

Making Water
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for 1 pianist and any number of people

Preparation: The piano may be located anywhere in the room. The rest of the participants should divide into two groups and spread themselves out randomly around the room. The pianist need not be able to actually play the piano. One director is required (may be the pianist).

Directions: To begin, the director calls out a body of water. Participants in group #1 randomly read the water idioms in a style and volume that matches their perception of the body of water, while those in group #2 randomly read the onomatopoeias in a similar fashion. At the same time, the pianist improvises on the piano, also in the style of that body of water. As the director chooses, he/she calls out another name of a body of water and the participants change their styles and volumes accordingly. The piece is over when it is finished.

Suggestions:

- The first and last bodies of water, if desired, may involve only the onomatopoeias but not the idioms.
- The included lists are just recommendations. Additional idioms, sounds, and bodies of water are encouraged, especially if they can be personalized to the concert locale.
- If desired, the readings may be chosen based on their similarity to the current body of water.
- Whispers and yells are encouraged when appropriate.

Duration: Approximately 3-6 minutes.

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Idioms

Water, water, everywhere, and not a drop to drink
(Like a) Fish out of water
Water off a duck's back
Keep your head above water
She's in hot water
He's all wet
Makes my mouth water
Water under the bridge
You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink
Throw out the baby with the bath water
Wet your whistle
That doesn't hold water
There is no life without water
Don't change horses in midstream
I've got my head above water
He's wet behind the ears
Blood is thicker than water
Come hell or high water
Come on in, the water is fine!
Dead in the water
When it rains, it pours
That just muddies the water
Oil and water don't mix
It's raining cats and dogs
Testing the waters
One hand washes the other
A drop in the ocean
Still waters run deep
A storm in a teacup
Water, taken in moderation, cannot hurt anybody
Water sustains all
I'm singing in the rain
Water which is too pure has no fish
Madder than a wet hen
Like a bridge over troubled water

Onomatopoeias

Splash
Gurgle
Slosh
Splish
Trickle
Gush
Drip
Tinkle
Squirt
Whoosh
Burble
Kerplunk
Sploosh
Splutter
Splatter
Ploosh
Slurp

Bodies of Water

Drop
Puddle
Spring
Brook
Fountain
Stream
Pool
Rain shower
Pond
River
Lake
Sea
Ocean