

Talking Points: Chhau masks

A collection of sources to explore Chauu masks in performances.

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Chhau Masks

Chhau dance is a semi classical Indian dance with martial and folk traditions. It is found in three styles named after the location where they are performed, i.e. the Purulia Chau of West Bengal, the Seraikella Chau of Jharkhand and the Mayurbhanj Chau of Odisha.

The dance ranges from celebrating martial arts, acrobatics and athletics performed in festive themes of a folk dance, to a structured dance with religious themes. The costumes vary between the styles, with masks being used to identify the characters.

The stories enacted by Chhau dancers include those from Indian literature.

Find out more about the "[Craft of Accessorising for Chhau dancers](#)" and "[How the Craft of Mask Making Transforms the Dancers](#)" with Google Arts and Culture.



Click on the image above to find out more about Seraikella Chhau Dance.

Questions to Ask Children

How do the masks make you feel?

How do you feel watching parts of the performance?

How would you describe the colours?

What kinds of materials are used to make the masks?

Talking Points: Contemporary Masks

A collection of sources to explore contemporary artists who create masks.

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Romuald Hazoumè

West African artist Romuald Hazoumè creates contemporary African masks made using discarded plastic containers, in particular petrol canisters. The petrol canisters are used by lots of people in West Africa and represent the artist's heritage. They also represent his critical vision of political systems.

"I send back to the West that which belongs to them, that is to say, the refuse of consumer society that invades us every day."

Questions to Ask Children

How do the masks make you feel?

Do you like the masks? Why?

What do you think the artist is trying to say through the artwork?

What other recycled or waste materials could we use to make masks?

Damselfrau

Damselfrau focuses on play and make as few conscious decisions as possible to let the materials lead. Damselfrau design the masks as she makes, responding to materials as opposed to a drawn design.

The masks are perhaps more accurately described as wearable sculptures. The ornate creations fuse the boundaries between fashion and design.

Questions to Ask Children

How do these masks make you feel?

How do these masks compare to Romuald's masks?

If you encountered someone wearing the of the masks how would you feel?

Thalassic Masks

The Thalassic Masks project focuses on rethinking the protective mask, transforming a medical product, born in a state of emergency, into a design statement expressing contemporary

identities.

The artists Filippo Nassetti and Vincezo Reale believe that beyond Covid-19, further implications of climate change and the disruption of ecological environments, such as air pollution and transformations in the atmosphere, may see protective devices become more and more an essential extension of the human body.

Questions to Ask Children

Do you like the Thalassic masks?

How does the mask make you feel?

Do you think that it's an improvement on the surgical masks you've had to wear over the past 2 years?

Talking Points: Exploring Flip Books

A collection of imagery and sources designed to explore different flip books.

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Animate the Earth

Animate the Earth uses a book as the foundation for the flip book. Using an old book is a good way to make a flip book quickly. The background text can also add some character to the animation. You could even use the story line or theme of the book to inspire the storyline of your flip book.

Questions to Ask Children

Do you like the background of words on a page? Why?

What is your favourite part of the animation?

Do you think the artist planned what was going to happen next or was just playing with what is possible?

Colibri Flip Book

Graphite and coloured pencil on paper, stainless steel, delrin, motor electronics 10x10x12.7 CM.2011 By J. C. Fontanive

J. C. Fontanive

[Fontanive](#) invented the first flip book machine in

his bedroom from old bike, car and clock parts and vinyl records. The invention explores moving image, form and structure. Multiple frames are shown in sequence to form the animation. The fluttering of the paper provides a natural soundtrack bring the still images to life.

Quiknesse, 2009 flipbook machine

Questions to Ask Children

What kind of bird do you think that this features in these flip book machines?

Which is your favourite and why?

Does the painted background of Quiknesse add anything to the flip book machine? If so, what?

What bird would you like to see in a flip book machine?

Volume 5 of Harumin Asao's Cat series

Harumin Asao is a Japanese illustrator who uses flip books as a way to create short and playful animations.

Using small pages for flip books gives a nice control when flipping through as opposed to bigger thinner pages.

Questions to Ask Children

What your favourite animal?

Think about how that animal might greet you when you get home.

