

Kyrene Instrumental Ensemble Enrichment for Middle School At-Home Learning

ENRICHMENT:

Letter to an Instrumentalist

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

Have a favorite musician, producer, or composer? Write them a friendly letter!

MATERIALS:

Paper, pencil

OPTIONAL:

Computer or mobile device



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Write a friendly letter to a musician of your choice.
- Things you *might* share include...
 - What instrument you play
 - Your favorite type of music
 - A funny story from class
 - Something else - feel free to brainstorm with friends or family at home!
- Things you *might* ask include...
 - What do they do for fun?
 - Why do they love music?
 - Which is their favorite instrument?
 - Something else - feel free to brainstorm with friends or family at home!
- **OPTIONAL:** Type up your friendly letter on a computer or other device.
 - Ask a grown-up for help sending your friendly letter.
- Share a copy of your letter with your teacher.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE AND EXPLORE:

- Need help getting started? Check out this video review on friendly letters!
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dYTsqqeH7g>
- Want to learn more about your letter's recipient? Check out Encyclopædia Britannica's collection of biographies on great figures in the entertainment industry!
 - <https://www.britannica.com/biographies/entertainment>
- Many composers and performers have their own websites. For instance, you can contact composer Brian Balmages at <https://www.brianbalmages.com/>. Run a quick web search (Google, Bing, etc.) to see if the musician you are writing to has a website, too!