

THE  
PARAMOUNT  
THEATRE

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# Acoustic Rooster's Barnyard Boogie

Starring

## Indigo Blume



Based on the book by

**Kwame Alexander**

Illustrated by

**Tim Bowers**



# MEET THE MUSICIANS!

Some of the characters from the story were inspired by real people! Can you draw a line to connect which character name sounds like which real person's name?

**Mules  
Davis**



**Duck  
Ellington**



**Dairy  
Parton**



**Chickee  
Minaj**



**Dolly Parton**

Dolly Parton is an American country singer and actress! You may know her moo-sic (music), like the song "9 to 5"!



**Miles Davis**

Miles Davis is a famous jazz trumpeter from the 1900s! He is known as the jazz "greatest of all time"!



**Nicki Minaj**

Nicki Minaj is a singer, songwriter, rapper, and actress! She has been called the Queen of Rap!



**Duke Ellington**

Duke Ellington is a famous pianist and big band performer from the 1900s! He is known as the originator of big band jazz!

Do you know any musicians you could turn into a barnyard friend? Draw a picture below and give them an animal name!

name:



# JAZZ HISTORY

Jazz is a form of American music that started in African American communities in the early 1900s. It combines European and African musical traditions to create a sound that uses multiple rhythms, improvisation, and syncopation. Jazz has many styles, such as New Orleans Dixieland, big-band-style swing, bebop, and a variety of Latin jazz and fusion.



D H N E A X H B J Q T R I  
G D A R Y J B D X E F R D  
A K Y E L U W P P B F R O  
X I R N Z G D M E T G F J  
C L A E O V U Z Q O M W E  
M M K V W R R M W T O P T  
U P F K T F G X H M S G D  
G B I F G L X Q T K E J J  
U D N A C E J U K S M Z L  
I M X I N Y A D V I M K B  
T M X G B O Z V O P W F K  
A N U Z F L Z Z I Z T M V  
R J A U K M Y O C M W D Z  
Q Z F H F U T H E T F J V  
L D U V J K S I V K X R S



**JAZZ** - A form of American music that started in the early 1900s.

**TRUMPET** - A brass instrument that creates a golden, rich sound.

**PIANO** - An instrument with wire strings that makes a sound when a player taps the keys with their fingers.

**VOICE** - Your voice is an instrument! When you sing, you are making music with your vocal cords!

**GUITAR** - A string instrument made up of six steel strings and wood.

# ABOUT THE SHOW



## About the author, Kwame Alexander:

Kwame Alexander is an American poet, educator, and producer. He has authored 37 books, including Acoustic Rooster's *Barnyard Boogie: Starring Indigo Blume*, which is based on his two children's books, *Acoustic Rooster* and *Indigo Blume!* Kwame has eaten snails, chocolate covered bugs, and grasscutter, but he's never eaten frogs. He loves jazz, his family, and his job. For more information on Kwame Alexander, visit: [kwamealexander.com](http://kwamealexander.com)



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After watching the show, talk with your friends and family about what you saw!

1. Throughout the show, one person played multiple characters. What did they do or change to show that they were someone different?
2. How was the musical similar to the book? How was it different?
3. When Indigo learned she had to perform in front of lots of people, she got scared and had stage fright! Have you ever had stage fright? How did it make you feel?
4. Have you ever been really brave and done something you were nervous about like Indigo Blume did? How did you feel after you did it?
5. The Barnyard Band used music to raise money to rebuild the barn – what else can music do for us?

# DESIGN A POSTER!



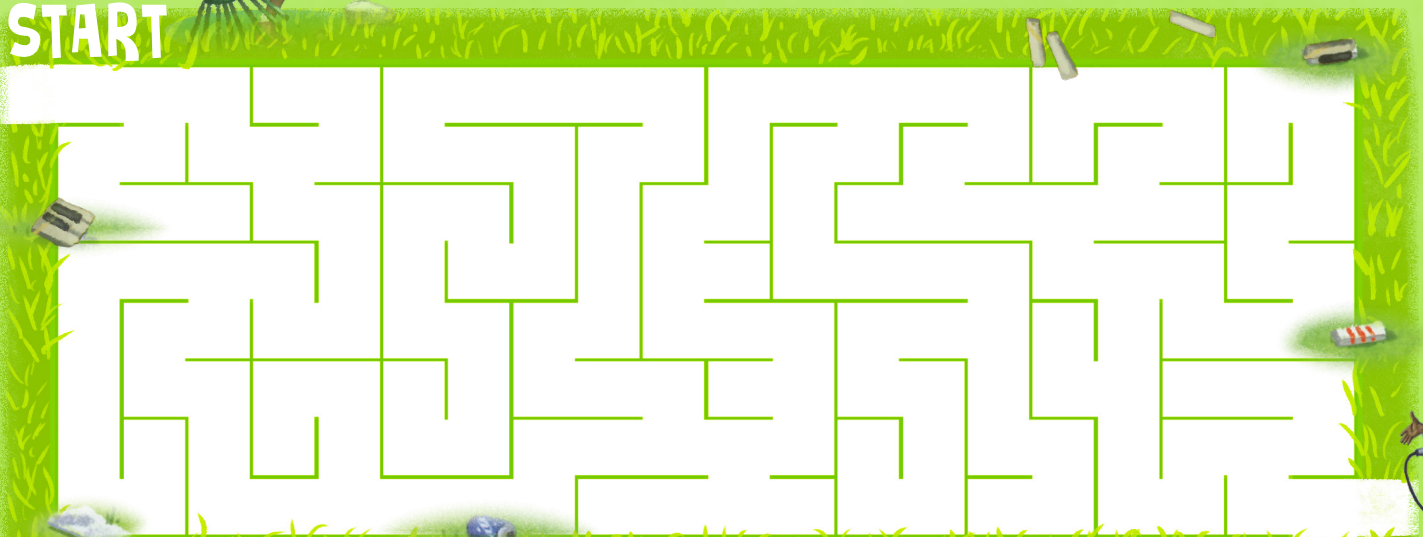
Help Indigo Blume prepare for the Garden City Community Festival by designing the poster! Draw what you'd see in the park!

## GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



Help Indigo Blume clean up the barn for the benefit concert! Can you pick up all the trash on the way to perform?

**START**



**FINISH**





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