Flip Book Within a Flip Book

[The Flippist](#) creates hand drawn flip books as a career, from engagement proposals to more commercial projects the Flippist has made a flip book for every occasion.

Questions to Ask Children

If you could make a flip book for any occasion what would it be?

Whats your favourite part of this flip book and why?

What other objects could replace the volcano and leak out of the flip book?

Talking Points: What is Linocut?

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Linocut

Teachers Notes

Linocut print is a printmaking technique used for

relief printing. The surface of the Linoleum is cut into with sharp V shaped tools to create a design.

Linocut originates from the technique 'woodcut'. In this process a block of wood is used to carve from instead of linoleum. Woodcut is the oldest form of printmaking with records of its use on textiles from as long ago as the twelfth century.



Two maraboos (Twee maraboes) (c.1914) by Samuel Jessurun de Mesquita. Original from The Rijksmuseum. CC0

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Letterpress

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Letterpress is a relief printing technique. For hundreds of years letterpress was the only way to create reproductions of text. The invention of the letterpress in the mid 15th Century meant that information could be more accessible to the masses. Traditionally, the letters are arranged, a roll is inked and the raised surface of the letters are pressed against sheets or a continuous roll of paper.

Take a online tour of [Robert Smail's Printing Works in Scotland](#). Founded in 1866 and now part of the Scottish National Trust, the tour walks you through the rooms, different jobs and the

machinery used in the victorian era.

A modern day letterpress process.



Alan Kitching, Letterpress artist, talking about his process and inspirations whilst working on a commission for English Heritage

Farewell Etain Shrdlu, a 30 minute documentary on the last day of typesetting at The New York Times in 1978, before the switch to computers.

Features interviews for and against the incoming technology, plus a look at the end showing the contrast between the old typesetting methods and the new computerised version.

Talking Points

What sort of things was letterpress traditionally used for?

What do people still use letterpress?

What differences are there between designing on a computer nowadays and using old methods such as letterpress?

Why do you think there is still an interest in using old technology today?

Can you think of any other old techniques used to make art that are still being used?

Why is (or is?) it important to understand old techniques and ways of making things?

How have computers changed how we make art?

What do you think is next for printing techniques?
What comes after computers?

