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CARNIVAL and PERFORMANCE ART
MAS'
of the CARIBBEAN

Name:



NATIONAL GALLERY
CAYMAN ISLANDS

The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands
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Activity Sheet

Exhibition curated by Claire Tancons and Krista Thompson;
organised by the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC), New Orleans
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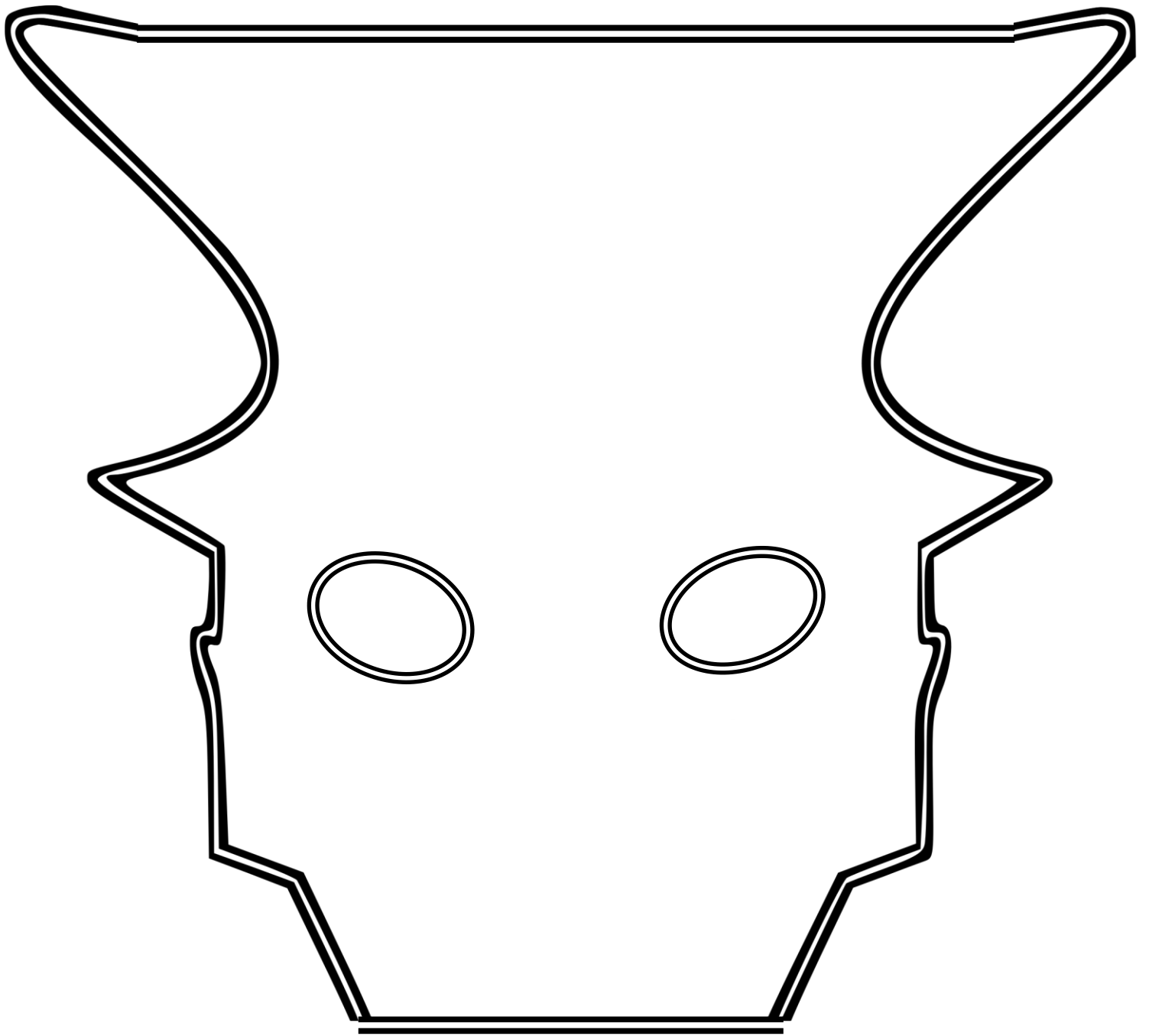
Image: John Beadle (2015), *Inside-out, Outside-in (detail)*, from the collection of the artist

★ **FIND** *Inside-out, Outside-in* by John Beadle.

His Junkanoo costumes are made of cardboard patterns of breezeblocks. Breezeblocks and metal gates are common throughout the Caribbean and are often used to define a boundary or to protect a space.

★ **DECORATE** the mask using your own breezeblock patterns.





Caribbean carnival started in the 1700s by French settlers. It started as fancy balls where the wealthy put on masks, wigs, and beautiful dresses and danced all night. Slaves were not allowed to the balls, and held their own carnivals in their backyards. They made their own rituals and folklore, and imitated the behavior at the masked balls.

Carnival became a way for slaves to express their power as individuals, and their rich cultural traditions. After 1838 (when slavery was abolished), the freed slaves began to have their own carnival celebrations in the streets that grew more and more elaborate. These carnivals soon became more popular than the balls.

- ★ **FIND** where in the Caribbean these works of art came from by reading the labels on the wall.
- ★ **CIRCLE** the islands as you find them.



- ★ There is artwork not only from Caribbean islands. There are also pieces of art from big cities.
NAME these cities. _____

Answers: The Bahamas, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Martinique

Answers: New Orleans, London, New York

Some words are so long that we can find other words in them if we use their letters.

★ **FIND** what words you can make using letters from the word:

m a s q u e r a d e

4 - letter words

5 - letter words

6 - letter words

7 - letter word

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4. _____

Hidden in this word search are things the artists have used to create works of art for this exhibition.

★ **FIND** these materials in each artwork in the exhibition.

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