

Get Up and Make Noise

Inspired by *Shakespeare's Stars*

Inspiration:

June is Black Music Month and this week we're celebrating by making music together! You and your young ones can design your own shaker and explore the different sounds you can make.



How To:

1. Find a water bottle, jar with a lid, or similar item.
2. Fill the item with loose content of your choice - such as dried beans, coins, etc. anything that can "rattle" once in the jar.
3. Explore how different amounts of the material affects the sound in the jar (how the pitch changes), and if a clear jar demonstrates the beans going back and forth through the jar.
4. Make several shakers with different types of material in each. One might have rice, one coins, one buttons, etc. Listen and see how each one sounds different depending on the type of material.
5. Pick a song from the #BlackMusicMonth Spotify list, grab your jars and start grooving!

Bonus:

Create your own disco light!

Fill a jar with water and food coloring. Hold a flashlight or your phone light under the jar and let it reflect on the ceiling or a blank wall.



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Take a break from the dance party and check out these picture books about Black music.

Ages 0-2

Jazz Baby

Written by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Squeak, Rumble, WHOMP! WHOMP! WHOMP!

Written by Wynton Marsalis, illustrated by Paul Rogers

Ages 3-5

Harlem's Little Blackbird

Written by Renée Watson, illustrated by Christian Robinson

I See the Rhythm of Gospel

Written by Toyomi Igus, illustrated by Michele Wood

When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop

Written by Laban Carrick Hill, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III



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