

PATTERNS

A theatrical exploration

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Patterns was first produced by Pollyanna Theatre Company at the Dougherty Arts Center in Austin TX in June 2005. The original cast and crew were as follows:

<u>YELLOW:</u>	Michelle Flannigan
<u>GREEN:</u>	Jason Marlett
<u>BLUE:</u>	Alex Garza
<u>RED:</u>	Skip Johnson
<u>SUNLIGHT (Voice Over):</u>	Emily Ball Cicchini
<u>Understudy for RED:</u>	Roy Ruiz
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<u>SOUND DESIGNER:</u>	Abram Best

Cast of Characters

<u>YELLOW:</u>	Smooth and Mellow.
<u>GREEN:</u>	Fresh and Clean.
<u>BLUE:</u>	Yippee Do!
<u>RED:</u>	Stay in Bed.
<u>SUNLIGHT (V.O.):</u>	The Powers that Be. Can be prerecorded/offstage voice.

Scene

Anywhere.

Time

The present.

SETTING: A neutral space.

AT RISE: One at a time, the characters enter, each with a unique walk and voice.

YELLOW

Yellow, Yellow, smooth and mellow... Yellow, yellow, smooth and mellow...

GREEN

Green, Green, fresh and clean... Green, Green, fresh and clean...

BLUE

Blue, Blue, yippee do! Blue, Blue, yippee do!

RED

Red, Red, stay in bed!

(pause)

BANG MY HEAD! AHHHHHH!!!!

(RED runs around the space like crazy, banging their head against everything.)

YELLOW

Be like yellow- Mellow, fellow...

GREEN

Green can't stand this mean scene.

BLUE

Don't be blue, say wooo-hoo!

RED

Red in the head. I'd rather be dead.

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

GOOD MORNING. TIME FOR BREAKFAST.

(Everyone runs around like crazy.)

GET IN LINE.

(They do as commanded.)

Yellow, Green, Blue, Red. Yellow. Green. Blue. Red. SALLLLLLLUTE!

(They do.)

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

DAILY NUMBERS! ONE!

(Everyone jumps to
attention and calls out.)

YELLOW

One!

GREEN

One!

BLUE

One!

RED

One.

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

TWO!

(YELLOW grabs GREEN, BLUE
grabs RED. Each pair counts
off.)

YELLOW

One!

GREEN

Two!

BLUE

One!

RED

Two.

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

THREE!

(YELLOW, GREEN, and BLUE
get together. RED is left
out.)

YELLOW

One!

Two! GREEN

Three! BLUE

Hey! RED

FOUR! SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

(The four grab each other
and count off.)

One! YELLOW

Two! GREEN

Three! BLUE

Four. RED

Go! SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

(Everyone runs around.)

FREEZE!

(Everyone freezes.)

MAKE A SHAPE!

(Everyone quickly makes a
shape and holds it.)

WHAT COLOR ARE YOU?

I'm yellow! YELLOW

WHAT SHAPE ARE YOU? SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

I'm a fuzzy star! YELLOW

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
 HOW DO YOU FEEL?

YELLOW
 I feel... excited!

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
 SHAPE!

(EVERYONE changes their
 shape and freezes.)
 WHAT COLOR ARE YOU?

GREEN
 I'm green!

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
 WHAT SHAPE ARE YOU?

GREEN
 A thin, skinny line-

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
 HOW DO YOU FEEL?

GREEN
 I feel nervous.

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
 SHAPE!

(EVERYONE changes their
 shape and freezes.)
 WHAT COLOR ARE YOU?

BLUE
 I'm blue!

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
 WHAT SHAPE ARE YOU?

BLUE
 I'm the shape of a big, big seagull...

(BLUE flaps their arms and
 makes a noise.)

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
 HOW DO YOU FEEL?

BLUE

I feel... like I'm flying!

RED

Who ever heard of a shape called seagull.

(YELLOW, GREEN, and BLUE
break their shape and pull
to one side, away from
RED.)

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

Blue, how do you feel now?

BLUE

I feel- depressed.

