

Guild Hall KidFEST @CMEE: Charlotte Blake Alston



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We hope you have enjoyed Guild Hall's KidFEST @CMEE: Charlotte Blake Alston - Stories & Songs in the Oral Tradition, and have been captivated by the rich beauty of West African art and culture by way of Alston's storytelling.

This Take-Home Kit offers an opportunity to expand upon your knowledge of West African Art and Culture in a creative, investigative, and hands-on manner.

Through a step-by-step guide, this kit leads families through the creation of their own backdrop inspired by the landscapes, and contemporary artists of West Africa and the African Continent; creating a habitat and stage for the hand puppets that were made during the pre-show workshop.

TIME TO EXPLORE, CREATE, AND PLAY!



Materials

Shoe Box



Glue or Tape



Scissors



Crayons & Markers



Printed & cut-out images



Who sees the beauty in you, Maman Afrika?
Don't cross your arms and stand still
We have to work day and night
To make you stronger, Maman Afrika

Instructions

Step 1:

Find an empty shoe box or small to medium sized cardboard box to use as the blank canvas for your Backdrop.

Step 2:

Using the Resource Guide below, find images, quotes, and overall content you want to add into your Backdrop.

Step 3:

Print and cut out your images and add them to your Backdrop with Glue or Tape.

Step 4:

Decorate with crayons and markers and let dry for 5-10 minutes.

Note: Decorate the entirety of your box, covering the back, the sides, and even the front with images and designs.

Resource Guide

Below is a resource guide containing artwork, readings, videos, and more! The guide links several different platforms that highlight the rich artistic traditions and beauty that West Africa and the African Continent has to offer.

Angelique Kidjo



Angelique Kidjo is a Beninese performer, her striking voice, stage presence and fluency in multiple cultures and languages have won respect from her peers and expanded her following across national borders.

[Click here for resources.](#)

Kehinde Wiley



Kehinde Wiley is a Los Angeles native and New York based visual artist. Wiley, engages the signs and visual rhetoric of the heroic, powerful, majestic and the sublime in his representation of urban, black and brown men found throughout the world.

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William Kentridge



William Kentridge is a South African artist best known for his prints, drawings, and animated films, especially noted for a sequence of hand-drawn animated films he produced during the 1990s.

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Charlotte Blake Alston



Charlotte Blake Alston is an acclaimed storyteller, narrator, instrumentalist, librettist, and singer who has performed in venues throughout North America and abroad for over 30 years. She is committed to the preservation of African and African American oral storytelling traditions.

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Collection of Sunsets



Attached is a Pinterest board picturing the various sunsets in West Africa. Further information about each individual photo and its landscape is linked with each description.

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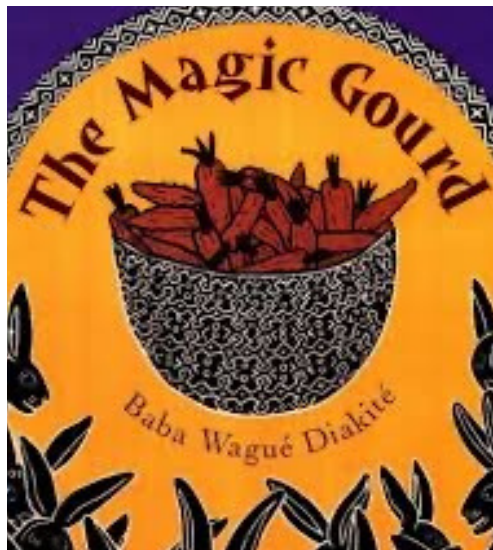
Family Friendly Movies



Attached is an accumulation of various kid friendly movies highlighting the culture and life of West Africa. Further information about each individual movie and where to watch it is linked with each description.

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Family Friendly Books



Attached is an accumulation of various children's books highlighting the culture and life of West Africa. Further information about each individual book and where to purchase it is linked with each description.

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