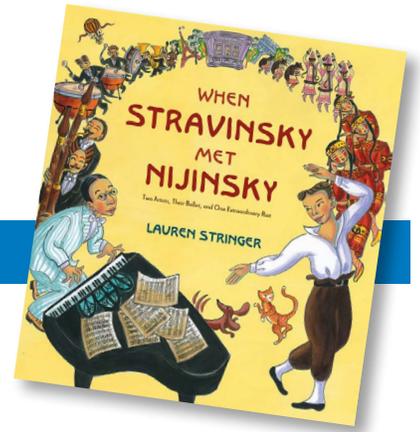


When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky



A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Friendship, Collaboration, Freedom, Courage

Book Brief: Igor Stravinsky, a composer, and Vaslav Nijinsky, a dancer, teamed up to create an original work called *The Rite of Spring*. Some loved it, some hated it—there was a riot in the street! Read on to

explore the important connection between music and dance.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: Look through the pictures. Which character is the composer and which is the dancer? How do you know? Why are the pictures coming off of the music page? What kinds of instruments will the characters play? Based on

the pictures, how do you think people will react to the big performance?

While reading, make connections: What does this story remind you of? Can you think of a time that you worked with someone to create something new?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why did Stravinsky and Nijinsky want to work together?
- ◆ What did they do to get ready for the show?
- ◆ Did the show go as expected?
- ◆ Do you think audiences will react the same way for future shows?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

RUSSIAN TEA CAKES

Ingredients: 1 cup butter, 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 tsp. vanilla extract, 6 Tbsp. powdered sugar, 1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350*. In a medium bowl, mix the butter and vanilla until creamy. In a separate bowl, mix 6 tablespoons powdered sugar and flour. Stir sugar and flour mixture into the butter mixture. Add chopped walnuts; stir. Form dough into 1 inch balls and place a couple of inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 minutes and let cool. Enjoy!

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit www.picassohead.com/create.html to make your own digital cubist work! To watch a version

of *The Rite of Spring*, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrylQ9QpXwl.

CUBIST CREATIONS

Materials: various shapes of small cardboard pieces, paper towel tubes, and other recycled cardboard products; glue or tape; scissors

Create a cubist work of art! View some examples of cubist art at <http://presentations.pppst.com/isms-cubism.ppt>. Talk with your child about what it means to be “original” when creating art. Then, select a few cardboard/paperboard pieces. Glue or tape the pieces together to build a sculpture. Make sure the structure can balance on its own and will not fall apart easily.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Deer Dancer (2014)

Snow (2008)

Winter Is the Warmest Season (2006)



Reading Is Fundamental