

Salvaged Tasks from the Hirshhorn Task Event

Play three pieces of music/sound that are similar in character, simultaneously on all three CD players. Draw portraits of at least 15 participants. Sit on top of a table and write two tasks that contain the words sky and ski. Then sit on the floor and write two tasks that contain the words dessert and desert. Embellish the border of the stage. Pick two books/pieces-of-writing randomly. Climb the tallest ladder and read aloud, alternating one sentence per book, for five minutes. Place an object on your head and write a simple task. Place a second object on your head (without removing the first object) and write a more complicated task. Add to the two objects on your head a third object and write a difficult task. Find five people to follow you around the stage as you walk for three minutes. Stand on one of the tables that are used for writing tasks and move your legs for as long as you deem necessary. Find two participants who speak languages you don't understand and have them talk to each other in those languages for a minute. As each one speaks a sentence you interpret to the other person what you think the content of that sentence might be. Exchange a piece of clothing with someone from the opposite sex. Find the person closest to your age (to the day if necessary). Take that person's hand and walk the periphery of the stage ten times, while talking to each other. Make a "bed" large enough for three (close to one of the CD players). Then find a piece of music suitable for going to sleep, and play it on one of the CD players. Finally find two more participants and rest with them, for ten minutes. Build a wall. But first find the other person with the same task; then work together. Build a wall. But first find the other person with the same task; then work together. When you are done do a little dance (one + minute). Ask for at least fifteen articles of clothing from other participants and add them to your clothing. Wear all of the added clothes for the next three tasks, and then return them to their owners as you remove them item-by-item again. Cut 10 animal images out of any of the magazines and do something with them. Cut 40 headlines out of newspapers and do something with them. Write a couple of paragraphs about your experience of walking onto the stage. Then get someone else, either much older or much younger to read them aloud to the audience, impersonating you. Paint HIRSHHORN in large letters onto cardboard then cut them out and rearrange them. Sit on someone's lap, put your arm around that person and whisper into his/her ear about what you did yesterday starting with what you did in the morning until the evening. Get one or more people to carry you from one table to another, to a ladder, to a blanket, to a box, back to a blanket. Find out everyone's first name and their age and read this information from on top of a ladder. Find out something interesting about 20 members from the audience, note it down and read it aloud. Make yourself beautiful. Make someone else beautiful. Rearrange objects on stage. Truly embellish the outfits of three other participants. Make your home underneath one of the tables. Facilitate a way to physically combine the tasks of two other participants. Sing along the sound of whatever music plays as you move from CD player to CD player. Find two or three participants to pose with, as whatever you deem

sculptural. Between 5 and 10 inspired poses. Hold each pose for a minute. Don't do anything for 4 minutes. Then clean and tidy up the stage for 2 minutes. Take another break for 1 minute and resume cleaning up for 2 minutes. Interrupt (for a minute or two). Get male participants to temporarily move to one side of the stage. Take a look at your fellow participants and determine who has leadership qualities. Write a short paragraph about your criteria and hand the note to that person/s. Inspire someone. Move around the fountain-circle on your belly Create a new identity for yourself, write down your new identity on a sheet of paper, tell at least two participants about "who you are" and stay in that persona for half an hour. Create a character or persona with specific traits and find someone else to adopt that role for 10 minutes. "Do" somebody's hair. Expand the stage by 5 square feet. Build a small monument for the people of DC. Draw your favorite place. Climb on top of the tallest ladder, 4 minutes before each hour, and shout out the exact time. Repeat this hourly until the end of the performance. If you are on break for one of those shout-outs, find a substitute until you return. You are "Safety officer" for the first 15 min. of the performance. Find ways to insure "safety" on stage. Randomly pick 20 pieces of writing and copy the first sentence of the second paragraph of the second chapter (if available) of each of them. Read the resulting "narrative" to the audience. Find the other participant who you will do a dance with. Dance with that person for 5 minutes. Find the other participant who you will do a dance with. Dance with that person for 7 minutes. Beautify an area of the stage. Lie on the ground, the spot where you were standing, for 2 minutes. Then walk 20 feet and lie down again for 5 minutes. Follow another participant as he or she executes 2 tasks. Mimic another participant as he or she executes 2 tasks. 