

# #CONCERTSFORKIDS

## Activity Guide



Etienne Charles, Photo by Folklore Press

## Etienne Charles

*Get ready to celebrate folk traditions and music with Etienne Charles and his band, Creole Soul, as he brings Calypso and Blues to families at home! We'll learn about these musical styles and hold our own at-home dance party.*

### Warm Up

Count to four out loud: "One – two – three – four".

Now, at the same time, clap once every time you say a number.

Now, keep a steady clap without speaking! Clap – clap – clap – clap. Clap – clap – clap – clap. Clap – clap – clap – clap.

Now try clapping a different rhythm. Try three claps, pause, three claps. Try two claps, pause, five claps.



## Taking a Solo



This part you can do with family members!

### STEP 1

Both you and your family should start by clapping in a steady rhythm. Try to get everyone clapping together!



### STEP 2

Now, while everyone else keeps a steady rhythm going, you can take a solo!

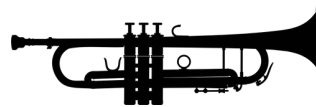
Clap a different rhythm over top of it. Try many different rhythms!

One rhythm to try is: clap – clap – pause – clap – clap – clap – pause – clap – clap!

### STEP 3

Go back to everyone clapping at the same time. Now other family members can take solos! They will clap a different pattern while you keep a steady rhythm

## Learning About Musical Styles



Two of the musical styles you will hear in the concert are Calypso and Blues.

Watch these videos from Jazz at Lincoln Center to learn more about the two musical styles.

**Calypso** <https://youtu.be/05Edm4EKVfE>

**Blues** [https://youtu.be/aBg\\_gQxAShM](https://youtu.be/aBg_gQxAShM)



While you listen, pay attention to how different sounds and instruments layer on top of each other.

Notice when they are playing together and when one instrument takes a solo!

How do these two styles sound alike? How do they sound different?

## Calypso Dance Party

Calypso is often dance or celebration music.

Pick a pose that feels like you are celebrating! Hold it for 10 seconds. Try another one!

We are going to a Masquerade Ball with Etienne Charles! Masquerade Balls are parties where people dress up and wear masks. They come from the Carnival tradition.

Get ready to dance! As you are dancing, see if you can work in your celebration poses!

<https://youtu.be/E84DC9XgLRQ>



## Family Discussion Questions

What was a moment in the concert that stood out to you?

What instruments did you notice?

What did you notice about the Calypso songs? What about the Blues?

How were they the same? How were they different?

How did each of the songs make you feel?

Did you notice any solos? When?

What do you want to know more about?

