Congo Square Pulse Circle | Research, Culture and Sources

Louisiana Orff Schulwerk Music Lab • Lesson 001 • Grades 3–5 • steady beat • 3–5 sessions

Source context

New Orleans Congo Square and documented rhythmic histories. This is a teaching inquiry, not an authoritative single account of a culture or artist.

Primary reference

https://aosa.org/about-aosa/the-orff-schulwerk-approach/

Additional reference

https://folkways.si.edu/lesson/cajun-and-creole-culture/food-dance-and-music

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05. Record source title, author or tradition bearer, URL and access date.

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Standards statement

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