

PROGRAM

Teamwork on the Erie Canal

ARTIST NAME

Nancy Baun



AVAILABLE FORMATS

- Performance
- Single Workshop
- Multi-Session
Residency Workshop

GRADE LEVELS

- Pre-K
- K – 2nd
- 3rd – 5th
- 6th – 8th
- 9th – 12th

MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

In-Person: 30
Virtual: 30

PROGRAM LENGTH

45 minutes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

It's all about community building! It was essential that workers on the Erie Canal, including child workers, found ways to get the job done efficiently - and music created the foundation for this teamwork. In this cross curricular STEAM workshop, students will explore how music promotes collaboration, and discuss and apply the fundamentals of successful teams. The students will also calculate a cargo list, and experience how a common washboard becomes a musical instrument. Song sheets, cargo materials information and washboards supplied.

CURRICULUM STANDARDS

This program supports these NYS or Next Generation Learning Standards:

4th MU:Cr1.1.4 and SEL Benchmark 2C.2b.

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Students begin by comparing two classic work songs sung on the Erie Canal, “15 Miles on the Erie Canal” and “Haul Away Joe”, and predict which would provide a better framework for collaboration. The discussion proceeds to define teamwork, while students explain and demonstrate ways that young canal workers used these principals to load cargo and other chores. Small group activities include calculating a cargo list using weights and measurements, investigating the “technology” of a washboard, and ultimately working in teams to lift heavy items.

LOGISTICS/EQUIPMENT

In-Person workshop: classroom with 10 X 10 area room for students to move around, pencils and paper for each participant, speaker for audio links. Virtual: room for students to move, pencils and paper if possible. Washboards, and a variety of spoon styles, cargo materials information and sheets all provided.

VOCABULARY

Work Song: A song with a repetitive chorus, sung to coordinate movement.

Team Work: Ways for a group to help each other accomplish a goal.

Cooperation: An attitude that promotes kindness and inclusion.

Strategy: A thoughtful prediction, based on evidence, made to accomplish a goal.

POST-PROGRAM ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES

Students can continue to create their own barge, cargo lists and discuss in small groups. Students can create their own lyrics to “Haul Away Joe”.



ARTIST BIO

Nancy Baun is the rare synthesis of touring concert cellist, (retired) classroom music teacher, and arts consultant. Her passions include creating community and inspiring both professional and student audiences. She taught elementary music at Tapestry Charter School where she designed arts integrated music curriculum, during which time she received praise as a program partner for the BPO/Lincoln Center Music Program, presented programs at the Albright Knox Art Gallery, and lead the cello section at SUNY Buffalo State Orchestra.

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