

Welcome to Musical Explorers at Home!

In this book you will find activities for your student which build on your school's Musical Explorers curriculum. Even though we can't be together in concert, we want you to find fun and music every day. There really is music all around us!

Enjoy your discoveries!

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Director of Education and Community
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P.S. We want to know about your music-making! Share with us @savannahmusicfestival or #musicalexplorersathome!

You can also mail drawings or pictures to

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Welcome to **Our Musical Trip!**







Hello Explorers!

My name is Melody, and I am your musical guide. Music is my favorite thing in the whole world. I want to shave music with you! I cannot visit your class or see you at a concert right now, but we can still learn about music together. I hope you enjoy meeting my friends!

Remember, you can always be a Musical Explorer, no matter where you are or who you ave!

Love, Melody

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Explore the Sounds of Your 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, people singing, dogs barking, and even silence.

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

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?



Let's Explore Irish Music!

Harry is a musician who lives in Savannah. He sings and plays music from the country of Ireland, where he grew up. Harry sings and plays the guitar and an instrument called the bodhrán. When someone sings an Irish song, everyone is invited to sing and dance along!





Dear Musical Explorers,

Top of the morning to you! My name is Harry, and I was born in a town called Drogheda (DRO-ee-duh), all the way across the Atlantic Ocean in Ireland.

Now I live in Savannah, and I have a wonderful time with other Irish musicians here. We play and sing together, especially on Irish holidays like St. Patrick's Day. Did you know that Savannah has one of the biggest St. Patrick's Day parades in the world? I look forward to meeting you soon!

Harry

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We asked Harry...

How did you start playing and singing music?

Music is a big part of Irish life. I sang with my father from an early age.

I learned guitar by watching other people play and asking where to put my fingers.

What was your favorite book when you were growing up?

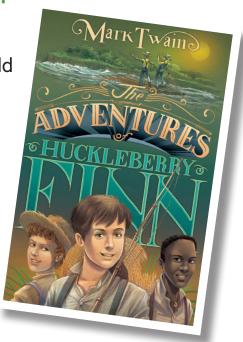
I liked adventure books. A book called *Huckleberry Finn* made me imagine what America was like. I thought I would never see it. Now I live here!

What was it like when you first came to the United States?

I saw movies about America when I was growing up, but I still could not believe how big America was!

The people who live here are so special.

I am proud that now I am an American!



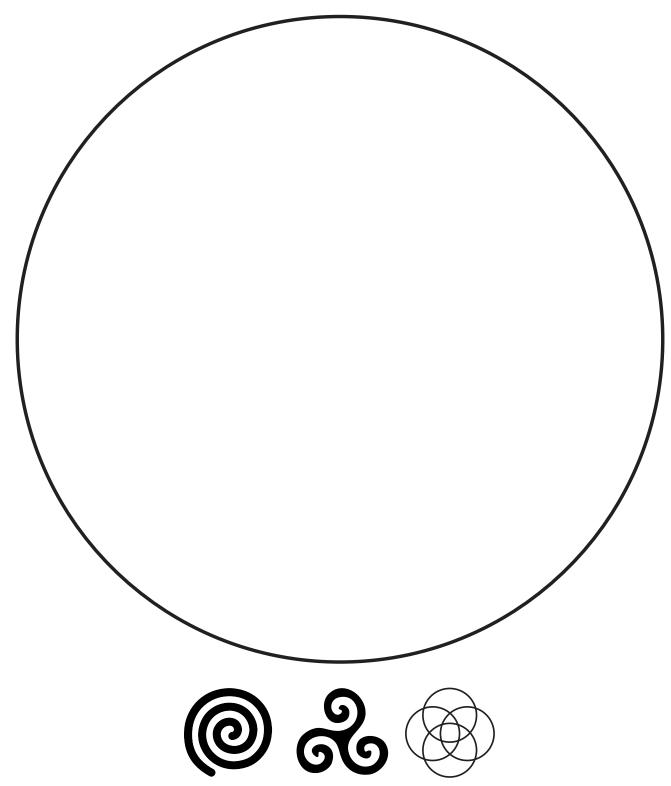




Learn About the Bodhrán

Harry plays an Irish frame drum called the bodhrán (BOW-ron). The bodhrán is the heartbeat of Irish music. This ancient drum is made with a wooden body and goat-skin head. It is played with a stick called a tipper or beater.

Decorate the bodhrán with shapes and colors. You may also choose to use some of the Irish symbols shown below.



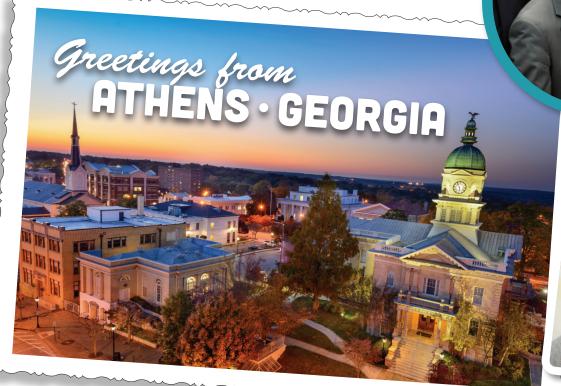


Let's Explore Klezmer Music!

