

Pacific Symphony Volunteer Challenge #6

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Hello, Pacific Symphony Volunteers!

Happy Tuesday to all of you! We hope you are doing well.

Today, we want you to enjoy this rainy day from inside the comfort of your home by **creating** your very own musical instrument. Your Volunteer Challenge will be to make your own instrument from objects around the house. You might even want to share this activity with a family member, since it is a perfect project for young children to participate in. Once created, please take a photo of your instrument and even record yourself playing it! Then, you can send your “performance video” to us so we can enjoy it, too.

Here is a link to get you started and to give you some good ideas on how to use common household items in this project. Click here to learn more: <https://feltmagnet.com/crafts/Music-Instruments-for-Kids-to-Make> And here is some additional inspiration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amdYuaj92wg>

For your listening pleasure, we have a beautiful piece for you to listen to while you make your instrument.

In the spirit of our weekly puzzles and games, we wanted to **feature Robert Schumann** -- a composer who often used verbal texts as inspiration for his works, purposefully coding cryptograms into his pieces. Specifically, *Carnaval, Op. 9* features 21 short variations that feature elements taken from his friends, family, and characters in Italian comedy. The motif centers around four pitches throughout the piece, and those pitches encode the hometown of his fiancé at the time, part of his own name, and appear in the German word for Carnival. At a time where we are all learning to become closer with our families and could use some comedy in our lives, this piece seems especially relevant. Please enjoy and read more about his cryptograms below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VELPD6FVylA>

<https://www.allmusic.com/composition/carnaval-for-piano-op-9-mc0002356523?1586306638788>

Remember to save and send us a photo or video of your musical instrument. We can't wait to see and/or hear it! For the volunteers who compete all the games/puzzles/crosswords/projects that we send while we are away from the office, we will have a special surprise. So, keep watching for our twice weekly emails, show us your competed work and we will keep you on the list for your reward! If you missed our last email, a crossword, please let us know!

Stay well. Stay safe. Know that we miss you.

Warm regards,

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