

Activities for Unity Playground - Kickoff Event (in bold & starred are higher priority)

Cosplay Theme(s) - **Traditional Folk Costume or 1930s Daywear/Speakeasy** Attire, **Rockabilly**/Anime/Harajuku/Little Kitty or other kid-friendly costumes (kindly leave any masks/naughty/scary-costumes/real or fake weapons at home)

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Possible Bits/Intro Activities, etc.:

Speakeasy word/phrase (at the door - maybe "I've come to PLAY!) collect donation

Short sketches/artistic performances, **Cabaret** themed Intro, 2 songs from **SOM**, some **dance tune(s)**, a "**kumbaya**" **moment** - join arms in singing towards the end.

Name Tags (real or aliases, & a label to describe yourself) - like "Debbie the Artist" or "Rebelle the Girl Rebel" (D/A/L)

Announcements/Comedy (Steve/Brian KD): a few funny words each on Peace/Unity

Presenters/Speakers: Plug for PB, A&C, Weirdos, BA, UN, etc.

Welcome Song: intro by Emcee - DB

Sesame Street: Today's program is brought to you by the letters "U & P" (+ why: A/L)

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Icebreakers:

Elevator Pitch - introduce self (in 3rd person) with something that you identify with "Debbie is a creative soul" or "Nova is a Lover of trees"

Stream of Consciousness speaking game: say a word/phrase that comes to mind, or build on last thing said (like telephone?), or pass until ready to speak. (D/A)

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Wellness practices:

Sound Circle/Guided Meditation/Yoga pose/stretches/tai chi//martial arts? (DO/L/N)

Hypnosis Session: guided self-affirmations (CC) - (**self hug**)

Gratitude Circle/Back Patting over something you did that was good (self & others)

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Fun/silly games

Tags on your back: #/letter/fave color/Fruit game - "what fruit am I?" - give clues (DR)

Human Bingo – find people: "Speaks more than one language" or "Has a hidden talent"

Scavenger hunt - collect clues from people (given out when people come in the door)

Cards Against Humanity/Whats your meme? - associate words/phrases, pick best (L)

Cooperative Tasks - like build a Machine together with sounds/actions (tea pot/whistle)

Mental Workshops

Language exchange - learn words, phrases for unity in other languages (A/D/L/?)

Sharing Mantras/slogans/wise words - a slogan that guides your thoughts/behaviors.

Conflict Transformation Workshop – Lightly facilitated session on how to engage with differing views respectfully; Non-Violent communication strategies (with licensed conflict mediator - L/RK/JC/DR).

|Speed Friending – Rotate every few minutes with a prompt to discuss (L)

|Big Talk/Humanity Question Cards - pick questions to ask others & answer yourself (L)

|Fishbowl Conversations – rotate topics like “What Community Means” (**break outs**)

Story Circles – (e.g., “A time I felt understood”).

Values Mapping – Participants place stickers on a board of shared values (e.g., kindness, justice, curiosity) and discuss overlaps (L/A/D)

Poetry Board/Jam/Open Mic (J) – poems, songs, or spoken word pieces (toward end?)

Art Reading: offer your interpretation of a 1930’s themed art piece (+ hear speaker-G)

Spontaneous Writing Event - 5 minutes to write about a word/phrase: “Peace” Means?

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Fun/Entertainment:

Unity **Playlist** – Crowd-sourced playlist of songs that inspire connection and joy (all)

Mocktails - Shirley Temples or Greenish drinks (MIM) - first come, first served!

Group Sing-Along or Drum Circle – build rhythm and unity (DO)

Singalong- one or more songs people may know which give the warm fuzzies! (D)

Arabic/BellyDance/**Bollywood/Hula Dance/k-pop** - learn some dance moves (D/G?)

Dance Performers: tango/cha-cha/salsa/**lindy-hop**/interpretive Jazz dance/**hula?**(D)

Dance Circle or Flash Mob – Invite spontaneous movement and celebration (MB/AM)

Fire Performer? (D/K?) - New Zealand style?

Pinata/balloons - for the kids

Face Painting/Henna - for kids or adults (sun star - what kinds of candies?) (D/?)

Collaborative Art Wall – draw, write, or paint messages of unity [or other expressions].

Craft Project - make an artistic fan with inspirational Message (SP?)

Unity Bracelet Making – using beads that represent different values or identities.

