

Laut.Stark

More music for young children



Musicians such as violinist Isaac Stern know that “those who make music will learn to hear, listen and think”.

Via the Laut.Stark – More music for young children initiative, the Deutsche Kinder- und Jugendstiftung and Bank of America Merrill Lynch show how children can enjoy music by listening to, exploring and making music.

Children are calling the tune

At *Laut.Stark*, the children attending the Lenau elementary school and Sonnenschein daycare center in Berlin are turning into musical researchers. They are supported by their teachers/pre-school teachers and musical educators at the *Klingende Museum e.V.* Children are calling the tune on this project: Based on their interests and ideas, they will try out, listen and make loud music from October 2009 through March 2010. Once every week, there will be “More music for young children”.



Where children may be noisy and strong

Making and exploring music

How can the best sound be created? What materials will be needed? Children from the daycare center and elementary school will find that out at the instruments workshop when they make, for example, their own claves, drums and flutes. They will explore the differences between wind and string instruments with the aid of violins, saxophones or transverse flutes. The instruments will be provided by the musical educators in *the Klingende Mobil*.

True to the motto “no expensive instruments required”, they will also discover a sense of music by creating rhythms with their own bodies. They will make up tunes for their favorite fairytales or collectively simulate a thunderstorm by stamping the ground. In this context, children learn to listen and adapt to each other.



Drumming will develop children's sense of rhythm

They will document all their impressions and discoveries in their research books: one child may paint a picture, others may paste in a horse hair from a home-made bow or write down what they have found out or experienced.

Music is educational and opens up new worlds

What would life be without music? Rather monotonous! Because musical activities are fun and facilitate learning. "Making music" improves your creative skills as well as stamina and concentration. Children can diminish aggression and train social behavior through music. At *Laut.Stark*, the young researchers get to know instruments that some of them have never seen up close. They find out how much fun music can be and that they can themselves make music. This is a strengthening experience that can be transferred to other areas.



Concentration and cooperation are very important

New forms of music education

Thanks to the cooperation with musical educators, teachers/pre-school teachers will familiarize themselves with innovative forms of music education. Thus they will turn from observers to active creators of a new music education environment during the course of the project. This also applies to other adults such as parents, grandparents and volunteers: they make an active contribution and support the children's musical development.



Touching, trying out, discovering music

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