

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Dessa - Singer/songwriters and the Minnesota Orchestra

Objectives: Singer/songwriter/poet Dessa and the Minnesota Orchestra have been working on a collaborative project in which Dessa performs with the full orchestra, with each part bringing something beautiful to create a truly unique experience. In this activity, you will create a simple song in Garageband or similar app, while a friend will create a simple poem to go along with it. Then switch!

Standards (Suggested 3rd +):

ELA:

3.6.3.3 - Write narrative and other creative texts to develop real or imagined experiences or events using techniques, descriptive details, and clear event sequence

38.5.5 - Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize certain facts or details

Tools/Resources:

MN Original video clip, paper, pencil, iPad or tablet, Garageband app or similar

Video Clip: <https://www.tpt.org/mn-original/profile/dessa/>



Activity

- 1) Watch the segment and discuss:
 - a. “Each part brings something beautiful to the show” - what do you think that means in the Dessa/MN Orchestra collaborative project?
 - b. Why would Dessa’s style of singing and the classical music of the MN Orchestra be an interesting mix?
- 2) Create a song and write a poem to go along with it!
 - a. In pairs, assign one person the job of creating the song in Garageband (or similar app) and the other with the task of writing a poem to go with the song once it is completed.
 - b. Perform the poem and music together; then switch roles