

The Ark and Improvised Music Company present



MONSTER MUSIC IMPROV



A MUSIC
IMPROVISATION AND
VISUAL ADVENTURE
FOR CHILDREN AGED

5+

At-Home Activities

Part 1



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Introduction

Monster Music Improv is a music performance created especially for children, which has been conceived, developed and produced by The Ark and Improvised Music Company. The show consists of new arrangements of songs and music together with improvisation - both musical and visual – all linked through a fun monster theme.

Monster Music Improv was performed by acclaimed jazz vocalist and improviser Lauren Kinsella, guitarist and technology-whizz Shane Latimer and inventive cartoonist Patrick Sanders. Get ready for a music improvisation and visual adventure!

These activities and the show itself are aimed at children aged 5+ and work with the themes of the show. The activities have been selected and adapted from our full classroom activity pack which links to aspects of the primary school curriculum. If you would like further activities you can download the full document for free [here](#).



Activity 1 - The Noisy Monster Song

Read/Perform the poem “*The Noisy Monster Song*” below in a rap style.
If you like, you can use this jazz swing rhythm as a beat:

<https://soundcloud.com/the-ark-music/david-the-drummer-rhythm-only>

Try and set the poem with actions.

Perform the poem as a group with members of your family.

Try to describe “The Noisy Monster” in as much detail as possible.

Try to draw the noisy monster.

The Noisy Monster Song

by Sara Mullett from Let’s Play Music www.letsplaykidsmusic.com

This is the way a monster goes,	(stomp like a monster)
He has big feet,	(lift and shake each foot)
And furry toes,	(wiggle your toes)
He stamps a lot,	(stamp feet)
And makes big bangs,	(clap hands loudly)
And when he smiles,	(make a toothy smile)
He shows his fangs!	(gnash your teeth!)
This is the way a monster goes,	(stomp like a monster)
With goggly eyes	(peek through circled fingers)
And a very big nose!	(gesture a big nose)
With spiky horns	(gesture big horns on head)
And big sharp claws,	(hold fingers out like claws)
And a gulp of breath	(exaggerated big breath)
Before he ROARS!	(roar loudly!)



Activity 2 - What would Noisy Monster's language sound like?

Play these examples from the show for ideas: <https://soundcloud.com/the-ark-music/monster-language>

After a few minutes of exploration, try to act out a scene as the Noisy Monster's family or friends at home. Any scene will do - preparing for a party, dinner time, getting ready for school etc. Once you have prepared your scene, you can perform it for your family. You could even try and record it. Do you think someone could translate the monster's language to English at the end of each performance?

Choose six words from the Noisy Monster's language. Translate a well-known song such as Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star or Happy Birthday into Noisy Monster's language. (e.g. sssslurp, raaahr, wah-wah-wah-, grrrrreeeeeow).

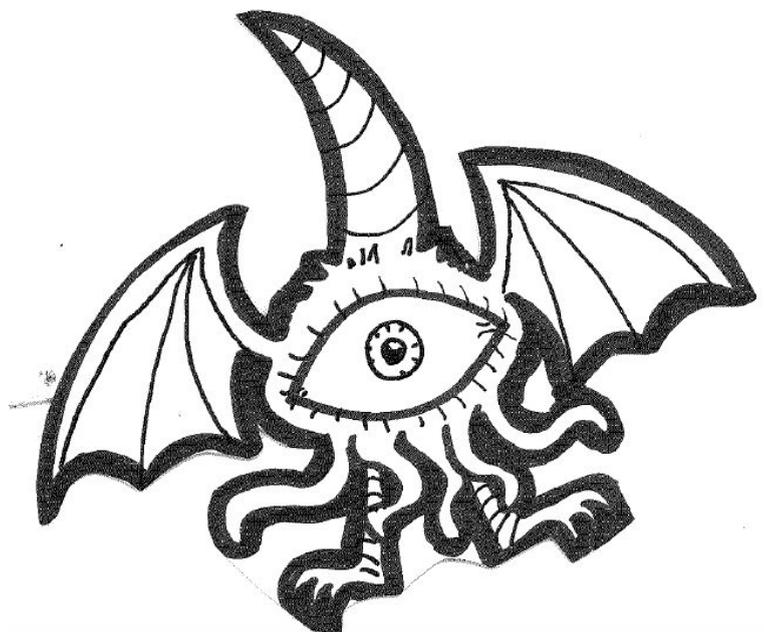
Record the song. Listen/watch back.

Activity 3 - Draw a Monster

You are going to design your own monsters. Your drawings are 'top secret' until later. Don't show them to your family until your drawing is finished!

Things to remember:

- *How many eyes does your monster have?*
- *How do they eat?*
- *How do they grab things?*
- *Do they have arms or tentacles or wings?*
- *How many do they have?*
- *What colour are they?*
- *Are they spotty?*
- *Are they striped?*
- *How do they get around?*
- *What's on top of their head?*



Exercise 4 - Sing Me A Monster

The Purple People Eater Song

Listen to the song at the following link:

<https://soundcloud.com/the-ark-music/purple-people-eater>

Discuss the story of The Purple People Eater. Would you also like to sing in a rock and roll band?

Learn the song and sing it together.

Purple People Eater

Words & Music by S. Wooley

Well I saw the thing coming out of the sky,
It had one long horn, one big eye.
I commenced to shakin' and I said "ooh-eee,"
It looks like a purple people eater to me.

***It was a one-eyed, one horned,
Flying purple people eater,
One-eyed, one horned,
Flying purple people eater,
Sure looks strange to me!***

Well he came down to earth, and he lit in a tree,
I said Mr. Purple People Eater, don't eat me!
I heard him say, in a voice so gruff,
I wouldn't eat you 'cause you're too tough

Chorus

I said "Mr. Purple People Eater, what's your line?"
He said "It's eating purple people and it sure is fine,
But that's not the reason that I came to land,
I wanna get a job in a rock 'n' roll band."

Chorus

And then he swung from the tree and he lit on the ground,
He started to rock, really rockin' around,
It was a crazy ditty with a swingin' tune,
Sing a boop boop aboopa lopa lum bam boom.

Chorus

And then he went on his way, and what do you know,
I saw him last night on a TV show,
He was blowing it out and really knockin' em dead,
Playing rock and roll music through the horn in his head.

Score

Purple People Eater

Sheb Wooley

Rock'n'Roll ♩ = 120

Vocals

Well I saw this thing coming outta the sky It had one longhorn and one big eye I com-

G7 D7 G7

Electric Guitar

Vox.

menced to sha - kin and I said ooh wee It looks like a pur-ple peo-ple eat-er to me It was a

G7 C7 D7 D7

E.Gtr.

Vox.

One eyed one horned fly-ing pur-ple peo-ple eat-er One eyed one horned fly-ing pur-ple peo-ple eat-er

G7 D7 G7

E.Gtr.

Vox.

One eyed one horned fly-ing pur-ple peo-ple eat-er Sure looks strange to me

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E.Gtr.

We'd love to know how you get on with these at-home activities.
Please let us know by asking a grown-up to email us at boxoffice@ark.ie
or tag us **@TheArkDublin** and using the **#TheArkAtHome**. Send us
pictures of your drawings, recordings of your singing, whatever you'd
like to share!

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