53-Be someone's shadow for the duration of 1 task. Trade tasks with someone. Whoever you trade with should trade with yet another person. That third person simply has to write a new task. Hide for 6 minutes. Climb and lie on top of the pile of cardboard. Cover yourself with a sheet of cardboard concealing your entire body for 6 minutes. Cut the word ART out of magazines and tape them on whatever you want. Do nothing for a minute. Then do something for a minute. Repeat for another 5 minutes. Trace the silhouette of your body with a marker on the stage floor. Trace the silhouette of two participants with marker on the stage floor. Make and/or find 10 simple and small objects and place them on a portable platform. Parade that assemblage for 5 minutes. Tape the feet of two participants together as they go about interpreting their tasks. Tape someone's mouth shut with red tape. Make yourself invisible for 6 minutes. Take a look at your fellow participants and determine who has leadership qualities. Write a short paragraph about your criteria and hand the notes to that person/s. Trace the silhouette of your body with a marker on the stage floor. Trade tasks with someone. Whoever your trade with should trade with yet another person. That third person simply has to write a new task. Be someone's shadow for the duration of a task. Create a character or persona with specific traits and find someone else to adopt that role for 10 minutes. Inspire someone. Sit on someone's lap, put your arm around that person and whisper into his/her ear about what you did from the morning to the evening yesterday. Find five people to follow you as you walk around the stage

for three minutes. Tape someone's mouth shut with red tape. Hide for six minutes. Trace the silhouette of two participants with marker on the stage floor. Find the person closest to your age. Take that person's hand and walk the periphery of the stage ten times while talking to each other. Stand on one of the tables used for writing tasks and move your legs for as long as you deem necessary. Exchange a piece of clothing with someone from the opposite sex. Make someone else beautiful. Sit on top of a table and write a task that contains the words sky and ski. Then sit on the floor and write a task that contains the words dessert and desert. Climb up the stairs and sit down, offer "free advice" to participants or audience members. Run around the fountain backwards. Pick two books/pieces of writing randomly. Climb the tallest ladder and read aloud, alternating one sentence per selection, for five minutes. Draw portraits of at least fifteen participants. Rearrange objects on stage. You are "Safety Officer" for the first fifteen minutes of the performance. Find ways to insure "safety" on stage. Get one of more people to carry you from one table to another, to a ladder, to a blanket, to a box, back to a blanket. Place an object on your head and write a simple task. Without removing the first object, place a second object on your head and write more complicated task. Add a third object to your head and write a difficult task. Make yourself beautiful. Draw your favorite place. Facilitate a way to physically combine the tasks of two other participants. Mimic another participant as he or she executes two tasks. Write a couple of paragraphs about your experience of walking onto the stage. Then get someone else, either much older or much younger, to impersonate you as they read them aloud to the audience. Embellish the border of the stage. Lie on the ground in the spot where you are standing for two minutes. Then walk twenty feet and lie down again for 5 minutes. Truly embellish the outfits of three other participants. Make your home underneath one of the tables. Introduce yourself to someone as the person you'd like to be. Find the other participant looking for a dance partner. Dance with that person for 5 minutes. Find the other participant looking for a dance partner. Dance with that person for 7 minutes. You are a baseball player. Scream "I just hit a homerun." for 2 minutes. "Do" somebody's hair. Follow another participant as he or she executes two tasks. Move around the fountain-circle on your belly. Interrupt for a minute or two. Build a small monument for the people of DC. Make a "bed" large enough for three (close to one of the CD players). Then find a piece of music suitable for going to sleep, and play it on one of the CD players. Finally, find two or more participants and rest with them for ten minutes. Find a structure. Take gold spray paint and grab the person closest to you. Ask them their name. Proclaim your love for this person by spray painting your devotion to this person. Do a cartwheel or find someone who can do a cartwheel. Find out something interesting about 20 members from the audience, note it and read it aloud. Create a new identity for yourself, write down your new identity on a sheet of paper and tell at least two participants "who you are". Continue executing new tasks, but retain your new identity for at least half an hour. My Name is Superwoman. I save the world from evil people Get as many male participants as you want to temporarily move to one side of the stage. Create a mural out of paper that supports art education. Don't do anything for 4 minutes. Then clean

