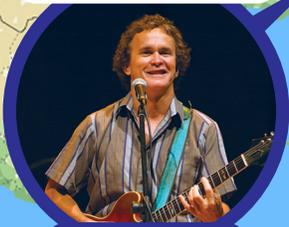
**JAZZ**



**Brianna**

★ **New York City**

**BLUES**



**Eric**

★ **Savannah**

A world map showing continents and countries. A callout box labeled 'KLEZMER MUSIC' points to a star in Eastern Europe. A circular inset photo shows a man playing a double bass. The map is color-coded by continent: Europe is green, Africa is yellow, and Asia and India are tan.

**KLEZMER  
MUSIC**



**Dan**

EUROPE

Eastern Europe

ASIA

INDIA

AFRICA

## Musical Explorers World Map

At the Savannah Music Festival, we can hear music from all around the world. Where do these types of music come from?

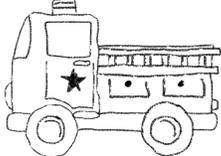
**Blues** Southeastern USA

**Jazz** New York City

**Klezmer Music** Eastern Europe

# Explore the Sounds of Our City

Music is everywhere! Let's go on a sound exploration. All you need are your ears. You can use this explorer's journal to record what you hear, including car horns and sirens, dogs barking, sounds in your home, and even silence.

What did you hear?	When and where?
 <p>Sirens</p>	<p>on my street walking to the mailbox</p>

# Discover Music in Everyday Objects

Music is waiting to be found in everyday objects!



Experiment and see what kinds of sounds you can make with these objects.



What other objects can you find that make interesting musical sounds?

# Create a Postcard

Use the space below to draw or paste pictures of some of your favorite things about your neighborhood. Then write a message to one of our Musical Explorers artists describing your neighborhood.

**Greetings from ...**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Your friend,  
\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Artist's name)**  
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# Musical Explorers Song

Every song tells a story, every tune tells a tale.  
 Every rhythm has a reason, don't you want to know?  
 Don't you want to know what makes the music go?  
 Come along and see, make your discovery.

**I can sing it!**



**I can say it!**



**I can dance it!**



**I can play it!**



x2

I can go explore the world of music at my door.  
 My city and my neighborhood, singing songs and feeling good.  
 I can know what makes the music grow,  
 I can know what makes the music go!

## Let's Explore Blues!

Eric is a singer and guitarist who lives just outside of Savannah in a place called Isle of Hope. He has been singing and playing guitar since he was eight years old!

ATLANTIC OCEAN

North Carolina

South Carolina

Georgia

SAVANNAH

Florida

Atlanta

Augusta

Charleston

Savannah

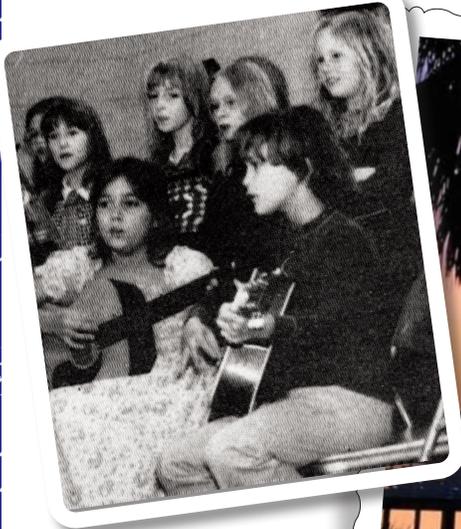
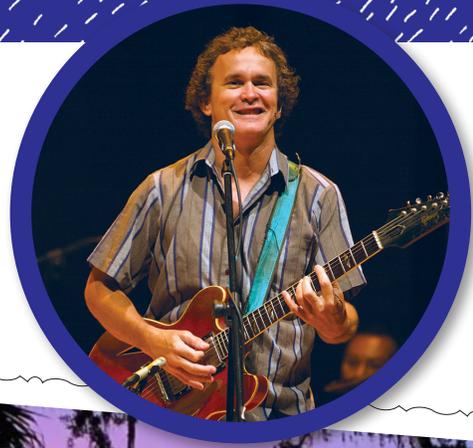
Bluffton

★ ISLE OF HOPE

Valdosta



# Meet Eric!



*Greetings from  
Isle of Hope, Georgia*

Dear Musical Explorers,

Isle of Hope is my home, and I love to sing and play guitar there. I started playing guitar with my friends at school when I was in second grade, and I started playing the blues when I was in high school. This is a picture of my first concert!

