

Relaxed Family Concert

**JOYFUL RHYTHMS, JOYFUL SOUNDS**  
**LISTENING GUIDE**

Sun Jul 28 2pm

<i>Brasil</i>	Listen for the woodblock and shaker playing the opening rhythm. Can you hear the timpani and cowbell join in as the music continues? You can dance in your seat or in the aisle if the music makes you want to move!
<i>The Mestizo Waltz</i>	The music starts with a slow, majestic introduction in the brass and percussion. Listen for a driving beat in the timpani getting louder as the orchestra picks up speed. Then woodwinds play the waltz melody with loud interjections from the brass. The sound of the orchestra grows bigger as more instruments join in the melody. Suddenly, the music ends with three loud bursts of sound.
<i>Waltz of the Flowers</i>	Listen for the beautiful harp solo near the beginning. After the harp finishes, can you hear the waltz rhythm (1,2,3; 1,2,3)? You can sway gently to the music in your seat.
<i>Dance of the Floreadores</i>	Listen for the melody you heard during <i>Waltz of the Flowers</i> . What makes the melody sound different in <i>Dance of the Floreadores</i> ?
<i>Animato</i>	The music is bouncy and joyful. It changes from loud to soft and back again several times. Can you dance along with bigger movements when the orchestra is louder and smaller movements when the music is quieter?
Dance Intermezzo No. 2	Listen for the rhythm you clapped with our host, Natsuki. Can you hear the trumpets, cellos, castanets, violins or oboes playing that rhythm?
<i>Hoedown</i>	Can you move to the music by bouncing in your seat or tapping your feet to the beat?
<i>Simple Gifts</i>	Listen for the clarinet playing the melody in the beginning. Can you hear the cellos playing the melody as the music continues?
<i>Conga del Fuego Nuevo</i>	The music is fast-moving and fiery. Loud, rhythmic bursts of sound alternate with softer, flowing melodies. The percussion section plays a conga rhythm the whole time. Listen for the "kick" sound they provide every fourth beat!