

INTRODUCTION TO LA PASTORELA

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There are a number of ways to introduce your students to this topic of study. We have created a Power Point presentation that discusses the history of La Pastorela, Felipe Horta's maskmaking tradition, and the ways in which the tradition of La Pastorela has changed and adapted to become what it is today that can be used with your students. We have provided a hard copy of the presentation with the curriculum project, and will also provide a link to the digital copy on the LAII website. A video-recording of Horta's presentation discussing the history, cultural significance, and changing role within Mexico will also be available online through the LAII website and can be used to teach your students about this topic.

Materials

PowerPoint (PPT) Presentation

Visual media to show PPT presentation and video

Procedure

1. Ask your students if any of them have heard of La Pastorela. If any of them are familiar with it, ask them to share what they know about it with the class.
2. Present the Power Point slide show to your students. As you read through each slide, allow time for students to ask questions, make comments, and discuss the visual images (if provided).
3. When you have reached the end of the presentation, ell students that they are going to create their own mask for La Pastorela. Go back to the slides that show the different masks, and discuss these images. What do the masks show? How are they made? Is there anything that they all have in common? What is different about them?