You are going to learn two of my favorite songs—let me know which one you like best!

Your friend,  
Eric



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## We asked Eric ...

### Tell us about your favorite hobby.

One of my favorite hobbies is saltwater fishing in the rivers and offshore. In order to fish, you learn about the animals and the environment around you, about the moon and the tides, the wind and the weather. To know fishing is to know the world around you and to appreciate and protect the environment.

### What is your favorite food?

I love anything you can grow in the garden. I grow hot peppers, and I help my wife grow herbs and spices, like rosemary, oregano, basil, jasmine, and lemon balm. I also love to grow tomatoes and collard greens. They are all very healthy for you to eat.

### What was it like when you were growing up?

When I was growing up I would go camping at the beach and swim in the ocean and rivers with my family and friends. My favorite class in school was history. I had lots of fun playing guitar and listening to music with my friends. Many of my family members played musical instruments as well, like harmonica and guitar and some of my friends even played piano. I never thought that I would be a musician but because I love music, I eventually became a professional musician.



Fishing



Fresh Herbs

## Add Some Blue Notes!

Sing “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” and see if you can add blue notes to the underlined words.

Twinkle, twinkle little star

How I wonder what you are

Up above the world so high

Like a diamond in the sky

Twinkle, twinkle little star

How I wonder what you are.



# Express your emotions!

I walked to school all by myself.



I walked to school all by myself.



I walked to school all by myself.



I walked to school all by myself.

I walked to school all by myself.

I walked to school all by myself.



## Write Your Own 12-Bar Blues!

A: Well I went to \_\_\_\_\_,  
(a place)  
I was feeling fine.

A: Yes, I went to \_\_\_\_\_  
(a place)  
and I was feeling fine.

B: But then I saw \_\_\_\_\_  
(a person or thing)  
and you know I changed my mind.

A: I've got the \_\_\_\_\_ blues,  
I'm as blue as I can be.

A: I've got the \_\_\_\_\_ blues,  
and I'm as blue as I can be.

B: Well, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(something that happened)  
and blue is all that I can see.



## Let's Explore Jazz!

Brianna is a jazz singer who lives in New York City. She is an expert scat singer, which means that she can make up her melodies on the spot. Brianna's father is a musician too, and she grew up singing with his band!

# Meet Brianna!



Dear "Young Lions" of Jazz!

I'm Brianna, and I sing an American style of music called jazz! I grew up in a musical household, as my dad was also a musician and my first music teacher. I started learning to scat when I was your age by listening to records by my favorite singers, Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan! Now I sing jazz all over New York City and the world. I live in Harlem, which is an important neighborhood in jazz and African American history and where a lot of jazz is still performed today. My band and I can't wait to take a trip on the jazz train with you and swing, sing, and do that thing!

Hugs and much love,  
Brianna

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## We asked Brianna ...

### What was one of your first experiences with music?

I remember being three years old, watching my father rehearse with his band in our home. I would sing along by listening and repeating what I heard. I made my singing debut with my father's band when I was six years old, singing Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World."

