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Activity Guide

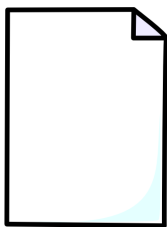


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Gina Chavez

Gina Chavez shares her upbeat concert in Spanish and English, using a looping station to layer guitar, vocals, and recorded music from her backing band to create a medley of songs from her home in Austin, Texas. Let's get ready to enjoy, sing and clap along!

Suggested Materials



- Paper
- Pen, pencil, crayons, markers, colored pencils – any drawing utensil
- A computer, tablet or phone with internet access

Warm Up



Gina Chavez sings a song called “This Little Light of Mine.”

It goes, “This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.”

With a deep breath IN, bring your hands out to your sides.
With a deep breath OUT, bring your hands together, palms facing each other, so they are a little bit apart.



This is the American Sign Language sign for “little.”

With another deep breath IN, bring one arm up in front of you so your hand is about chin-level. Wiggle your fingers.



Take your other hand and point your index finger up. Now, bring your pointer finger so it touches the wrist of the first hand.



This is the sign for “light or candle”. Your wiggling fingers are the flame!

With a deep breath OUT, wiggle the fingers of both hands as you move them out and up. This is the sign for “shine”!

If you want to see examples of the signs and the song as a whole, you can find many versions online. Here is one by WeeHands: https://youtu.be/EfeBXly_VAI?t=19.



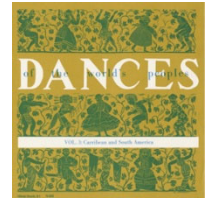
Chacarera Listening Challenge



In her concert, Gina has her own take on a traditional Argentinian musical style and dance called “Chacarera”.

STEP 1

Learn about Chacarera and listen to an excerpt of a traditional Chacarera song from Smithsonian Folkways. <https://folkways.si.edu/dance-traditions-argentina/chacarera-tango/music/tools-for-teaching/smithsonian>

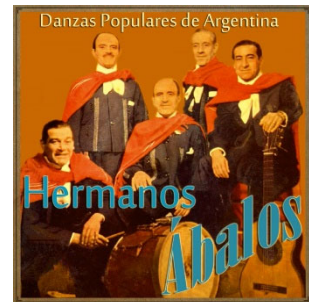


You’ll also hear an example of Tango music, another popular musical and dance style in Argentina. What do you notice about the difference between the two styles?

STEP 2

Listen to “Chacarera del Rancho” by Los Hermanos Ábalos. <https://youtu.be/0LAgTSqT21Y>.

These are great songs to clap to! Clap along!



After you hear the concert, think about the similarities and differences you can hear between this version and Gina Chavez’s version of a Chacarera. What is the same? What is different?

What Do you Like To Do?



Gina wrote a song with her nephew about a game he really likes to play, called “Super Mario RPG”. What do you like to do? Think of activities that you enjoy. You can also think of a favorite animal, a favorite food or even a favorite story.

STEP 1

Write or draw some of your favorite things!

STEP 2

Think about what you like about them. Write down three things.



STEP 3

Make up your own lyrics! You can write your own or you can use this template to get started:

I love _____.

That’s because _____,

and _____.

It makes me want to _____.

Family Discussion Questions

What was a moment in the concert that stood out to you? Why did it stand out to you?

Were there any lyrics you liked or connected with? Which ones?

How can you use your body to express feelings, songs, or emotions?

What things do you like to do?

If you wrote a song, what would it be about?

Many of Gina's songs are sung in English and Spanish. How can you tell the emotion and theme of the song even if you do not understand the words?

What do you want to know more about?