

Dance Like a Rabbit! Gallery Play Ideas for Families.



David Catrow | TURQUOISE (detail) | Acrylic, tempera, crayon on paper mounted on canvas | 2020

While we can't actually dance in the gallery, we can try out the joyous poses in Catrow's energetic painting which seems to have captured rabbits enjoying a wild romp.

Looking: Notice the rabbits' poses – there are at least eight distinct ways rabbits' bodies are shown, as if frozen in motion.

Doing: At a safe distance from the artwork, try making the poses with your bodies. Be sure your body will be far away from artwork and walls. Use gentle movements to curve and reach as the rabbits do, or try balancing on one foot, or reaching out to touch hands with your family members.

Talking together: Try to imagine, and have a conversation about, what the rabbits hear--is there music? Look closely and talk about what is around the rabbits, where are they?