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!







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! Even though we're far apart, we can still celebrate together!

Zay gezunt (stay healthy), Dan



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We asked Dan...

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in the state of New York. I was in a band there with my friends. I also lived in a very small village in the African country of Niger (nee-ZHER). My father was an anthropologist, someone who studies different cultures. He took my whole family there when I was five.

How did you start playing music?

My whole family is musical. My mother plays piano, and my father was a singer. My brother plays guitar and drums. My father used to sing songs to us around a fire under the stars.

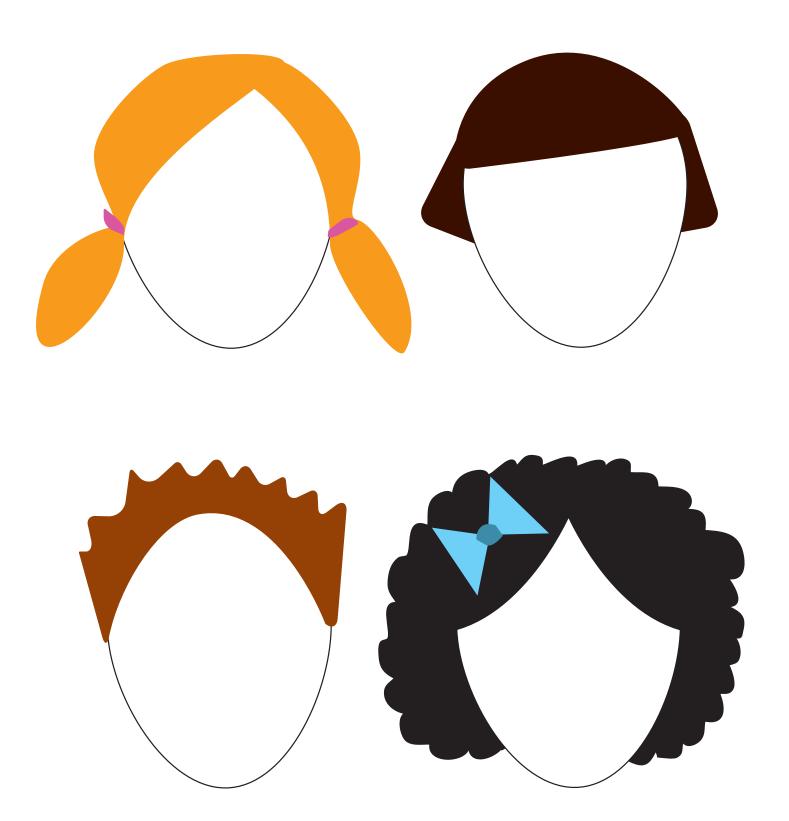
What is your favorite holiday?

My favorite holiday is Passover. There is one meal with lots of eating and singing. It takes a long time and it gets loud!



Exploring Emotions Through Music

We can feel many emotions, or feelings, when we sing and listen to music - in klezmer, we can feel many different emotions at once! Listen to your favorite song and draw what you are feeling on the faces below.



Let's Explore Salsa!

Salsa comes from Cuba, a large island south of the United States. When people from Cuba immigrated to America, they brought their music with them. Gino is a musician who grew up in the South American country of Ecuador and went to college in Cuba. He is a drummer who grew up listening to salsa. Now he lives in Charleston, South Carolina.



Meet Gino! Greetings from CHARLESTO

iHola Musical Explorers!

My name is Gino, and I live in Charleston, South Carolina, where I make music with my band the Cuban Cowboys. Even though I grew up in the South American country of Ecuador, I play music that comes from Cuba—salsa! I lead my band from behind the congas—large drums that I play with my hands. Just don't call them bongos—bongos are much, much smaller.

When you listen to salsa, make sure you are wearing the right shoes—salsa is music for dancing!

iHasta luego! Gino Musical Explorers c/o Savannah Music Festival 200 East Saint Julian St. Suite 601 Savannah, Georgia 31401 USA



We asked Gino ...

What was it like where you grew up?

I grew up in the country of Ecuador. My favorite thing was to climb trees.

I listened to music all the time. When I was five years old, I told my mom I wanted to become a drummer.

Do you ever get nervous when you sing or play music?

All the time! But I love being able to connect with people when I play music.

What do you like to do besides playing music?

