



Teatro de la Rosa Theater Company

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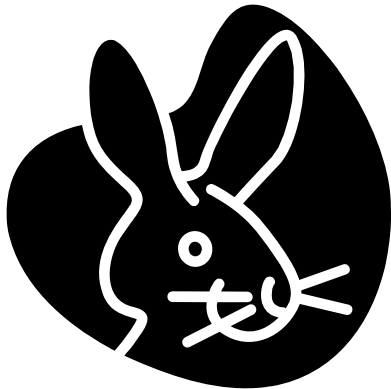
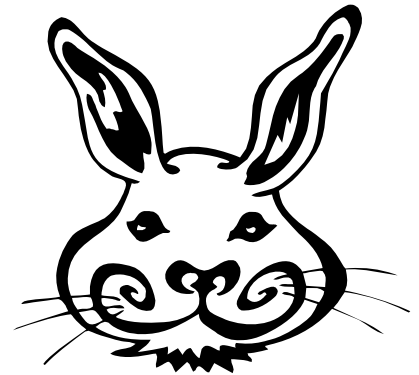
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Presents

EL CONEJITO VERDE

The Green Rabbit



El Conejito Verde/The Green Rabbit is an old Mexican folktale adapted collaboratively for the stage. This play is designed for Kindergarten through 5th Grade, and is fully bilingual. The performers engage the children by having them help with the magic that moves the story along. **El Conejito Verde** tells the tale of a mischievous prince who learns the true meaning of love and loyalty after being transformed into a rabbit. **Teatro de la Rosa** hopes to entertain as well as encourage creativity, imagination and confidence.



What is a folktale?

Folktales are prose narratives that are regarded as fiction...may be set in any time and any place. A folktale is a story told by adults to their children over many generations to teach a history of their people or to teach the children how to behave. In some cultures, there is often a moral lesson to the tale. But people don't mind hearing the lesson because folktales provide enjoyment and chance to dream about magical things.

People told folktales long before there were books, newspapers or televisions. Folktales were a way to bring news from one village to the next. These stories helped people learn and understand the customs of their village. Folktales also explained the wonders of nature, like thunderstorms and phases of the moon.

Spanish glossary

Conejito – little rabbit

Malcriado – ill-mannered

Sabrasos – delicious

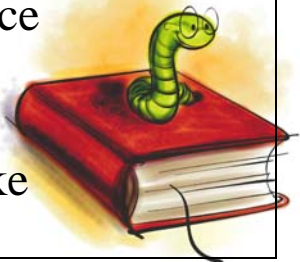
Probrecita – poor thing

Principe – Prince

cuento – story

Fuerte – strong

Hablaba – spoke



Before the show...

Create simple masks

Here's how: First, put Vaseline on your face. Next, place wet plaster bandage strips on our face except for your eyes, mouth and nose. Then let the plaster dry. When the plaster bandages are hard, remove them from your face and trim the edges with scissors. Finally, paint and decorate the mask with bright colors, glitter, feathers, etc. If you'd like, you can attach elastic straps with hot glue gun (have an adult do this) on each side of mask to fit it around you head.

Imagination Journey

Close you eyes and imagine that you are walking along a path. Look down; what kind of road is it? Walk along the road. Up ahead is a wall and you must get to the other side? How will you do this? Share your story with the class.

After the show...

Create a rainstorm

Everyone close your eyes.

Be silent. Snap fingers together.

Clap hands slowly. Slap thighs. Reverse. Open your eyes.

Retell the folktale in your own words.

Create own tortilla wand and perform TORTILLA DESIRE:

TORTILLAS! Deliciosas!

TORTILLAS! Ricas!

TORTILLAS! Cuando?

