

Unlocking Creativity Through Music, Poetry, and Art

This workshop is designed for fourth – sixth grade students and young-at-heart adults of all ages. For groups larger than 30, one venue-provided volunteer/chaperone for every 10 students is requested.

Workshop Overview

Welcome to a journey of creativity and inspiration where music, poetry, and art converge to form a beautiful tapestry of self-expression. In this 60-minute workshop – designed for children from fourth to sixth grade and young-at-heart adults – participants explore the enchanting world of Esteban Ramirez' neoclassical piano solo music. Through this carefully crafted workshop, they learn to interpret his melodic compositions through their own poetry and accompanying illustrations. Through this artistic journey, participants nurture their creativity, enhance their appreciation of music, poetry, and art, and encourage their self-expression.

Workshop Agenda

1. Introduction (2 minutes)

- A warm welcome by Esteban Ramirez, introducing himself and the magical world of music, poetry, and art, and what to expect from the workshop.

2. Poetry Tutorial (5 minutes)

- A brief tutorial on rules of poetry: There are none!
- A brief tutorial on two elements of poetry: simile and imagery

3. Supporting Illustration Tutorial (5 minutes)

- A brief tutorial on illustrating poetry with a pencil.

4. Music as a Muse (10 minutes)

- Experience the captivating beauty of single notes played on the piano.
- Group discussion on the emotions and images conjured by the single notes.

- Experience the beauty of three-note, right-handed chords played on the piano.
- Group discussion on the emotions and images conjured by these chords.

- Experience the beauty of two hands playing their respective chords on the piano.
- Group discussion on the emotions and images conjured by these chords.

5. Writing Poetry (10 minutes)

- Experience the beauty of a brief two-handed piano melody by Esteban.
- Group discussion on the emotions and images conjured by the melody.
- Write a four-sentence poem (or longer) about what was just played, incorporating some of the ideas from the group discussion, or their own, into their poetry.

6. Illustrating the Poetry (5 minutes)

- Pick one of the images or feelings in their own poem.
- Illustrate that image or feeling on paper.

5. Sharing (5 minutes)

- Two volunteer participants read their respective poems aloud.

6. Closing Thoughts (5 minutes)

- A heartfelt thank you from Esteban, expressing gratitude for participants' creativity.
- Group discussion: Esteban asks participants "What did you learn today?"
- Esteban encourages participants to go home, spend time with your favorite music and write poetry and illustrate it!

7. Awarding Esteban Ramirez's Poetry Book (3 minutes)

- Via raffle, four fortunate participants receive a complimentary copy of Esteban's poetry book "Serenade to the Moon – the poetry book."

Materials Needed

- **To be provided by venue**
 - Piano (must be in tune)
 - White board and writing marker (or chalk board with chalk)
 - Large screen for projection (optional)
 - Paper, pencils
- **To be provided by Esteban Ramirez**
 - Raffle tickets
 - Four poetry books (*If venue desires to provide more poetry books for attendees, the cost is \$30/book.*)

Workshop Goals

- Inspire children to find beauty in the harmonious blend of music, poetry, and art.
- Encourage self-expression and artistic confidence.
- Deepen their appreciation for music, poetry, and art, and their emotive power.
- Promote the love of literature and art through the distribution of Esteban's poetry book.

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Esteban Ramirez' workshop is a unique opportunity for young minds and young-at-heart adults to delve into the world of artistry, where the language of music, poetry, and illustration come together to awaken their creativity. This journey ignites their passion for self-expression, cultivating a lifelong love for the arts, and inspiring them to continue crafting the symphonies of their own creativity.