



Elephants in the Custard – New interactive music story film for Key Stage 1

Elephants in the Custard: project info/background

The London Philharmonic Orchestra's Education & Community department has created a new music and story film for children aged 5–7 based on '[Elephants in the Custard](#)', the charming children's book by Samuel Langley-Swain and Jemma Banks, published by Owlet Press.

The 23-minute film is presented by animator Rachel Leach, interspersed with music performed by a brass quintet from the LPO, and includes a brand-new song to sing along with and lots of other fun ways to join in.

Elephants in the Custard will be available free of charge on YouTube, and comes with written and video resources for Key Stage 1 teachers, as well as ways to help you learn the audience participation song in advance.

What's the story about?

Using a play on the 'elephant in the room' metaphor, the story explores how it feels to have a worry, and the importance of making time to talk to each other. The storyline also gives a good starting point for teachers and families to start talking to children about wellbeing, anxiety and mental health.

Watch Party

The LPO is hosting a special YouTube 'watch party' for schools on **Thursday 29 April at 2pm** but don't worry if you can't join the party! Elephants in the Custard will remain available online for free, so you can enjoy it any time.

Visit www.lpo.org.uk/elephants for more information, learning resources and to sign up for updates about the watch party