# Mythical Creatures and the Alebrijes

*Empire State Creates: Teaching Artist-Led Activities for Everyone*

**Project Title:** Mythical Creatures and the Alebrijes  
**Age(s):** 4th grade  
**Time:** 20 to 30 minutes  
**Arts Discipline:** Visual Arts

## ACTIVITY AT A GLANCE

### Goal(s):
- To learn about mythical creatures, the most common creatures and where they’re from
- To learn what are Alebrijes
- To be able to draw a mythical creature or an alebrije

### Materials:
- A piece of paper for drawing
- Pencil
- Eraser

### New Word(s)
- Mythical, Alebrije, hybrid, Pegasus, Phoenix bird, Medusa, Centaur, Sphinx

### NYS Arts Learning Standards (select no more than 2 - student audiences only)
- VA:Cr1.1.4 Brainstorm multiple approaches to a creative art or design problem.
- VA:Cn1.1.4 Connect visual characteristics of works of art and design to beliefs and traditions in a culture.

## STEPS

| Step #1 | Think and answer this question: Do you know any mythical creatures?  
If you are doing this activity by yourself you can answer this question in your head or you can write your ideas down. |
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| Step #2 | Watch the presentation of “Mythical Creatures and The Alebrijes”  
The slide before the last has the hands-on activity.  
- Decide if you’ll draw a mythical creature you saw in the presentation, another creature you know or you will create one from your imagination. |
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| ● Alebrije option -  
  - Look at the “Animal Reference Picture Guide.”  
  - Pick your animals and make a drawing using different body parts from those animals. |

Activity Modifications (as needed):

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