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Collagraph

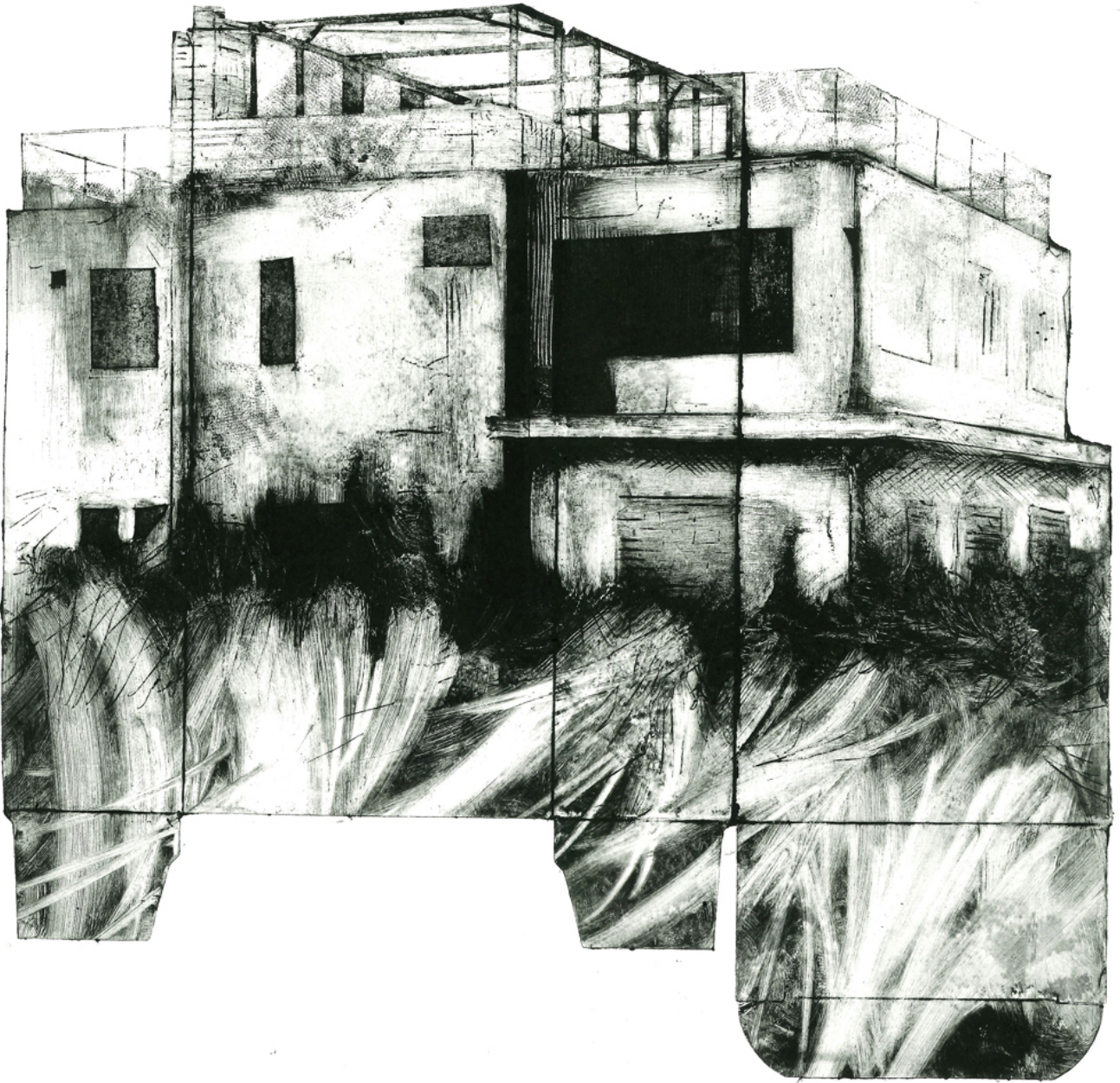
A collagraph print is made from textured materials collaged together on a piece of card. Lots of materials can be used to make collagraphs including (but not limited to) sand, fabric, bubblewrap, string and cardboard.

The surface of the plate can also be cut away at or into to create different marks.

Sinclair Ashman

Watch this video to find out about how printmaker [Sinclair Ashman](#) found his passion for collagraph.

Karen Wicks



**RAF Tangmere by Karen Wicks Medium: Collagraph
Paper Type: Fabriano Unica (250gsm) Year: 2022.**

**Explore this resource by Karen Wicks to find out
how she makes her prints [here](#).**

Talking Points: What is Etching?

Inspired! Re-Creating Cupid and Psyche in Mixed Media by Year Fives at Linton Heights

Year Five teacher, Kirsty Webb, shares her pupils' Inspire journey and their response to the Renaissance painting of Cupid and Psyche by Jacopo Del Sellaio at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge and the benefits of having a full immersion into materials and working together as a class on a shared project.

Inspired! Psyche's Resilience by The Fitzy Peters

Natalie Bailey shares the pupils' Inspire journey and their response to the Renaissance painting of Cupid and Psyche by Jacopo Del Sellaio at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge as well as her reflections on the transformative impact that the project had on the children and how Art can support healing and wellbeing.

Cupid and Psyche: How a Fifteenth-Century Renaissance Panel Became the Most Loved Painting in Cambridgeshire

Sheila Ceccarelli tells the story of how Cupid and Psyche, painted by Jacopo Del Sellaio, an Italian Renaissance artist, came to become the most loved painting in Cambridgeshire. Inspire is an exhibition of art made by primary school children and celebrates the creativity of our local schools. It champions the on-going importance of cultural learning and the visual arts for children and young people. A chance also to see Del Sellaio's Cupid and Psyche on display next to the children's work.

The Story of Cupid and Psyche by Jacopo del Sellaio (1442 – 1493)

In this post, Kate Noble, Education Officer at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge shares the story of Cupid and Psyche as depicted in the 15th Century painting by Jacopo Del Sellaio. This is one of a series of posts from Inspire: A Celebration of Children's Art at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

Pastel and Rubber Chiaroscuro Drawings

Making Papier-Mache Marionette Puppets Inspired by Characters in a Historical Painting

Year three children make marionette puppets to tell the story illustrated in of “Penelope with the Suitors” by Pintoricchio in 1509 with their teacher Jan Miller.

