Chapter Five: The Dance of the Kinnaree
Performed by Somapa Thai Dance

Listen to traditional Thai instruments and learn the precise dance movements that represent the Kinnaree, a bird-like creature found in Thai fairytales.
To Prepare for This Experience

- **Have everybody join!** This field trip is highly interactive and includes something for everyone! We encourage you to share this experience with friends and family all ages.

- **Find an open space.** You will experience opportunities for movement like stretching, moving your arms and jumping in place -- so if possible, join from a space that allows everyone to move freely.

- **Join at your own pace.** Don’t worry if your child chooses not to participate in the whole experience, or is shy at first. They will likely be encouraged to join in if they see others participating.

Sights and Sounds

- **Saw U** (Coconut Shell Fiddle)
- **Khim** (Hammered Dulcimer)
- **Kong Wong Yai** (Round Gongs)
- **Ranad Ek** (Wooden Xylophone)
Conversation Starters for Extended Learning

A Kinnaree is an imaginary creature that is part bird and part human.
- Can you draw your own imaginary creature? Is it big or small? Where does it live? What makes your creature special?

Thai Dancers find many of their dances in nature.
- Can you create your own dance movement inspired by something in nature – like water, a flower, or a tree?
- Can you think of another nature dance you would like to create?

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