and tidy up the stage for 2 minutes. Take another break for 1 minute and resume cleaning up for 2 minutes. Stand on a wooden box, read a newspaper article in a loud voice. Bow (or curtsy) Find something to read and sing the words opera style. Make love to the camera Throw a party. Play hopscotch with at least three other people. If you don't know the rules, make some up. Form a clique. Be mean. Go "cluck-cluck-cluck and tell 7 people you are a chicken Find 1 other participant and use stage materials to work together & build a house Go as high as you can and play catch with someone below you. Draw 28 circles on the stage. Any size, Any color Charge! Make of use ten simple, small objects and place them on a portable platform. Parade that assemblage for five minutes. Make a footprint section on the stage with at least 10 footprints of participants. Design an extreme hopscotch and ask 2 people to carry it out Propose to someone. Then together build an invitation to the wedding. Sing along to the sound of whatever music plays as you move from CD player to CD player. Find another participant & collaborate to write at least 100 words on the stage floor. Find 3 people and initiate a coup. Find a person to sing to on one knee Build a wall. But first, find the other person with the same task. Work together. Find out who was murdered and figure out who killed them Invite an outsider in, tell them how to participate. Give them this TASK in case anyone tries to kick them out. Find a partner and start a loud fight! Make it believable. Make it last for 60 secs. Then stop and hug. :) Pop every balloon you see. Pulse check. Announce to everyone where the new tasks are to be put and selected from. We are unclear. Walk on water without breaking any of "THE MAN's" rules. Grab a plant, and ask ten people what plant that you most resemble. Draw a portrait of the person of your choice using artist materials. Do it on the ground. Finger-paint a willing participant. Get 5 people. Yell at someone in the audience. Just scream. Draw a one-dimensional picture of the fountain from the perspective of an elephant using only the color green. Draw a picture and put it on someone's back. Find a partner and call out the time every 5 minutes, for the next half hour. Gather 5 people. Take an object from someone from outside the circle. Ask that person where they are from. Ask them for a hug. Take the object and have everyone kiss the object. Start a party; a crazy, loud party. Find someone and tell them a helpful hint (that can be about anything--a rule of thumb, a remedy, a way to do something more easily.) Then tell them to find another person and tell that person a new helpful hint and to pass it (the task) along--a chain of useful information. Share a funny joke with at least 4 other people. Give 10 people you haven't yet met a kiss and hug, tell each of them they must do the same to one person. Expand the stage by 5 square feet. Find 2 other people to hold hands with you, stand on the rim of the fountain and sing the chorus of a song of your choosing. Good luck! Get the watering can from the props. 3. Three people will each get green and yellow markers. They will draw plants as follows. 4. After all three have finished a leaf, the person with the watering can must pretend to water the plant. Then the next leaf in each person's plant can be drawn. 5. After 8 leaves per plant are done, draw a flower on top. Pass out 10 pots of flowers and 10 bottles of water. Gather an audience of at least 3 people and give a 3 minute speech. Fly. Grab a book, turn to page 15 and write down every 15th word on a piece of cardboard. Get two

other people to read your new poem out loud. Get a group of 15 people together in a circle. Find out everyone's favorite childhood toy. Play hide and go seek. Form a short workout class. Find Mark (gray shirt, glasses, about 5'8", Notre Dame baseball cap) and make in Hoola Hoop! For at least 5 minutes! Make a square out of plastic tubing (PVC pipe) with two people. Tape a blanket on to someone's shoulders. Have that person give the cape to another person, and so on... Conduct a small yoga class--If you don't know yoga find someone who does. Tell a very blatant lie to 10 people. Make a 12' flower of celebration. Connect 4 people. Find a book and advertise how great it is to the crowd and convince them to go buy it. Stand on the ladder, gather a crowd, pick 4 volunteers, and sing, together, my country tis of thee as loudly as possible. Everyone on the ladder! Make a rope and add it to another's construction. Make a political statement through art. Draw a cartoon of the "man" and hang up. Sign it. Write one line of a poem, fold over the paper, and ask 5 other people to write a line, each time folding the paper over so the people can't see what was previously written. And then read the finished poem out loud. Find a group of people and play "duck duck goose" if you don't know what this is ask someone. Recruit two or three other participants to form sculptural poses with. Make inspired poses of 30 seconds duration for ten minutes. Find someone with a hat and give them a hug. Then ask if you can wear their hat. Give 3 people a back rub and tell them they are doing a terrific job. Be as one. Go around courtyard on 1 leg, singing a song. Make a dessert, offer it to someone, then desert them with no explanation. Play three pieces of music/sound that are similar in character simultaneously on all three CD players. Ask people which US president was named Steven, then scoff when they don't know the answer. (Grover Cleveland) Ring around the rosey. Cut 40 headlines out of newspapers and do something with them. Hold hands with fellow participants and circle around the fountain until enough people join to form a circle around it. Sing a silly song. Ask someone what prop is theirs, go find it and give it to the person standing closest to you. Find two participants capable of speaking two different languages you don't understand, and that are also mutually unable to communicate with. Interpret their one-minute conversation by guessing the content. Do nothing for a minute. Then do something for a minute. Repeat for another five minutes. Wear a banner supporting a cause and make a parade for it around the fountain. Find 6 people to hug. Shoot for the stars. Make flower hats with 2 other people. Create a running fashion show. Find someone and start a staring contest with that person. Recreate an episode of American Idol. 3 judges, two singers facing off. Someone needs to get married. Find the wedding petals on a table and then pick 2 people, and perform a ceremony. Throw the petals throughout. Write your top 5 favorite things and drape it on the staircase. Get a pencil and paper and draw a portrait of another participant- OR - find 4 people to sit and draw portraits of the same person. Tape the finished portraits (signed) to the glass wall on the museum. Defy gender roles. Using tin foil, cover another participants head to create your own foil statue. Be creative! Find a new home for this little bird. Organize a limbo contest. Give each winner a big hug. Sing Halloween music, if you are able. Ask someone the time; walk around the fountain and go to the same person and ask

