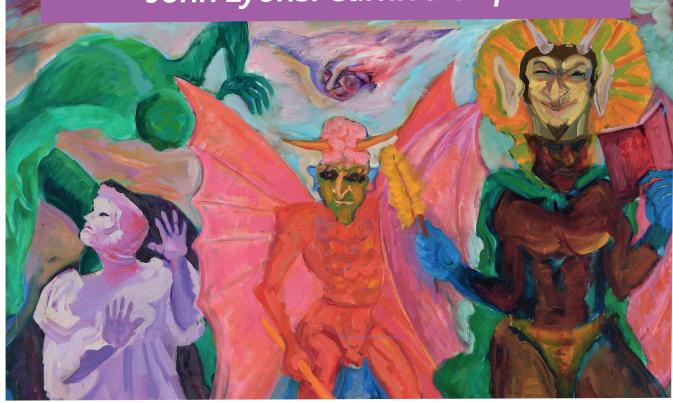
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Illustration Competition

John Lyons: Carnivalesque



To celebrate the first major retrospective exhibition of Caribbean British artist and poet John Lyons the Whitworth and Pentagon Play are looking for budding young artists to illustrate 'Carnival Jumbie', one of his published children's poems.

How to get involved

Are you aged between 7 and 11?

Read the John Lyons poem 'Carnival Jumbie'

- A Jumbie is ghost like spirit who likes to dance to
Calypso at carnival! Imagine the images, colours
and shapes of carnival that it conjures in your mind.

Draw and Illustrate your playful response and send it back to us digitally for a chance to win!

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What can you WIN?

One lucky winner will have their artwork printed as a designed flyer to promote the Whitworth's free summer family programme, 'Playtime'. You will also receive a personalised scribble board from Pentagon Play!

Submit your entries to Johnlyonscomp@manchester.ac.uk by

30th June 2024

Include: First name, age, year group and the name of your school.

Carnival Jumbie

Jumbie jump high Jumbie jump low Jumbie jumpin to calypso

Jumbie doin a dance in de silk-cotton tree he waitin for jouvay an steelban music to breakaway

Jumbie jump high Jumbie jump low Jumbie jumpin to calypso

At six in de morning steelban come out people winin dey body ole mas all about

Jumbie jump high Jumbie jump low Jumbie jumpin to calypso

Jumbie jump in a steelban an everybody know when he move he body he's like a black-smoke shadow

Jumbie jump high Jumbie jump low Jumbie jumpin to calypso

Jumbie have no flesh he have no waist to hol' buh jus look how he movin' wid no bumsey to roll

Jumbie jump high Jumbie jump low Jumbie jumpin to calypso

Carnival Jumbie is taken from his published children's poetry book 'Dancing in the Rain"



When will the winner be announced?

Entries will be judged in early July and winners announced before the gallery fun day on the 20th of July.

The fun day will launch the summer Playtime programme with Pentagon Play and share a schools education project linked to the John Lyons: Carnivalesque exhibition, on until the 25th of August.



Visit the Whitworth for Playtime this summer!

This years' Playtime summer holiday event is themed around carnival, connecting John Lyons: Carnivalesque exhibition with Playtime – our free programme of family friendly activities and workshops this summer. Come along to the Whitworth throughout August to get involved.

Schools interested in a self-guided visit to see the show or book onto an artist led workshop contact whitworthlearn@manchester.ac.uk