

# SOUTHBANK CENTRE



Since you can't come to our venues, we're bringing them to you. Find your pens and pencils and let's create some great entertainment.

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**Welcome to your second creative booklet from Art by Post, a way for us to stay connected and creative when we're not able to meet face to face.**

Over the next few months, artists will guide you through poetry and visual arts activities inspired by our art collection and artistic programme via these free booklets. We loved receiving your poetry in response to the first booklet. We'd really like to see what you create this time around, too. Make sure you are sketching and writing on loose-leaf paper that you can post to us.

**Welcome to the stage! While we're all isolating at home and unable to access some of our favourite pastimes, let's take flight with our imaginations. We're going to conjure up the best shows we can possibly imagine.**

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**TURN ON YOUR FAVOURITE RADIO STATION**  **OR POP ON YOUR FAVOURITE ALBUM** 

## **What does the music look like?**

Maybe you imagine swirling colours coming from the strings, or see the percussion as sharp jagged edges. You might experience the rhythms as a pattern. Maybe jazz looks blue or classical music resembles a vibrant rainbow.

**Draw your favourite music on paper using colour and shape. Include plenty of detail and be as wild as you want.**

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**★ DESCRIBE YOUR ★**

**DREAM CONCERT**

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**Think about your favourite songs and singers.**

Music and movement have long been there to comfort us when we need it most. Which bands have moved you? Which music has made you want to boogie? Are you a rock and roller, a disco dancer or a jiver to jazz?

**Describe your dream concert. Which musical artists would you put on the Royal Festival Hall stage?**

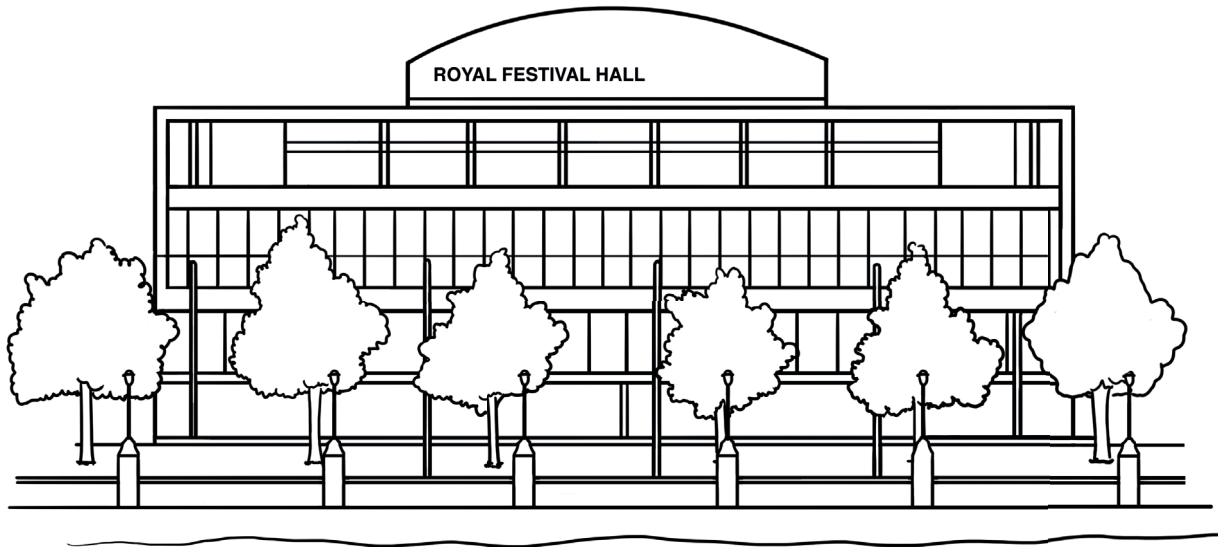
Who'd be part of the line-up?

Example: David Bowie to headline, Diana Ross and The Supremes to support.

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## Bring colour to the Royal Festival Hall.