### Tell us about the instruments that you play.

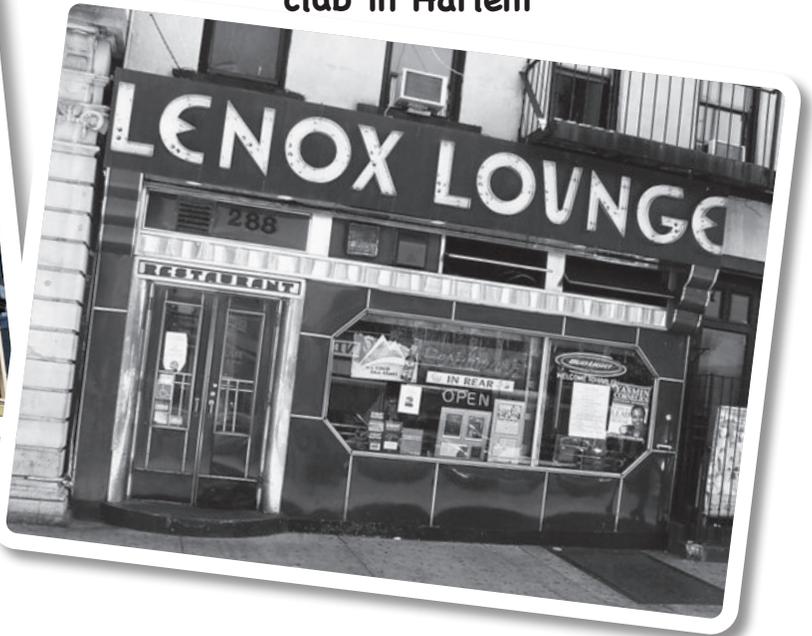
My first instruments were the drums and my voice. Today, my voice is my main instrument, but I also use the piano to write my own songs.

### What is your favorite thing about performing jazz?

My favorite thing about performing jazz is the freedom involved in it. When jazz musicians improvise, or make up melodies on the spot, we enjoy a great deal of freedom and self expression. Jazz musicians have been performing in Harlem for a long time, in places like the Apollo Theater and Lenox Lounge.



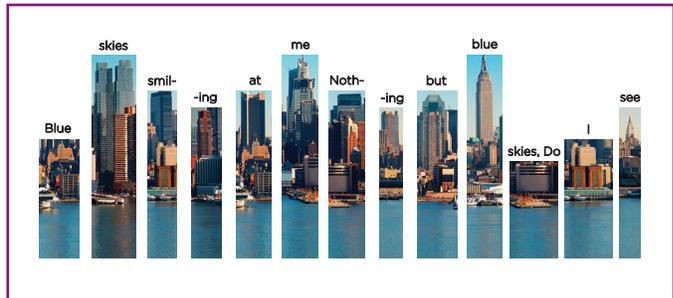
Apollo Theater,  
Harlem, NY



Lenox Lounge, a jazz  
club in Harlem

# My Own Skyline Melody

It's your turn to create your own "skyline melody." Draw a skyline with buildings that are as tall or short as you like. Then trace the melodic contour, and perform the melody you created. You can sing the lyrics from "Blue Skies," write your own lyrics, or just improvise!



# Jazz Directions

How would you help a friend come visit you? Fill in the blanks to give directions to get to a special place in your neighborhood. Then draw a map or picture to help your friend find the way there.

You must take the \_\_\_\_\_ to go to \_\_\_\_\_  
(mode of transportation) (favorite place)

in \_\_\_\_\_. If you miss the \_\_\_\_\_,  
(neighborhood) (mode of transportation)

you'll find you've missed the quickest way to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(neighborhood)





## Let's Explore Klezmer!

Dan is a musician living in Athens, Georgia. He plays the bass with lots of other musicians, including the people in his klezmer band! Klezmer music comes from the Jewish people of Eastern Europe hundreds of years ago. Like many Jewish people in the United States, Dan can trace his ancestors back to Eastern Europe.



# Meet Dan!



## Greetings from ATHENS • GEORGIA



A gutn tog Musical Explorers!

My name is Dan, and I am a bass player from Athens, Georgia. Athens is the home of the University of Georgia and lots of great music!

I play all kinds of music, but my favorite is klezmer. I even have a band called Klezmer Local 42. Klezmer is music for celebrating! I can't wait to meet you and celebrate together.

Zay gezunt (stay healthy),  
Dan

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# We asked Dan ...