Vogon/Dada/collage - absurdist art (keep it clean)
Exquisite Corpse - 3-part collaborative drawing activity

Music (* indicates priority, **sing-along, ***live sing-along):

As attendees trickle in, start with background music, like:

Blue Skies - Al Joelson <https://youtu.be/Djd1XfwDAQs?si=yYDtl9BdjKk3mHZN>

*Put it on the Ritz - Taco <https://youtu.be/YsGjFh1ke44?si=ErLXfaqrMoozCaW0>

or Fred Astaire [Fred Astaire. Put it on the Ritz.](#)

[Dream a Little Dream | Pink Martini ft. The von Trapps \(Official Music Video\)](#)

Transition into Program with music by JP Sousa - like:

▶ Vienna Philharmonic - Sousa: Stars and Stripes Forever (Summer Night Conce...
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As people get seated:

Program Start Music (JB): **Ragtime Piano** - Entertainer, Maple Leaf Rag, etc.

* ▶ The Entertainer on a 1915's Piano & ▶ Scott Joplin: Maple Leaf Rag

Background Music & short performances (1900-30's Era/Musical theater):

*Short bits from **Cabaret** (intro - clean version), & **Sound of Music** (E/SLF)

[You've Got a Friend in Me - Randy Newman | Live from Here with Chris Thile](#)

[Bobby McFerrin - Don't Worry Be Happy \(Official Music Video\)](#)

** ▶ Louis Armstrong - What A Wonderful World (Official Video) - sing-along (D)

Joe Cocker [With A Little Help From My Friends](#)

[Bill Withers - Lovely day \(1978\) \(Remastered\)](#)

**[Lean on Me by Bill Withers play along with scrolling guitar chords and lyrics](#)

(sing-along?)

*** ▶ Kermit the Frog Sing Along | Rainbow Connection | The Muppets (D/F/Mar?)

* ▶ OFFICIAL Somewhere over the Rainbow - Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole

? ▶ Yusuf / Cat Stevens – Morning Has Broken (Official Lyric Video) - sing-along?

* Cat Stevens - ▶ Peace Train

?[Bob Marley - Get Up, Stand Up \(Live at Munich, 1980\)](#)

*[Bob Marley & The Wailers - One Love / People Get Ready \(Official Music Video\)](#)

*** ▶ The Sound of Music - Edelweiss (Reprise) - singalong (play twice)

[Here comes the sun with lyrics The Beatles](#)

[Katrina & The Waves - Walking On Sunshine \(Official Music Video\)](#)

[R.E.M. - Shiny Happy People \(Official Music Video\)](#)

**[Star-Spangled Banner](#) (sing-along - need conductor - Mr. L?) - "All rise for the SSB!"

- or ▶ Kirk & James Perform the National Anthem (2017 Metallica Night w/ the SF ...

? Ramones - Blitzkrieg Bop


Katy Perry - Roar - https://youtu.be/CevxZvSJLk8?si=IN_UxglfO_kO8A3Q (L)


* [Katy Perry - Firework \(Official Music Video\)](#) (L)

* [Christina Aguilera - Beautiful \(Official HD Video\)](#) (L)


? Muse - Uprising <https://youtu.be/w8KQmps-Sog?si=N05XiDZg2W4-JXXS>

? The White Stripes - Seven Nation Army (Official Music Video)

***  Plastic Ono Band - Give Peace A Chance (1969) - (D.O./all musician Jam)

*  James Brown - I Feel Good 1965 (Remastered) - [flashmob?, dancers come forwards]

***? Finale, all available cast: "So Long, Farewell!" -(if we can pull it off! D/A/L/?)

 The Sound of Music So Long Farewell


(All bow out & make way for the dancers)

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-Swing Dancers come to the stage:

* [Save Ferris - The World Is New](#) (lindy hop)

* [The Brian Setzer Orchestra - Jump Jive An' Wail](#) (lindy hop)

*  Elvis Presley - Blue Suede Shoes 1956 (COLOR and STEREO)


*Queen - Don't stop me now

<https://youtu.be/HgzGwKwLmgM?si=nwEP1CfnoJJK8iDm>


* [Pharrell Williams - Happy \(Video\)](#)*

[Mark Ronson - Uptown Funk \(Official Video\)](#) ft. Bruno Mars

[Taio Cruz - Dynamite \(Official Video\)](#) (MS)

 Kool & The Gang - Celebration

[Fleetwood Mac - Don't Stop \(Official Music Video\) \[4K\]](#) (MS)

 Sade - By Your Side - Official - 2000

[Billy Joel - We Didn't Start The Fire \(Official HD Video\)](#) (MS)

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Other Suggestions:

Latin Jazz? (pianist or on playlist?) - I like it, but am not a connoisseur....

K-Pop - "blackpink" (ask DG 4 suggestions?)

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Program End. Clean up begins.