for the time. Do it 5 times. Paint HIRSHHORN in large letters onto cardboard, cut them out and rearrange them. Put a sticker on each participant. Beautify an area of the stage. Create a pair of skis using cardboard and ski towards the sky. Cover your body entirely with cardboard. Find a hat, wear it while walking around the circle, then get someone else to do the same. Draw a picture of Oliver- give him the picture. Take a well-deserved 5 minute nap. Start a game of duck duck goose. Quack. Get 2 other people to help you build a structure you can all fit inside. Find a book of plays, do part of a scene. Go up to someone and mimic everything they say. Get an audience member to say "I eat chicken" without explicitly saying or showing them the words. Perform a baptism on at least one other performer. Identify the most opposite person from you. Introduce yourself. Then hold hands and walk around the circle. Make a tribute to a historical figure. Convince Oliver to do a task, if you are unable to do that, trade this off to another participant and have them do the same thing. Do this through 10 different participants. Record none of attempts: #1 (I tried) 2nd attempt: Failed! 3rd attempt: failed! 4th attempt: succeeded! I asked him not to do a task and he didn't. Use the paver blocks near the window and create a pyramid at least 7 blocks tall, place a flower on top and coil rope around the base. Raise an army of 10 to yell a battle cry and charge at something. Find me a husband. Your requirements: has a job is not a convicted felon, and does not live with his mom is thirty something. Thanks! Go get the tasks from the "out" box, stand atop the ladder and sing them to the world. Form a human pyramid then create a cheer for TASK. Solicit \$5 cash from TASK participant and then give the money to a child in the audience. Help the young man in green rebuild his wall. Plead the 5th ... wear tape over your mouth. Hold a sign saying silence is golden. Play "Simon Says" with 4 people. Stop, drop, and roll. You're a matador ole-toro 3 girls and 5 boys pretend they are all being slaughtered. After they are killed, grab a pot of flowers and say it to do outside audience. "I'm the finest matador of all Spain." 5 times. Find 4 people and do a warrior move together. Make like the Olympics and circle yourself. Introduce yourself to 15 participants you have not met yet. Make like a throat and clear. Steal the Task pool container (but give it back later...) Get Oliver's autograph. Take the task box and move it to the other side of the fountain. Draw a picture of your first pet on a piece of cardboard. Hang it up. If you never had a pet, make one up... Find 2 people go up to someone in the audience and ask Why did you do that? It hurt my feelings. Get a camera and go around taking pictures--with a "press" sign- telling people you are writing a story on them. Write down a recent sexual fantasy or experience on the stage. Tell 5 people where it is and ask them to go read it. Put thirty blue pushpins in the big mirrored wall and negotiate with the homeowner to put thirty red pushpins on his/her front door. Convince five people to build paper airplanes and have a contest to determine the best flyer. Give the winner a present. Make a model of the house you lived in as a child. Walk on the water. Make a life size map. Become a silent mime in front of the crowd. You cannot move until someone takes your picture. You must stand on a carton or chair. Write a limerick. Each line must be by someone different. Then read it to an audience member. Make a float for the fountain, go sunbathing on it and with someone. Ask someone to explain to you

the difference between a square and a rectangle. Declare war. Build an army. Go up to everyone wearing a green shirt, hug them and tell them you love them. Tell everyone to shout their name on the count of 3! 1. Draw a line about 12 feet long, tracing the shadow line of the building. 2. Wait about 15 minutes and trace another line. Label and note the time. Learn three people's middle names, and refer to them as such for the next 1/2 hour. Decorate a person with flowers. Have a tea party in the mirror fort. Play one minute game of football; 3 on 3. A thumping heart. Anxiety. What the hell am I supposed to do? My first audition. It gives me instructions to sing a song of my choice, to show my talent. I choose Once Upon a Dream, Terror. I'm tone death. [performer sing, badly] I know you, I walked with dream. I audition. I come to school the next day, look at the casting list. I'm not on it. Find 2 others, wrap yourself in bubble wrap and go look for peace. Build a coffin with someone in it. Make 10 water balloons and give them to the people at one of the forts. Do 2 pushups in front of each standing wall you see. Read out loud from a book skipping every other word. Declare a war and raise an army. Draw a tattoo on a willing participant's body. It should be visible and elaborate. Show it off to the audience. Who do you think is the hottest person here? Tell them and everyone else! Play hopscotch! Propose to 3 guys and 3 girls. Lead an exercise routine with at