



HOLIDAY ARTS BREAK #1

Cat Lake City; 2020 Kids Flicks Program One

Cat Lake City is the first short film you see in Kids Flicks Program One. It's a fun and silly animated story about a little cat just trying to get some peace and quiet. There's no dialogue in this short film, which creates a great opportunity to focus on sound effects. Do you know what a Foley Artist is? Check out the video in the Suggested Activity to find out!

Questions for Discussion:

1. How many different sounds can you identify in the first minute of the film?
2. Many sounds are created with instruments, and many others are made with voices and other items. Make a guess as to what each sound is made with. Is it an instrument? If so, which one(s)? Is it a voice? If you're not sure, can you make a guess?
3. At what point were instruments used for the ducks? Can you describe the difference between the sounds for the ducks when they were walking as opposed to sitting?
4. How did the sounds used for each character affect the way you felt about that character?
5. How could you watch this short film without sound? Could you describe this film with written words for someone who couldn't hear it?

Suggested Activity:

Watch this cool video by Academy Originals about how Hollywood sound effects are made. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_tqB4IZvMk

Once you've watched the video, try to make your own sound effects to *Cat Lake City*!

1. Watch the first minute of the film again. Now watch it without the sound.
2. Use your voice, instruments, or items around the house to make up your own sounds to the actions on screen. Experiment. Practice a few times.
3. Now it's time to share your own version with friends and family. Set up your computer or TV so everyone can see the movie. Sit to the side so you can see it, as well. Start the video with the volume off and add your own soundtrack just like a live Foley Artist. Laughing together is encouraged!

Send us a picture of your activity at teacher@thepicturehouse.org, or post it online and use the hashtag #TPHathome - we want to hear from you!