## Where did you grow up?

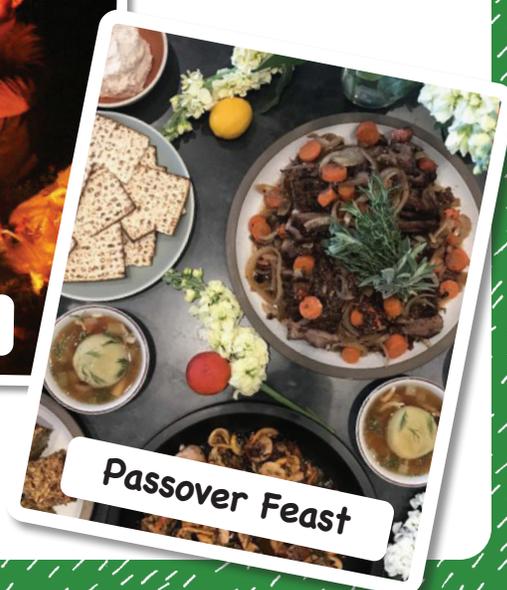
I grew up mostly in a town called Binghamton, New York. Binghamton had a lot of abandoned train yards and closed factories and warehouses. One of the abandoned warehouses was my band's practice space until someone stole our gear. It was a great place to start a punk band but there weren't many people to see us play. I also lived for a while in a very small village in the country of Niger (nee-ZHER) in Africa. My father was an anthropologist and his work took the whole family there when I was five.

## How did you start playing music?

My whole family is musical. My mother is a classically trained pianist. My father was a folk singer and musician. My brother is a jazz and rock guitarist and a hand drummer. He makes his own instruments. My father used to sing union songs and other folks songs to us around the fire under the stars.

## What is your favorite holiday?

My favorite holiday is Passover. It starts with a huge feast with lots of eating, singing and ritual. It takes a long time and it gets loud! It's designed to let everyone contribute. It gives a family the opportunity to really enjoy its own culture. It's kind of hard to explain but that is part of the magic.



## My New Lyrics for “Bulbes”

Write and draw what kind of food you could eat every day and a special dish that uses this food below.

Zuntik \_\_\_\_\_, Montik \_\_\_\_\_,

Dinstik un Mitvokh \_\_\_\_\_,

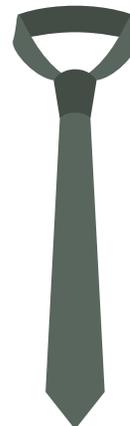
Donershtik un Fraytik \_\_\_\_\_,

Shabes in a novene a \_\_\_\_\_  
(special dish)

Zuntik vayter \_\_\_\_\_!



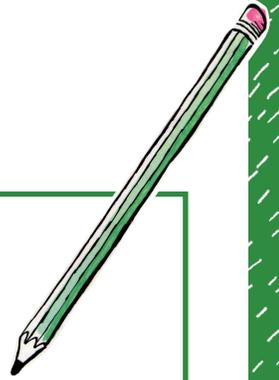
# I Had A Little Overcoat



# “Hob ikh mir a ...”

Write and draw one object that you can reuse in different ways.

I had a little \_\_\_\_\_, as old as can be.



What I'd ever do with it, I just couldn't see!

So I thought a little while and made myself a \_\_\_\_\_ in the very latest style.

What I'd ever do with it, I just couldn't see!

So I thought a little while and made myself a \_\_\_\_\_ in the very latest style.

# What Kinds of Music Have We Learned About?

These artists sing all different kinds of music from different places, but they will all be in Savannah to perform just for you!



