

Meet the Orchestra:

ALL-AMERICAN EDITION



Music Is Beauty

Aesthetic Response Activity

Step 1:

Listen to the piece "[The Mestizo Waltz](#)" from *Three Latin American Dances*. In the response space below, **write ANY 5-7 words that come to mind**. Whatever the music makes you think of! You can write these words in any size, style or direction. Use the whole space.

Step 2:

With your eyes closed, listen to the piece again. **What colors do you hear in the music?** Using crayons or markers, add the colors you hear in the response space, between the words you have written down. Do you hear any repeating patterns or designs?

Step 3:

Listen to the piece a third time. This time think about **what visuals come to mind**. Draw or doodle what you imagine in any part of the response space – between, around, or on top of the words and colors that are already there!

What Did We Just Do?

There are many different forms of **beauty**. They include art, music, dance, and nature. All forms of beauty make us feel something. Sometimes we can **talk** about how something beautiful makes us feel. Sometimes we can only express our reaction without words, through things like **dance, drawing, doodles, or colors**. All these reactions are called **aesthetic response**. Everyone's response will be different because everyone experiences beauty differently. There is no right or wrong way to respond!

Reflection Questions

- 1) What did it feel like to do this activity?

- 2) Look at what you created in the response space. How well does it show how the music made you feel?

- 3) What other ways could you show an aesthetic response to this music?