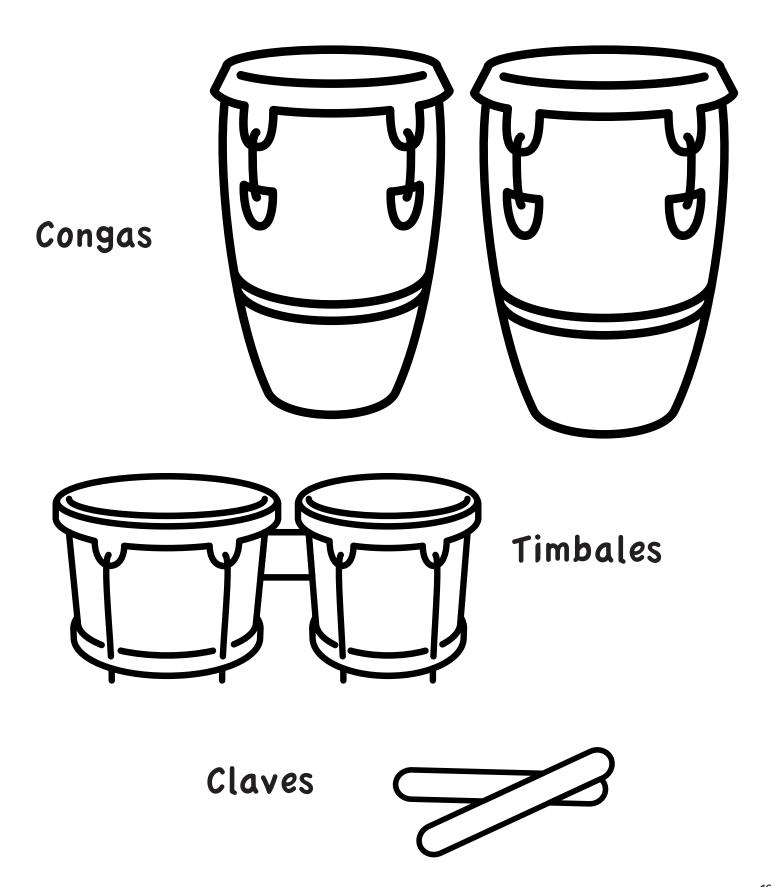
When I was a kid, I played soccer. Now I like to take pictures when I am not playing with my band.

Where is your favorite place that you've played music?

Every place is special, but Musical Explorers is my favorite. Being a Musical Explorer has made an impact on my soul!



Color in the Salsa Instruments!



Write a Postcard to Your Favorite Artist!

Who is your favorite artist? Write a postcard to that person and draw a picture of your home.



Melody



Harry



Dan



Gino

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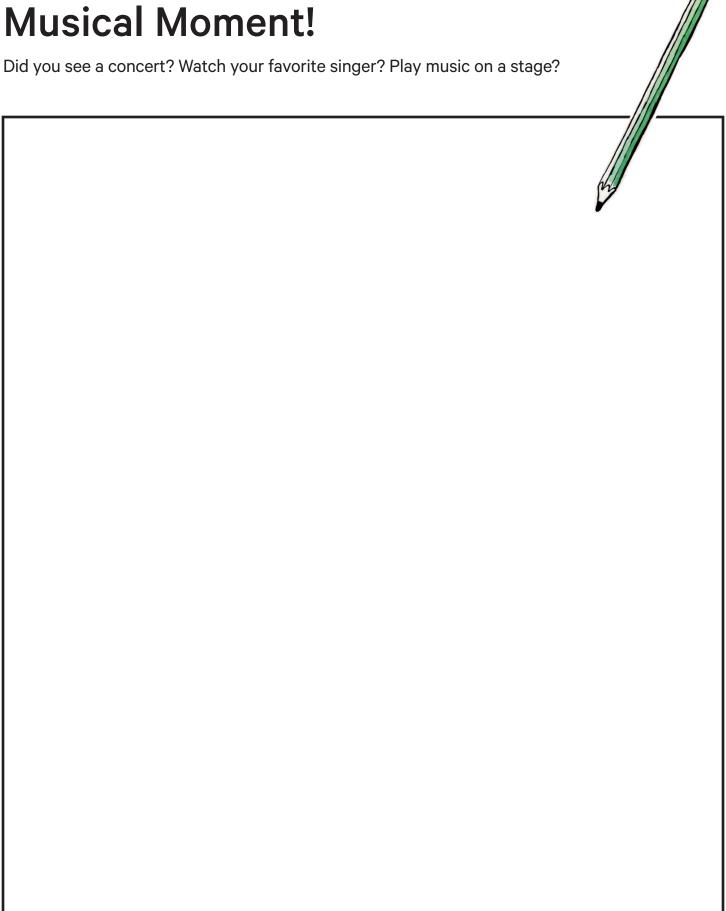
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What Makes You Feel Good?

Draw a picture of something that makes you feel good!



Draw a Picture of Your Favorite Musical Moment!



Ask an Adult About Their Favorite Music!

low does that music make them feel? Draw a picture of them listening to music.				



Learn more with Harry, Dan, Gino and Melody at savannahmusicfestival.org/musicalexplorers

Are you a Musical Explorer?

We want to hear from you! Share your music with us!

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