



Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

EXPRESS YOURSELF

PreK-2nd Grade

Featuring your students' artwork!

We are looking for student artwork to show during our Pre-K – 2nd grade concerts. If you would like your students to participate, please follow the guidelines below.

What kind of artwork?

The **Express Yourself** concert program tells the Norwegian story of Peer Gynt using Edvard Grieg's music written for this tale. We explore how this composer uses musical elements to express feelings throughout the story. During the concert we would like to show your students' pictures depicting Peer's adventures! (Story attached)

Whose artwork?

Your students' in Pre-K – 2nd grade! Pictures should be no larger than 8 ½ x 11". Please identify each piece by writing the student's first name only, anywhere on the picture. Chosen images will be scanned and placed into power point by BPO staff.

How many pictures can I submit?

You may submit as many pictures as you like. We will have to choose which artwork to display based on the time limit of the concert, so not all of the pictures will be shown.

When I attend the concert, will MY students' artwork be shown?

We will do our best to show artwork from the students that are attending each concert. Please clearly label your school or group's name on the package when you mail it.

When is the artwork due?

For all districts and schools, please submit by **October 15th 2010**.

Where do I send it?

Please send it to Robin Parkinson, Director of Education, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, 499 Franklin St. Buffalo, NY 14202

What do I need to complete this project?

The story of Peer Gynt is attached, including the repertoire for the concert. Please feel free to use our "**Audio Links**" page to hear clips of each selection. You can share these with your students while they are drawing their pictures.

Just go to www.bpo.org/education/educators.php then click on "**Teacher Resources 2010-11**", and you will find a link that says "**Express Yourself Audio Links**" under the description of the **Express Yourself** program.

The Norwegian legend of Peer Gynt

(adapted)



Once upon a time, there was a boy named Peer Gynt. He often got into trouble. He played tricks on people, he told stories that were untrue, and he never helped his mother. The people that lived in his village did not like him very much.

One day, there was a wedding in his village. Peer went to the celebration, and he met the most beautiful girl he had ever seen. Her name was Solveig. He knew instantly that he was in love with her and wanted to marry her.

But Solveig's parents didn't like Peer because they had heard that he was a troublemaker. They said "NO WAY" will Solveig marry him! This made Peer feel very sad. In fact his heart was broken. He decided that he couldn't stay in the village anymore because it would be too sad and painful. So he ran away.

Audio: (Grieg's "Death of Ase" from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1)

Peer ran into the mountains that were near his village. Peer wandered for a long time, until he came to a cave in the side of a mountain. When he went inside the cave, he found himself in a huge underground Hall where mountain trolls lived. The King of these trolls met Peer as he came into the cave and invited him inside. Do you know what trolls look like? They are very big and ugly with lots of hair all over their bodies, they have long tails, and they live underground.

The Mountain King decided that Peer should become a troll and marry the Mountain King's daughter. All of the other trolls thought this was a great idea! "Become a troll like us! Live underground with us!" But Peer did not want to become a troll and he did not want to marry the Mountain King's daughter. He loved Solveig back in the village! So he shouted a very loud, "NO!" This made the trolls very angry. They surrounded him and started to dance an angry dance. Peer was trapped.

Audio: (Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King" from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1)

Do you think Peer escaped the trolls? You bet he did! The trolls got so distracted by their dancing that Peer snuck out of the mountain and ran away.

Peer escaped the mountains and kept moving all day and all night until he reached a huge desert. When he came to the sandy desert it was just becoming morning. The desert was very quiet and peaceful, especially after escaping the trolls in the mountain. It made Peer feel very quiet and peaceful and he enjoyed it. He sat down and rested.

Audio: (Grieg's "Morning Mood" from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1)

When he continued on his journey, he came upon a white horse and a beautiful red robe. He put on the robe and hopped on the back of the horse. He could move much faster through the desert now! Eventually he came upon a town. When he rode into the center, he was welcomed by a couple of townsfolk. They thought he must be someone very important because he was wearing a red robe and riding such a beautiful white horse. They decided to invite him to a special dinner and party in honor of his visit.

At the party, there was lots of dancing. Peer had never felt so excited and he had so much fun. The music made him feel playful and silly, so he got up and danced with the village dancers. They laughed while Peer danced his silly dances. He was the life of the party!

Audio: (Grieg's "Arabian Dance" from Peer Gynt Suite No. 2)

Towards the end of the evening, Peer started to remember his home, his mother, and all of his friends back in the village, especially Solveig. He decided it was time to go back home. So, he put his red robe back on and jumped on the white horse to leave. He rode for days and days back through the desert, through the mountains and finally arrived back home.

When he arrived back at his village he felt so happy to be home! He immediately arrived at a familiar door. It was the door to his beloved Solveig's house! Peer ran up to the door, his heart pounding. He was trembling from excitement as he knocked. Who answered the door? It was Solveig!

At first Solveig did not believe that it was Peer, because he had been gone for so long. But Peer told her all about his adventures, and that is when Solveig realized that it really was him. While he had been away, the whole village had started to miss him. So when he returned they were very happy to see him, even Solveig's parents! They gave their blessing for Peer and Solveig to be married. Everyone was very happy.

In fact, they lived happily ever after.

Audio: (Grieg's "Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen")