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Swinging Trapeze Artist

First Level Expressive Arts EXA 1-03a



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create your own swinging trapeze artist

for teachers

This Create & Play resource is suitable for first level pupils. This activity is most suited to expressive arts and technologies outcomes, with opportunities to learn more about variety theatre and the King's Theatre.

resources you need

- lollipop sticks (3 per person)
- PVA glue and spreader
- acrobat template
- scissors
- glue stick
- pens & pencils
- string

circus at the King's



In the mid-20th Century, the King's Theatre was very well known for its Variety shows, particularly the Five Past Eight Show and Half Past Eight Show.

These shows mostly featured singers, dancers, and comedy performers as their acts. However, these would occasionally be joined by circus acts, acrobats and a variety of other acts - Variety by name and by nature!

Did you know?

Tollcross Primary School and community centre once hosted one of the longest-standing circus skills groups in Edinburgh, running for over 30 years.

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Make a triangle using your lollipop sticks and glue the edges down with PVA glue. Leave this to dry while you complete the next step.

Decorate your trapeze artist template. Use bright, exciting colours to make them stand out and decorate both sides (front and back). Remember to give them a face, thinking about what emotion they might be feeling when they are on the trapeze. Cut out your trapeze artist.

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Decide whether you'd like your trapeze artist to be swinging by their hands or feet. Curl their hands/feet around and glue them to their wrists/ankles. Glue paper to paper, rather than to the lollipop sticks as this is much easier!

Take a piece of string and tie this around the top of your triangle so you can hang your trapeze artist up and watch them fly.

If you have spare templates, you might like to decorate another trapeze artist and glue their hands/feet to the first one.

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