least 5 other participants. Find the pop-out white hamper prop, put it over the top half of your body, and walk around the fountain 3 times. Tell your favorite story to another participant in front of the office. Use funny voices as appropriate. Ask someone with a camera to take your picture. At the last minute walk away. Draw a picture of a hotdog with sauerkraut place the picture on the leg of the next person who you hear speak. You are not allowed to speak. Tell everyone to observe one minute of silence. Find your balance with as many people as you can. Stage a "sit-in" with 10 other people inside that cardboard house people are making. Refuse to leave. Put a balloon on the lady with the rodeo costume Draw portraits of at least 15 participants. Ask audience member a question. Before they can answer walk away. Make a list of the 5 happiest days of your life on the paper that is taped to the ground. Make hats for 3 people and get them to wear them. Win a staring contest. Recreate the two Jima picture. Ask 10 people to sit in a circle while you read them a story (from any book on stage please read for 1 minute). Follow the woman in the graduation gown around for 5 minutes humming/singing "Pomp and Circumstance" (the graduation song) Pick a book you've never read and walk around the outside edge of the stage and read it out loud. Read from at least 3 books (2 languages minimum) out loud at the top of your lungs. Beg 25 cents from someone in the audience. Pick a person across the way and mimic them for one orbit. Make a "bed" large enough for three (close to one of the CD players) Then find a piece of music suitable for going to sleep, and play it on one of the CD players. Finally find two more participants and rest with them for ten minutes. Take a pack of gum from props put every piece in your mouth. Chew. Find the oldest and youngest people here. Get the two to shake hands. Create a spider web and trap a butterfly. Build another house to make a neighborhood. Go to boom-box put the CD "jrabe do pallo" pretend you know the song number 1 (track) after song is complete put blue tape on both face cheeks and say "I'm the

happiest person alive!" Find the most attractive person you can and convince them to let you give them a backrub. You are a natural born leader. Now you must lead in a game of follow the leader. Find the cylinders. Paint some one color and some another and design a checker board. Find someone to play with you. Make [heart symbol]. You figure it out. Find someone who looks just like you in terms of height, weight or features--or clothing--and try to find something in common. Find Oliver. Get your picture taken with him, but get it OFF the stage. Write 5 tasks to put into this box as we are running low on tasks. Write 3 new difficult tasks while standing on one foot. Get 7 people with eyeglasses to congregate on the stairs. You're really paranoid right now. Fly. You're really paranoid right now. Find the "dog." Put it in the yard of the "house" and make a sign that says "Beware of the dog." Take two chairs and sit in the "driver's seat." Get a person to sit "shotgun" and try to get people to add chairs and become a school bus. Try to get as many people involved as you can. Be sure to act like you are driving. Take a nap. Go fishing in the pond. Tape your occupation to your leg. Ask 5 people to participate and tape their occupation to their leg. Remove one letter from each person's leg and swap it with another person. Find someone who doesn't know you and get them to hug you, then three other people before your task is over. Compliment 5 audience members. Do something serious. Make a story with at least 3 people with drawings. Find your opposite. Find 5 things you have in common. Try to sell something for at least \$1.00. Get 3 people to make paper airplanes. Have them fly the airplanes from the stairs. Applaud the first two and cheer loudly for the third. You've earned a two minute rest. Go lay in the sun and sunbathe. Find the shortest piece of music in our CD collection and play it loud five times. Gather people from your gender. Declare war on the opposite sex. Do a little cleaning up. Recruit 13 participants to pretend to be a hurricane and deconstruct house #79. All fall down. Find 4 other people. Have them create a musical instrument (functional or not). Form a marching band and parade around the fountain. "Mug" someone. Take the pile of books; organize them into a library. Ask 5 people for directions to the capitol in a strange accent. Pretend not to understand them so that they have to repeat themselves. Arrange 6 other participants in order of height and age in front of the audience. At the end, they have to say, "I'm the tallest, shortest, youngest, and oldest." Find something written--choose a poem or paragraph to read in front of the people with a video camera. [You can also find 2 people to do this with you. Each takes turns reading to the camera.] Find a ball. Start a game of catch with 1 person. Allow more people to join you. Ask someone if they know the secret password. Keep asking until someone does. Then shout it really loud. Find someone you already met. Each of you should pull a piece of writing as your script. While reading lines to each other, act out a love scene. This can mimic an already known play or movie if you choose. It must include a kiss. Make a necklace from the golden paperclips for everyone wearing a hat. Trade shoes with someone wearing the same size as you. Pretend you are Superman or Superwoman for 10 mins. Ask people if they're in distress. Help them! Find the toilet paper and pass out rolls to five people and request them to wrap it around themselves. Find a deck of cards and build a house of cards. When you are done, knock it down.

