Paint to Music!
2019-2020

Now in its 18th year, Paint to Music is a unique partnership between The Phoenix Symphony and Young Arts Arizona that fosters unified creativity in a student’s approach to the aural and visual arts. Students attending Symphony for the Schools in May 2020 are invited to submit artwork created while listening to music selected from the concert program.

All submitted artwork will be presented as part of a slideshow during The Phoenix Symphony’s performance of Beethoven’s Sixth Symphony, Movement 4 at Symphony Hall during Symphony for the Schools. Some artwork will be selected to be featured at a special art gallery opening in the greater Phoenix area and to go on tour with Young Arts AZ.

This year’s musical selection is the fourth movement of Beethoven's Sixth Symphony. Links to recordings of the piece can be found here: https://www.phoenixsymphony.org/education-and-community/paint-to-music-contest
As the backbone of the Phoenix Symphony’s commitment to education, Symphony for the Schools aims to familiarize students with the symphony orchestra, the classical concert environment and the music of classical and modern composers while providing a meaningful and enjoyable educational experience.

Symphony for the Schools provides an amazing opportunity for Arizona students to see a world-class professional orchestra at a major performance venue in the heart of Phoenix at little to no charge to the students and their schools.

To learn more and to register your school for Symphony for the Schools, visit us at:

https://www.phoenixsymphony.org/education-and-community/symphony-for-the-schools/
Suggestions for Completing Paint to Music Projects:

Let the students begin their work while listening to the music for the first time so that the artwork flows organically from the student’s experience with the piece.

In accordance with the guidelines, let the students select their preferred medium of self-expression.

Try to avoid describing the music to your students, they will tend to draw your description.

Anything is valid! Winning artwork has included everything from abstract reflections on the music to literal depictions of musical instruments to an anthropomorphic dancing taco.

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Artwork Guidelines:
Artwork should be created on a white sheet of paper or poster board and be no larger than 18” x 22”.
Artwork can be created in your or your student’s choice of durable medium (crayon, paint, markers, etc...).

Submission instructions, entry and release forms and links to recordings of Beethoven’s Sixth Symphony are available here:

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More information on Symphony for the Schools can be found here:

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And to learn more about Young Arts Arizona, please visit their webpage:

http://www.youngartsaz.org/

The Phoenix Symphony is proud to partner with Young Arts Arizona to celebrate the interconnectedness of the arts.

Thank you for supporting Paint to Music and Symphony for the Schools.