

CLASSROOM DISCUSSION: Repurposed Percussion by Street Beat (15 min. total)

Show & Theater Company: (less than 1 min.)

- Repurposed Percussion by Street Beat

Art Form: (1-2 min.)

- A rhythm and percussion show with two performers
 - ? Who can name a percussion instrument? (a drum, anything you can hit or stroke to make a noise, even your hands can be a percussion instrument!)
 - ? What makes a rhythm? (a pattern of beats)

Context: (3-5 min.)

- Street Beat uses household items and trash to make their own instruments
 - ? What have you made out of recycled materials?
- Even with these “repurposed” instruments, the musicians can make great music!
- Basic music terms they will cover in the show:
 - Pattern: sounds that are repeated
 - Beat: the most basic part of a song, repeated to make the rhythm
 - Note: a distinct sound of a certain and pitch and length of time
 - Tempo: how fast or slow a song goes
 - Pitch: how high or low the music goes

Main concepts: (3 min.)

- Music is all around us, every day!!
 - ? How would your life be different without music?
- Anything can be made into an instrument!!
 - ? Can you name some things in this class that you could use as a musical instrument?
- Recycling and reusing materials is important.
 - ? Can you tell me why?

Special things to look for: (3 min.)

- ? How are the invented instruments similar to ones you’ve seen or hear before? How are they different?
- ? How do the performers’ physical movements make the show exciting?

Theater Etiquette: (2-3 min.)

- Respect the theater, limit bathroom breaks, one person to a seat, do not kick the seats, no food or drink in the theater (bottled water okay), no audio, video recording or photography and remember to turn off cell phones and please no texting.
 - ? How is watching live theater different than watching a movie or TV?
 - Live theater is exciting, because each performance is unique
 - Students are in the same room as the performers. Every sound they make and moving around can affect the performers and other members of the audience.
 - Can’t pause, rewind, or fast forward with live theater