Take a nap for as long as you like. You'll need a partner. Steal the blue ball. Play monkey-in-the-middle with the people you stole it from. Draw a still life of some of the stuff on stage. Think of a practical joke and play it on an unsuspecting person. Ask three participants to tell you a secret- make them whisper it into your ear. Using the whoopee cushion on the props table, make another participant think they farted. Approach three people (audience or participants) and ask them to tell you about a dream they've had. Tell each person one of yours. Spend a few minutes stretching and then go for a nice jog around the grounds--invite a few people to join you. Form a conga line and parade around the fountain 6 times. Stand in front of a group of viewers and tell clean and stupid jokes until everyone laughs. Be at peace for 4 minutes and then reveal another side of yourself for 4 more minutes. Write, "I need love." Locate the large roll of bubble wrap. Use the plastic containers to make 5 meals of the stuff in the boxes labeled, "non-toxic, no asbestos." Wrap the meals in bubble wrap and distribute to 5 hungry looking people. Hop on one foot around the circle. If anyone asks what you're doing, tell them that they have to join you. Compliment 15 people on the softness of their hands. At least six must be from the crowd. Ask people to smell your under arms and tell you if you stink. When someone says, "yes," stop. Or, wait for 20 people to say, "No," then stop. Find out Oliver's middle name. Write the first word that comes to mind on a piece of paper and tape it to the window. Make a boat. Make a statue with only water bottles. Find someone from your state. Have them stand on the other side of the fountain. Shout names of fruits and vegetables at each other until you've made a ruckus. Find someone from your state. Have them stand on the other side of the fountain. Shout names of fruits and vegetables at each other until you've made a ruckus. Match maker: Find a member of the audience and set them up with an unsuspecting task participant. Pick out whatever task in the box you want to do most. Find a partner and play a round of limbo. Gather a crowd (at least 3). Climb to the top of the staircase with a roll of tape. Holding one end of the tape, let it unroll and fall to the ground while making a proclamation that you are the king of the Hirshhorn. Gather all of the markers and don't let anyone have them. Reconstruct House 79 and another House. At 4pm, shoot rubber bands at the grey rolling ladder. Everybody! Find someone who has this same task. Play Twister. Build a fortress. Ask an audience member why they are doing this, I mean, really? Find someone who has lived abroad and have them tell you their favorite travel tale. Take 15 minutes to play a variety of songs (no more than one song per disk). Carry the boom box on your shoulder with the volume as loud as you can take it. Sincerely compliment 5 people. Build a structure. Make it taller than any Task structure standing or currently being built. Find the toilet paper. Wrap yourself in it, then encourage someone else to do the same. Sit with eyes closed until you have identified 5 separate sounds. Write them down in order of pleasantness. Make a bookshelf. Put all books (alphabetized) on them. Clean up the stage. Make it really clean. Start a soccer game with at least 8 people. Find something to read and read it to 1 person. Have a discussion about it. Climb to the 3rd rung of every ladder and yell "Thar she blows." It's too quiet. Climb to the top of the staircase and make some noise for 90 seconds. Create a beautiful garden. Moonwalk

around the area. Make a boat out of materials in the circle and cover a box. Set it afloat and leave it in the pool. Play catch. Get a newspaper or magazine and cut it into a collage that tells the story of your life. Try to trade places with the cameraman. If he won't, ask him to do a photo shoot of 5 pictures of you modeling. For you! Give a neck rub to someone who looks like they need it. Freak out the people behind the glass. Task, rebuild the house! Fold all the chairs and stack them. Overtly break a rule. Form a conga line and go around the circle. Have everyone sing a Disney song. Cut a rug. Get 20 people to blow a bubble gum bubble. Get a picture of it. Lecture the audience on the importance of recycling. Find somewhere to hide. Scare audience. Members. Pick every piece of paper on the ground. Find the garden, be a plant there. Ask somebody for a secret--then keep it. Sharpen every pencil on the table. Recruit 3 participants to do a dance for the people behind the glass. Get a photographer to follow you as you greet groups of people and take family style portraits with them. Draw four straight lines on a piece of wood. Hand it to someone and ask them to draw 7 curved lines. Hand it to another and have