

BEYOND THE STAGE STUDY GUIDE

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: The Holiday Show

AGES 3+ | PLAYFUL • JOYFUL • WARM



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There's no need to do it all! Choose the activities that best fit your students, goals, and time. **LOOK+LISTEN** offers an accessible entry point, while **TRY IT YOURSELF** and **TAKE IT FURTHER** extends the learning through deeper discussion, investigation, and creative exploration.

MEET THE STORY

The letters are back, and this time, they have a special guest: Little Star! Little Star knows exactly what the perfect Christmas celebration should look like. The Alphabet is ready to help, but their exuberant variety show of music, comedy, dancing, caroling, and holiday surprises doesn't go quite according to plan. When the letters come tumbling down from the Christmas tree, Little Star's perfect celebration comes crashing down, too. But as stories from others begin to unfold, Little Star discovers that traditions don't have to look exactly like hers to be meaningful. Sometimes, the real magic comes from what we create together.

BIG IDEAS

- Togetherness
- Curiosity
- Creativity
- Literacy



BEFORE YOU GO

Check your inbox for your **Know Before You Go** email, sent ahead of your field trip. It includes important details for your visit, plus a short video showing what to expect and what to do when you arrive at SCT.



LOOK + LISTEN

Listen for repeated rhythms, words, and musical ideas. Watch how performers use group movement and stage pictures to make the Alphabet feel like an ensemble.



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THINK + TALK

Help your students move from what happened in the story to personal connection and then to the world beyond the stage.

STORY

Why is Little Star upset when the Alphabet does not celebrate exactly as she expects? What helps her change her thinking?

SELF

What is one tradition that matters to you? What makes it special?

WORLD

How can curiosity help us understand experiences different from our own?



BRING IT HOME

Which traditions help make home feel like yours?

Across SCT's 26/27 season, HOME is more than a place. It can be a person, a memory, a tradition, a story, a feeling of belonging, or something we carry with us.

LOOK AT THE CRAFT

As you watch, notice HOW the artists work together to create what you hear and see.

Choose one moment that feels like magic, then ask:

- How did they do that?
- How did the artists make it happen?
- What did you notice about performance, design, movement, sound, objects, or space?



Costume design sketches for Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: The Holiday Show by costume designer Danielle Nieves.



Anabel Chacón, Kelly Lomonte, and Morgan Gwilym Tso in Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: The Musical. Photo by Truman Buffett.

TRY IT YOURSELF: TRADITION REMIX



ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How can artists use theatre to share the traditions that help create a sense of home?

START HERE

- **Imagine:** Choose one thing your class, family, school, or community likes to do together.
- **Explore:** Give the tradition ONE sound, ONE movement, and ONE word or short phrase. Practice each one so everyone can repeat it together.
- **Express:** Put the three pieces together and perform your mini tradition as a group.
- **Reflect:** Which part—sound, movement, or word—told us the most about your tradition?

TAKE IT FURTHER

Build a fuller performance vocabulary: Create a sound/music cue with a clear beginning and ending, a repeatable movement phrase, rhythmic text with intentional vocal delivery, a group stage picture, and a rehearsed transition. Combine them into a 30-60 second theatrical celebration. **SERVE:** Revise one moment so someone new can enter and participate.

WASHINGTON ARTS LEARNING STANDARDS

- Creating 1–3
- Performing 4–6
- Responding 7–9
- Connecting 10–11



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