Pop-Up Puppets Inspired by a Historical Painting

Year three children design and make pop-up puppets inspired by the story in the painting “Penelope with the Suitors,” by Pintoricchio (1509), working with their teacher Jan Miller.

Inspired by Edgar Degas: Printmaking, Drawing & Sculpture at the Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge with AccessArt

Making Sculpture Inspired by Degas

This resource explores sculpture by French artist Edgar Degas (1834-1917) and shows how hands-on sculptural processes can be facilitated in a classroom. This resource was created in collaboration with AccessArt and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

How to Make Beautiful, Liquid Drawings Inspired by Degas

This resource looks at drawings by the French artist, Edgar Degas (1834-1917), and how to enable the production of beautiful, 'inky drawings' in the classroom. This resource was created in collaboration with AccessArt and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

Making Monotypes Inspired by Degas

This resource shares how Edgar Degas made his 'inky drawings,' or monotypes, and how the process of mono-printing can be further explored in the classroom – In collaboration with the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

Talking Points: Alvaro Naddeo

A collection of imagery and sources designed to stimulate conversation around the work of Alvaro Naddeo.

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Alvaro Naddeo

“Art has a political role. I believe we as artists can and should put subjects to be discussed, to be reflected upon, and to be talked about.”

Alvaro Naddeo is originally from São Paulo, Brazil and currently in Los Angeles, USA.

Alvaro's father was an illustrator and Alvaro

spent much of his childhood drawing, however he moved into advertising as a profession. Recently he returned to make his own artwork.

Alvaro wears contact lenses or glasses to correct his “bad eyesight” but he doesn’t like to wear glasses when he paints. When he takes his glasses off, the world is blurry, except when he is very close up to his work, at which point it is focussed. He thinks this is why he enjoys creating so much detail in his paintings.

In terms of subject matter, Alvaro credits his years working in advertising as being an influence. He paints recognisable brands and disposable objects which are both attractive to us and also remind us of our tendency towards wasting resources.

[Visit Alvaro's website to see more of his wonderful work.](#)



***“The subject matter of my work is waste, overconsumption and social inequality”
Alvaro Naddeo***

Please note in the video below there is a small and brief detail of a woman’s torso. As teacher pls decide if you want to show the video.

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Youtube if your school has blocked Youtube.

Questions to Ask Children

Take a really close look at Alvaro's work on his [website](#). Notice how his work changes over time.

What do you think Alvaro's main interest are? How many different elements / objects does he bring into one piece? How does he connect them? Does he play with scale?

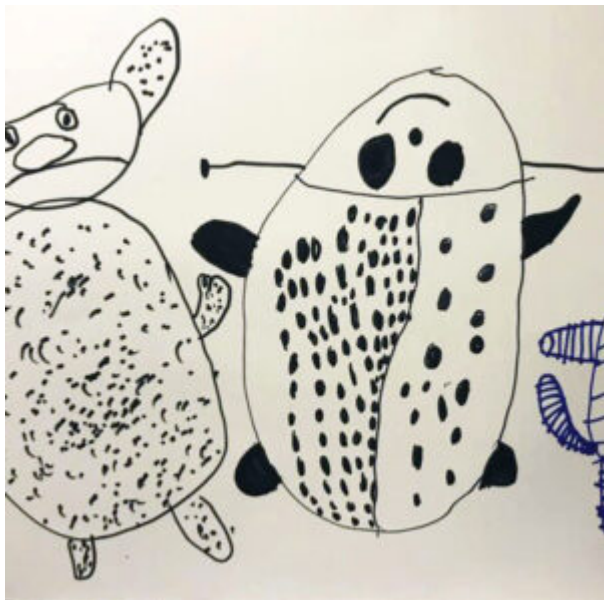
How do you think Alvaro uses his skill as a painter to draw attention to issues which he thinks are important?

How long do you spend looking at each painting? Do you understand more about the work the longer you spend looking?

**Drawing Soft Toys Inspired by
"Where the Wild Things Are"
by Maurice Sendak**

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