Eric performs

**\_LUE\_**



Brianna performs

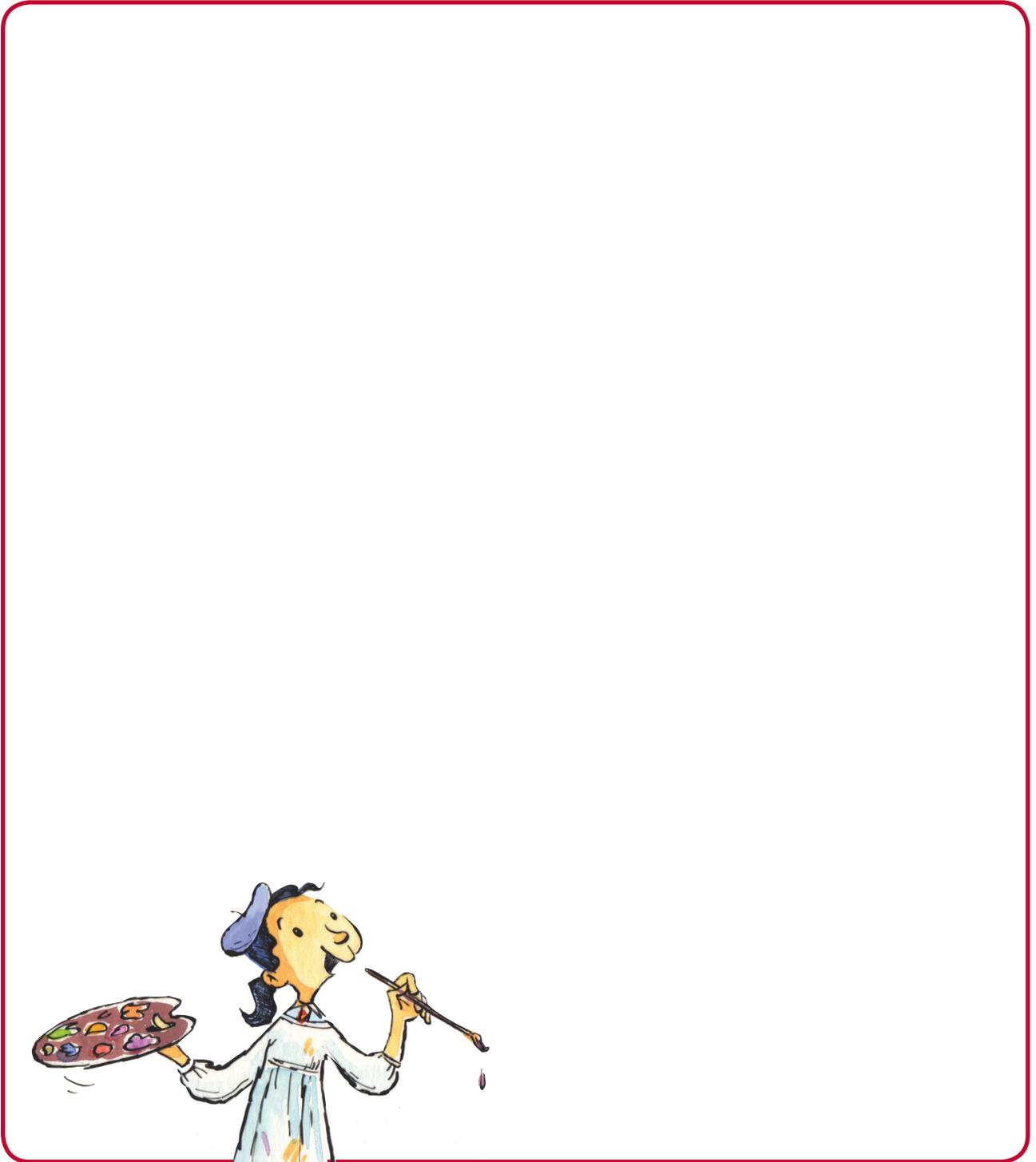
**J\_\_Z**



Dan performs

**KL\_\_MER  
MU\_IC**

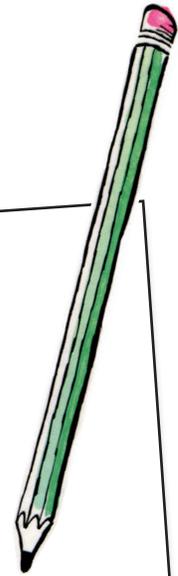
# Draw a Picture of Your Favorite Moment From the Concert!



## Who Is Your Favorite Artist?

Write a letter to your favorite artist. Be sure to include your favorite part of the concert and your favorite song from the concert.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,



Your friend,