The Royal Festival Hall may be made of concrete but it doesn't have to be grey... Use your art materials to bring colour to our building.

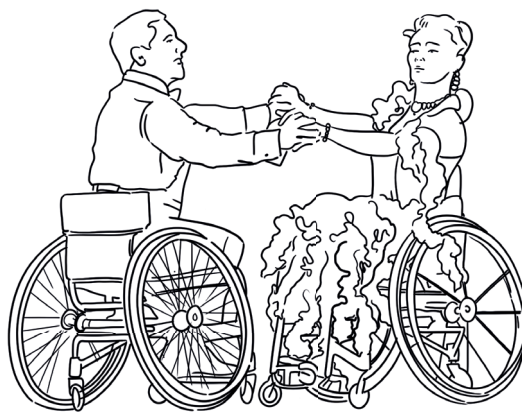
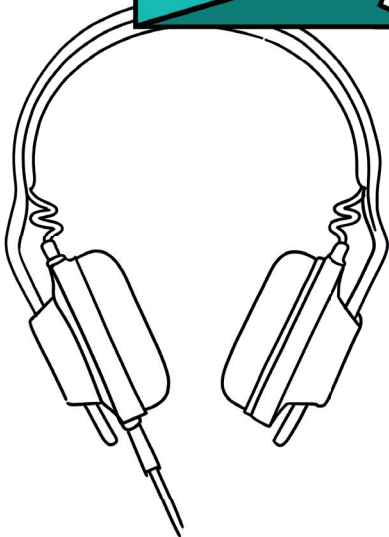


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## DRAW YOURSELF LISTENING TO MUSIC

**Picture yourself listening to something you love, or something that gets your pulse racing.**

Music can make you feel, think and reminisce. Are you smiling? Or listening in quiet contentment? Maybe you have your hands in the air, or you're dancing in your seat. Make the picture as vibrant as you are.



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Dancing is all about joy, whether you can join in or just enjoy watching.

**Think about your favourite dance moves. Now try to set them down on the page.**

You can draw the moves, write them down, or photograph yourself doing the dance. You could remember a favourite dance performance and try to recreate some of the steps.

**These creative activities have guided you to create responses to music and dance in images and words. Thank you for taking part. Why not share what you've created today with somebody else? Give someone a call to read them your writing.**



**This booklet's guest artist is Rebecca Strickson. She is an artist and illustrator based in Kent. Her work explores the power of community and working together, and the strength and fun of colour and pattern.**

She says: 'I wanted to create a booklet that could bring, in some small way, the joy and essence of the Southbank Centre stages to people's homes. This seems important in a time when enjoying the communal fun and pleasure of live music and art is impossible in its usual context.'

'By making this pack, I wanted to extend the important role the Southbank Centre plays in our cultural life. It invites people to continue to feel included and necessary as an audience. For what is a performance without anyone to see it?'

## **Share your ideas with us**

**We'd love to see what you come up with. We want to hear about your dream concert, how to dance your favourite move and what music looks like to you.**

Once we reopen our venues, we hope to create an exhibition of your work. If you'd like to send us a copy of what you've created, post it in the Freepost envelope included in this pack, or put it into your own envelope marked clearly 'Freepost SOUTHBANK CENTRE'. You don't need to add a stamp, but make sure you include your name and address. Or email your work to:

**artbypost@southbankcentre.co.uk**

We will do our best to send it back to you after we've made a copy (but we may not always be able to). Along with your poem, please include your name on the yellow slip provided. If you are shielding (staying at home in order to keep yourself safe from the virus) please arrange for somebody else to post your work to us, or give us a phone call.

**Southbank Creative Learning Team: 020 7960 4206**

Leave us a message and we will reply as soon as possible. But please forgive us for taking a little longer than usual to get back to you at the moment.

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**Thank you for taking part. Keep an eye out: we'll send you your next Art by Post booklet in the next couple of weeks.**



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