

ROUNDTABLE: COMBINING MUSIC & PHOTOS

What

Combine powerful music with powerful photos to create a *powerful* message!

Why

1. To organize one's photos and photo shoots around a concept.
2. To present thoughts, feelings and ideas to others dramatically for impact.
3. To organize the 4-H photo project year – around a song or theme that the project members select.

How

1. Youth choose a song that they love. The song should be short – 3 minutes at the most. The words should be clear and easy to understand. The message should be one that will make people think or will move them in some way. Examples include “Another Train” by The Poozies and “One Voice” by The Wailin’ Jennies. (See attached lyrics.)
2. Youth scour their digital photos for ones that will support the song and make its words come alive. They shoot more images to fill in any photo gaps. They’ll need 35-50 strong images for a 3-minute presentation, depending upon how long they show each image. (Hint: It’s better not to rush the photos . . . keep each on the screen for several seconds for visual and emotional impact. Use only the very best photos.)
3. Combine the song and photos together in a presentation program like PowerPoint, so that they can control the timing of the song and the photos precisely. They edit the presentation until it’s the best they can make it. Shoot more photos if they have to, but make it a good show, one that they will make them proud.
4. They’ll need an LCD projector and a laptop with external speakers so that the music will be audible. For the presentation, make sure they have a screen or clear white wall on which to project the images. Make sure that the room lights can be dimmed enough for maximum dramatic effect.

When

1. Start in October or November with the new 4-H year. Gather your 4-H project members for the first meeting and suggest this activity. For your second meeting youth should bring 1-2 possible songs that have short, clear, powerful messages that are appropriate for 4-H and can be represented through photos.
2. At the second meeting, have the group select the song. Decide how your group will review the photos that youth already have and how and when they will take more photos.
3. At each succeeding photo meeting during the project year include time to work on and refine the presentation.
4. Decide where and when the presentation will be given to the rest of the 4-H club and parents. How about an end-of-year party or banquet? (Note: You won’t be able to post the presentation on the Internet because the song will be copyrighted, unless your group chooses to create its own song. Wouldn’t that be great!)

ANOTHER TRAIN

The beginning is now and will always be
You say you've lost your chance, that fate brought you defeat
But that means nothing, you look so sad
You've been listening to those who say you've missed your chance

There's another train, there always is
Maybe the next one is yours
Get up and climb aboard another train

You feel you're done there's no such thing
Although you're standing on your own, your own breath is king
The beginning is now, don't turn around
Regrets of bad mistakes will only drain you

There's another train, there always is
Maybe the next one is yours
Get up and climb aboard another train

We crawl in the dark sometimes and think too much
Then we fill our heads with crazy things that only break our hearts
And I know you've seen what the earth can do
When it's dragging down another load of worrisome fools

There's another train, there always is
Maybe the next one is yours
Get up and climb aboard another train
I know it's hard when you feel confused
You can crown yourself with fear and you feel you cannot move
You're building worlds that don't exist
Imagination plays the worst tricks

There's another train, there always is
Maybe the next one is yours
Get up and climb aboard
There's another train, there always is
Maybe the next one is yours
Get up and climb aboard
There's another train, there always is
Maybe the next one is yours
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There's another train, there always is
Maybe the next one is yours
Get up and climb aboard

Sung by The Poozies, Music by Pete Morton

ONE VOICE

This is the sound of one voice
One spirit, one voice
The sound of one who makes a choice
This is the sound of one voice

This is the sound of voices two
The sound of me singing with you
Helping each other to make it through
This is the sound of voices two
This is the sound of voices two

This is the sound of voices three
Singing together in harmony
Surrendering to the mystery
This is the sound of voices three
This is the sound of voices three

This is the sound of all of us
Singing with love and the will to trust
Leave the rest behind it will turn to dust
This is the sound of all of us
This is the sound of all of us

This is the sound of one voice
One people, one voice
A song for every one of us
This is the sound of one voice
This is the sound of one voice

Sung by The Wailin' Jennies