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

Yellow, how do you feel?

YELLOW

Sunny?

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

Yellow, Yellow, Yellow, Yellow, Feels, Feels, Feels, Feels,
Sunny, Sunny, Sunny, Sunny...

(Everyone but RED joins
in.)

YELLOW, GREEN, & BLUE

Yellow, Yellow, Yellow, Yellow, Feels, Feels, Feels, Feels,
Sunny, Sunny, Sunny, Sunny...

(They all keep repeating
this phrase, building up a
chant. When it is
established, they break it
down into different
syllables, keeping the
rhythm going. They explore
it for a long time. RED
finally sits down in a
corner, sulking. The song
builds to the end).

Yellow, Yellow, Yellow, Yellow, Feels, Feels, Feels, Feels,
Sunny, Sunny, Sunny, Sunny, Yellow, Yellow, Yellow, Yellow,
Feels, Feels, Feels, Feels, Sunny, Sunny, Sunny, Sunny!

(YELLOW, GREEN, and BLUE
feel pleased with
themselves)

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
Very nice. Green, how do you feel?

GREEN
I feel groovy.

YELLOW, GREEN, & BLUE
Green, Green, Green, Green, Feels, Feels, Feels, Feels,
Groovy, Groovy, Groovy, Groovy... Green, Green, Green,
Green, Feels, Feels, Feels, Feels, Groovy, Groovy, Groovy,
Groovy...

(They break the sounds down
into a song again.
Meanwhile, RED gets up,
walks around, saying
"SHAPE" and making shapes,
trying to get SUNLIGHT
(V.O.)'S attention. RED
just gets madder and madder
until they jump up and
down, interrupting the song
before it can build to its
conclusion.)

RED
Red, Red, Red, Red, Feels, Feels, Feels, Feels, ANGRY,
ANGRY, ANGRY, ANGRY...

(RED breaks up the song and
chases YELLOW, BLUE, and
GREEN offstage.)

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
Time out.

RED
No time!

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)
Bedtime.

RED

Time this! One time, I was running, and, there was a big, and it, and we, so I stopped, and then I went zip, zip, pow, zooey, and the big, big, it started coming after me, so I jumped, and I jumped so high, I nearly touched the sun, and the big, big, big, it got so scared, the sun came down out of the sky and burned it all up and it was dead.

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

Did not.

RED

Did too.

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

Did not.

RED

Did too...

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

I am the sun, and I did not come down out of the sky and burn anyone. Nighttime.

(Lights go to brown.

Everything goes to black.

Stage is clear).

See you in the morning!

(MUSIC. Heavy rhythm. Lights come back up and YELLOW, GREEN, and BLUE do a dance. The dance should be built around the following:)

YELLOW, BLUE, & GREEN

First.

Last.

Beginning.

End.

First, Last, Beginning, End, First, Last, Beginning, End,

First, Last, Beginning, End!

Front.

Back.

Before.

After.

Front, Back, Before, After, Front, Back, Before, After,

Front, Back, Before, After!

YELLOW, BLUE, & GREEN (Cont.)

Near.

Far.

Together.

Apart.

Near, Far, Together, Apart, Near, Far, Together, Apart,
Near, Far- Apart, Together!

(The song changes, they all
fall on the floor asleep.)

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

Sunrise, Sunset.

Spring, Summer, Winter, Fall...

(RED enters and runs amok.)

RED

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
Sunday...

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

One o'clock, Two o'clock, Three o'clock...

RED

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August,
September, October, November, December... 12345678910....
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy... 1 12 123 1234 12345 123456
1234567 12345678 123456789 12345678910 a ab abc abcd abcde
abcdef, etc...

SUNLIGHT (V.O.)

Twelve o'clock midnight! You should be asleep...

RED

100 bottles of milk on the wall, 100 bottles of milk, take
one down and pass it around... 99 bottles of milk on the
wall...

(RED continues as YELLOW
slowly awakens. After a
while, YELLOW stops RED.
They each try to top each
other with every letter.)

YELLOW

A!