them draw 4 straight lines. Repeat 2 times. Start a round of "row, row, row your boat" with/ three people. Invite others to join. Move all of the stereos to the front of the stage (near the audience) and play different CDs simultaneously. Get people to dance. Find the Q-tips. Set up an ear cleaning station. Clean 10 ears. Organize the performance of a play. Rip up a piece of the paper that makes up the stage. Then tape down a new edge. Make a story using 4 people who each make up 2 new verbs. Play human checkers on the checkerboard already created by the blue flag. Have an audience member find a pine cone. Make a big, colorful sign that says, "Will you go to prom with me, Stephen? ~Love Allie." Get everyone else to dance around with you singing so that everyone sees it. Find another person and do their task with them--holding hands the ENTIRE time. "Conduct" by the stereos for several minutes. Survey several participants until you find someone who knows the capitol of Patagonia. Be a statue where the random props are. DON'T move. Bring 2 friends. Make a passport. Ask 10 people to give you a stamp from a country they have been to. The country should be their favorite country and cannot duplicate another stamp in your passport. 10 stamps and you are done. Vandalize the house. Find 10 people to do a yoga pose with you. Hold it for 1 minute. Scream in the faces of unsuspecting people. On the door of the Hirshhorn, there's 20 sheets of paper. Get 20 Taskees to write an inspirational phrase in each. Ask someone what their pet's name is. Tell someone else that that is the name of the pet owner. Shake hands with at least 10 participants and thank them for their vote. Ask 10 people to write something they are ashamed of doing in the past. Entries should be anonymous. Use this sheet and the other in this envelope. Stand on the ladder and loudly tell a joke. Mess up the punch line. If you know how to juggle, teach someone else. If you don't know how to juggle, find someone to teach you how. Give an extra body part to yourself or take one away. Tell someone they are special. Compose five easy tasks and put them in the task box. Collect empty water bottles- use duct tape and make a boat. Ask one of the task people to give a bottle of water to audience. Hide things from yourself. Compose a one-paragraph letter to Oliver Herring and put it in the

IN box. Find enough willing people to race across the fountain. Make something beautiful. Draw the USA and get 10 people to dot their birth towns. Change the CDs playing, make a ball of rubber bands, then use it to play with an imaginary dog. Make a pirate hat and find someone who can tell you a pirate joke. Draw a picture and autograph it. Introduce yourself to four people you don't know. Find someone who will let you draw all over them. Then do it. Build the largest paper airplane you can and try to fly it. Sit under a table for five minutes and think of a really good task. Find out where every observer is from, go around the circle once. Create a dance with 4 other people and 3 pieces of music. Sit on the edge of the fountain and trim your toe nails into the water. Pour water on people's feet. Patrol the borders, don't let anyone leave the brown paper area. Get a makeshift ship to sail to the center of the fountain. Use rubber bands and scotch tape to deform somebody's face. Interview a guy named Eric. Let him know he is cute, funny and peck him on the cheek. If you happen to get this TASK give it to a (20-ish) girl. When interviewing Eric, hug him and say, "Eric, you are wonderful." After the interview, look for a "Che Guevera" and run around stage full circle with flag in air, and say, "Che Lives! Che Lives!" "We're planning, but not anytime soon, to have kids." "I hope the first one is a boy!" "My wife wants to have a boy too, I say 2 kids, but she wants more." "For my kids I want them to enjoy life." "The American Dream" "I was born in Mexico City" "Your parents were already here? Yes" "It was tough, I was a baby when my mom went to the stakes" "For a while, I didn't call her 'Mom'" "But eventually, we became close." Eric is 26. He is from NY, NY. Loved to play baseball as a child. Loves his parents. This is his fifth time in Washington. Before he dies he wants to complete 4 years in the Peace Corps, complete a Masters in Antiquity, and History in general, have children. Skydive as many times as possible. Go to Turkey. Enjoy life to fullest. Wake a 7. Go to work as a social worker. Go for some drinks with co-workers, go home to my wife of 2 months. Our marriage is pretty cool. Moving in with her, it's a different experience." "It's not just thinking about myself anymore." Find 2 other people and with them, tell an outrageous lie to someone. Ge that blue ball and throw it at everyone wearing flip flops/sandals. Climb the ladder and scream, "I love