



Lyman Allyn

Book of the Month

A Winter Escape



This month's project is inspired by our children book of the month selection, "Gabriella's Song." Music has a way of evoking a range of emotions and memories depending on the person and their own life experiences. It is with this in mind that you will create a small series of artworks, each inspired by different pieces of music.

As the focus of these works is on the emotions you feel, or maybe a specific memory the materials used will be kept simple. Begin by gathering a few pieces of sketching paper, a pencil, and crayons or colored pencils. You will also need a device to play the music that will inspire your art. We have chosen three songs for this project to demonstrate the variety that can come from the same piece of music. All pieces can be found on most streaming services or on YouTube.

We recommend listening to the song once, and then on the second listen pick up your drawing material of choice to begin creating. Repeat this step with each song. The result will be three unique drawings that are each a reflection of what the music has inspired. Doing this project with a friend or family member would also allow you each to compare your artwork, to see how you each interpreted the music differently or maybe had similarities.

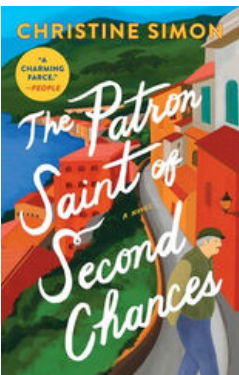
Don't forget to share your work with us using [#LymanAllynAtHome!](#)

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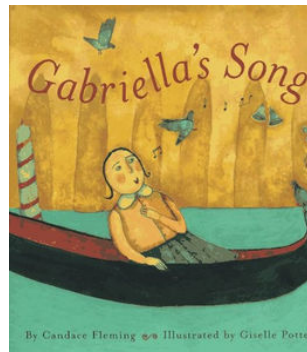
Yo-Yo Ma & Kathryn Stott - Nocturne
Sam Phillips – How to Dream
Jon Batiste – FREEDOM



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Our adult readers will travel to a small town, where the self-appointed mayor Signor Speranza has two problems. First, the town's water pipes are at risk of being shut off without costly repairs. Second, to increase tourism and revenue, he spreads a rumor that a movie star will be filming nearby but the town becomes more invested and involved in this fictional film. Speranza must try to make his rumor a reality while also uncertain on what will happen if he actually does!



Our younger readers will travel to Venice to explore the city through the life and song of young Gabriella. What began as a simple tune soon travels among townspeople, eventually finding its way to a composer searching for inspiration. Discover how Gabriella's hummed tune demonstrates the power of music and the different emotions it inspires.