Anytime, any day, cada dia

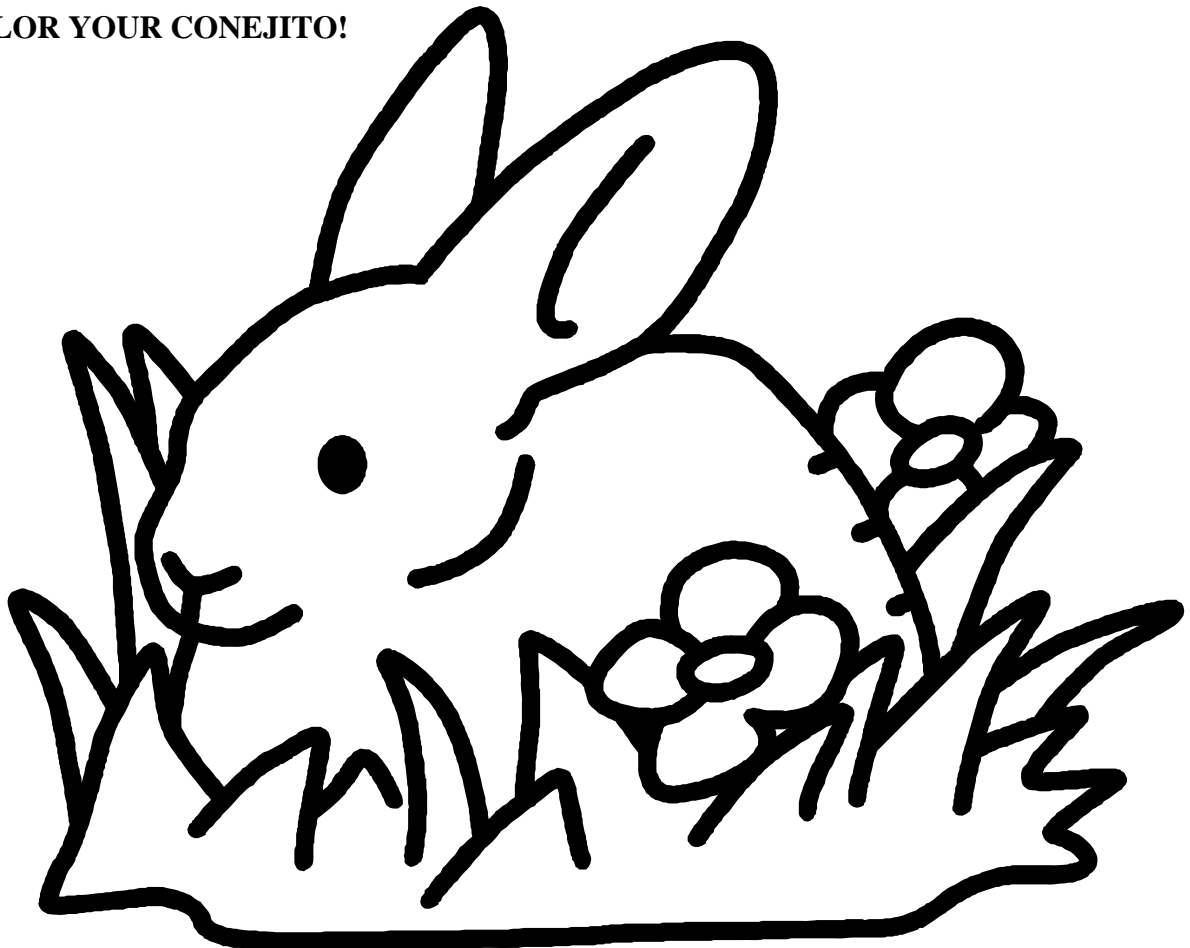
TORTILLAS! Con queso

TORTILLAS! yes, melted cheese

Eat them warm by the fire. I want to eat more

TORTILLAS! Tortillas Desire!

COLOR YOUR CONEJITO!



About Mexico...



Location: Middle America, bordering the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico between Belize and the United States, also bordering the North Pacific Ocean between Guatemala and the United States.

Area – slightly less than three times the size of Texas.

Climate – varies from tropical to desert.

Terrain – high, rugged mountains; low coastal plains; high plateaus.

Natural resources – petroleum, silver, copper, gold, lead.

Color the pyramid!

