

Mime Time

An extension of "Malay art form gets applause on the world stage"

Read "**Malay art form gets applause on the world stage**" (Page 19, *What's Up* June 2019). The article is about a traditional performing art form called Dondang Sayang. There are many other such types of performance art forms we can enjoy in Singapore. Have some fun by playing a game that involves another kind of performance — mime.

PREPARE FOR MIME TIME

1. FORM four teams by dividing your class into fairly equal quarters. In your team, make a list of as many performing art forms as you know that are found in Singapore. Do not show your list to the other teams. An excellent source of information is the National Heritage Board's website — go to its Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage at <https://roots.sg/learn/resources/ich>.
2. Still within your team, discuss what the performances of the items in your list are like. Spend some time practicing the moves. Be prepared to mime at least five of the performances.

PLAY MIME TIME

3. Round One: Team A goes to the front of the class and mimes any one of the performances. The rest of the class tries to guess which it is.

When a student guesses correctly, that student's team gets 10 points, and the team that is miming (Team A for Round 1) also gets 10 points for miming so well.

For the scoring to be done properly, it is important that only one student speaks at a time.

When someone has guessed Team A's first performance, Team B takes a turn and so on until all four teams have mimed one performance.

If no one is able to guess a team's performance within five minutes, then that team gets zero for that first round.

4. Repeat the steps of the first round for four or five more rounds. The team with the highest score is the Mime Time gold medalist.

You are also a winner if you had a good time and learnt about how culturally diverse we are here in Singapore.