

## The Arts: Grade 8 - Drama and Dance

### Accident by design : creating and discovering beauty

044112 VH  
IS 51 min 1998 National Film Board of Canada  
A documentary about the human response to beauty, featuring writers, choreographers, artists and scientists. The film intercuts images of painting and sculpture with images from dance, science, and nature, with thought-provoking commentary.  
Design; Sculpture; Painting

### Body Masks Only - Gr.4-8

000501 KS  
JI N/A  
This kit can be used to interpret and communicate the meaning of stories, poems, plays and other material drawn from a variety of sources and cultures, using a number of drama and dance techniques.  
Costume

### Body Masks Plus - Gr. 4-8

000500 KS  
JI  
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Costume

### CBC news in review (Series)

CBC broadcast journalism series based on Canadian current events and also global involvement. Eight one hour programs in February, March, April, May, September, October, November, December, usually covering four news reports per program per year. Some special reports are tied to series title for access purposes.  
*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
The National Ballet at 50 [086521]

### A Chairy tale

085224 VH  
PJI 10 min b&w 1957 National Film Board of Canada  
A fairy tale in the modern manner, told without words by film artist Norman McLaren. In the film, a chair (animated by Evelyn Lambart) that declines to be sat upon and a young man perform a sort of pas de deux. The musical accompaniment is by India's Ravi Shankar and Chatur Lal.  
Cinematography; Stories without words; Comedy

### A chairy tale

085202 VH  
JIS 10 min 1957 National Film Board of Canada  
This Oscar-nominated film features the pixillated duet of a young man and a kitchen chair. Music by India's famed sitar-player Ravi Shankar. The impromptu revolt of a kitchen chair that refuses to be sat upon provokes laughter and pathos.  
Stories without words;  
Cinematography; Fiction films;  
Short films; Comedy films

### Easy folk dance lessons for children [Kit]

036214 KT  
PJI Can-ed Media Ltd.  
This is a collection of folk dances from different countries with a maximum of four dances per tape and each tape has a complete lesson with an extra dance added. The latter may be used as a challenging dance at the end of a review class, the second or third time through.  
Folk dancing; Dance

### Footnotes. The Classics of Ballet (Series)

This original Canadian ballet series examines the greatest ballets of all time and features interviews with world famous dancers and wonderful film footage of the classics - from Nureyev and Fonteyn performing with the Royal Ballet to the great Russians of the Kirov and the Bolshoi Ballets. With light-hearted humour, those who know them best, uncover the essence of these timeless tales.  
*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
Swan Lake [044736]  
Giselle [044737]  
The Nutcracker [044738]  
The National Ballet of Canada [044739]

### Gift of the Great Spirit

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### Giselle

044737 VH  
JISA 27 min 1995 McNabb & Connolly  
*Footnotes. The Classics of Ballet (Series)* - Featured performances in this episode of The Bolshoi Ballet with Natalia Bessmertnova and Mikhail Lavrovsky. Features interviews with world famous dancers and wonderful film footage of the classics.  
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### Musical magic : Gilbert and Sullivan in Stratford

045329 VH  
IS 58 min 1984 McIntyre Media  
This exhilarating film shows celebrated stage director/choreographer, Brian Macdonald rehearsing Canada's premier operetta company in three Gilbert and Sullivan comic operettas: "The Mikado", "The Gondoliers", and "Iolanthe". Company members, who are trained actors and/or singers, must not only learn to dance, but also have to step lively to keep pace. The video includes highlights from the performances of all three productions, as well as scenes from a gala performance at London's refurbished Old Vic. All the hard work, sweat and repetition to produce the onstage magic is made abundantly clear.  
Operetta; Stratford Festival (Ont.);  
Musicals - Ontario; Theater -  
Production and direction

### The National Ballet at 50

IS 12 min 2001 CBC Non-Broadcast Sales  
*CBC news in review (Series)* - This profile of one of Canada's premier artistic institutions examines this world-renowned dance company. The report is also a case study for exploring the role of the arts in Canada and the cultural industry the company represents.  
Ballet - Canada; National Ballet of Canada; Ballet

### The National Ballet of Canada

044739 VH  
JISA 27 min 1997 McNabb & Connolly  
*Footnotes. The Classics of Ballet (Series)* - A look at the history and influence of the National Ballet Company of Canada.  
Ballet; National Ballet of Canada

### A New place in town - designing to music and style

036231 KT  
INT 2002  
This is an integrated unit for Grade 8. It includes the topics: Interpreting music through art - Learning about form and function - Creating an entertainment spot - Jazz and Caribbean musical styles - Going through the steps: a Latin club - Design tips and techniques. This unit can be successful as a design unit with expectations based on the visual arts curriculum. Although creating an entertainment spot based on a musical style incorporates expectations from the music curriculum, you may decide to have students design a different type of space such as a movie theatre, library, shopping mall, or home.

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### **The Nutcracker**

044738 VH

JISA 27 min 1995 McNabb & Connolly

*Footnotes. The Classics of Ballet (Series)* - Featured performance in this episode of the Bolshoi Ballet with Yekaterina Maximova and Vladimir Vasiliev. Features interviews with world famous dancers and wonderful film footage of the classics.

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### **Nutcracker : the untold story**

045619 VH

PJI 50 min 1997 National Book Services

Godfather Drosselmeier narrates this holiday tale, retold in rhyme, and combined with 3-D animation of Maurice Sendak's illustrations, a live ballet performance, and the sounds of the Minnesota Orchestra playing music by Tchaikovsky. We'll take you behind the scenes to meet the children's book illustrator, Maurice Sendak, scriptwriter Pamela Hill Nettleton, and music director and conductor Eiji Oue to learn how this unique version of the original E.T.A. Hoffmann story was conceived and created. Teacher recommended - 2008.

Christmas; Musical films; Ballet; [zz] Sendak, Maurice.; Orchestra; Tchaikovsky, Peter Ilyich, 1840-1893

### **The Open flame**

040757 VH

JIS 37 min 1988 North York Board of Education

Developed and performed by students from the Claude Watson School for the Arts in North York. It is designed to prevent alcohol and drug abuse and it is aimed at a Canadian audience of students from Grades 6 to 8. Using a variety of theatre structures, the play illustrates: the effects of drugs, peer and media influences that impact on attitudes towards drugs, decisions about drugs and their consequences.

Drug abuse; Alcoholism; Decision making in adolescence

### **Seeing and doing : behind the scenes**

042424 VH

I 15 min 1992 T.H.A. Media Distributors

This program investigates the various stages in the production of a drama. The Pop-Up Theatre Company's latest show, "Snap Happy", is about to go on the road, working in schools throughout Britain. We look at the scripting, casting, rehearsals, and the dress run to find out how all the team contribute to produce the show.

Drama; Theater - Production and direction

### **Silly salamanders and other slightly stupid stuff for readers theatre**

065003 BK

A 157 p. 2000

A collection of theatre scripts for Grades 3 - 8. More than two dozen reproductive scripts based on fractured fairy tales and twisted legends. Performance guidelines, and tips and ideas for using readers theatre extend learning and love of the English language.

[zz] Stoner, Anthony Allan.; Drama - Study and teaching; [zz] Fredericks, Anthony D.; Theater

### **Swan Lake**

044736 VH

JISA 27 min 1995 McNabb & Connolly

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