

MUSIC FOR MOZART

January 27, 2006 was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250th birthday. He started banging on the piano when he was only three, pestering his older sister while she was trying to practice. Soon afterwards Mozart began to compose new pieces and perform in public. He showed everyone that age and experience are not necessary to be a musical genius. Celebrate Mozart's birthday by making some music yourself!

Challenge: Compose a birthday song and create some musical instruments to play your new tune.

Time: Part One: You will have 5 minutes to build your instruments and write a song with a birthday theme.

Part Two: You will have 2 minutes to perform your solution for the appraisers.

Materials: two paper cups
four paper plates
six paper clips
six elastic bands
eight toothpicks
one square foot of aluminum foil
half a cup of macaroni elbows

Scoring: up to 15 points each for the creativity of the instruments
up to 25 points for the creativity of the birthday song
up to 20 points for the integration of the instruments
and the performance
up to 20 points for positive team work