myself!" Teach or learn how to do a cartwheel. Get everyone to run with scissors. Find someone who has never read Borges' "Borges and I." Read to it them. (There is a copy aficionados around.) Make 10 paper airplanes and throw two from the rolling ladder. Be a mime. Write "Perfection is an ugly lie." on 10 things. Build a kite and fly it. Be creative with the make-up and false eyelashes. Get to the top of the stairs and yell "This is not a task" 5 times. Paint a heart on as many people's faces as you can. Draw the USA and get 10 people to star their origins. Recreate the Brady Bunch family on the stairs. Take these sticky notes and give people a grade on their outfit. Make them wear the sticky note with their grade. Get a bunch of people to pop a lot of bubble wrap. Demand to have your picture taken. Make a pirate ship and find a crew. Fill the watering can with water and water all of the plants. Ask an audience member to waltz. Step on their feet. Turn someone into a mummy. Write 5 more tasks. With a group of at least 3 people: go sit in the sun and share "a special moment." Hide all the water. Climb the ladder of success. Get 4 more people and sing "God Bless America" to the

audience. Make a dance with 4 people using plants. Find someone who looks lonely and ask them their name. Draw a picture of them. Christo the Fountain. Ask people to name a favorite high school teacher, and write the names on a big piece of cardboard and tape it somewhere. Find all the markers. Ask all the security guards for a hug and tell them "thank you" for being the protector of the art. Write down on separate pieces of small paper everyone's idea of joy (one word) (you will have to ask them) when you have 20, you tape them all up on the wall next to/around the word "joy" (the sign that's already there). Read a passage from a book and just enjoy it. Take another bathroom break. Make a confessional, make someone confess. Recreate a famous painting. Use people and props. Find a ball, bounce it around the circle. 5 times. Make a zip line and make something to go down it. Find someone with a camera -- do something clever for the picture. Using camera on round table take a picture of everyone's toes. Fart in front of someone. Say the pledge of allegiance with 5 other people. Preach Scientology atop the stairs. For God's sake, please find me a martini from somewhere. Make someone smile. Find brown paper and extend the stage. Leap frog around the fountain and encourage others to join you. Find the colored yarn. Make a spider web of it and put it on display. Bang the drum softly. Stretch your hamstrings and your glutes. Paint the arms of three people. Tee pee the staircase. Write a letter to a friend. Have two people tell you their favorite memory. Draw a picture of yours. Bury yourself in the sand. Make a maypole and get 6 people to dance around it. Sit in a shady spot and pop some bubble wrap. Make a sun hat and give it to someone you like. Unwrap the bubble wrap from the fountain with 2 people. Make the artist the subject. Create a confessional. Be the priest. Recruit one person to confess his or her sins. Keep them a secret. Get on top of the ladder comma, try to loop someone with the hula hoop. Stand on top of the tallest ladder and sing a song. Be a lion tamer. Get 6 other people to be lions. Ask four people: Are you the favorite person of anyone? 1. Yes, pretty sure. 2. Probably not, 70% sure. 3. I do. 100% sure. My students. 4. Everybody 100%. Get in the way of someone's picture. Make 5 pieces of jewelry. Take all the bricks. Set them up like dominos and let them fall. Make a coat of many colors. Pretend to be someone in the audience and start heckling. Follow somebody silently. Start a political discussion by the staircase. Help clean up some of this mess! Sit on top of the stairs for 15 minutes. Find all the plants you luv. Bring them together to make your own, private enchanted forest. Build a library. But of a collection. Books (10) should be related with a theme. You should title the collection and put it in the house. Find two males and have them stand on the edge of the fountain holding hands for at least 10 minutes. Make something with dirt and people. Stage a play about religion. Wrap people in cotton and ask them to act like sheep Herd them onto an island. Make a wedding dress out of bubble tape. Use the plant as your model. Make a sculpture out of clothespins. Cut someone's hair. Make a deck of cards and find someone to play a hand of poker. Add at least 10 feet to the stage area using the brown paper and tape. Build a tower. Find the makeup on the stage closest to the Mall and give someone a makeover. Start a revolution. Put an "X" on the back of everyone wearing a hat. Place 10 task members' favorite politicians on separate sheets of

paper ~ tape all 10 papers to the fountain's wall. Find a quote that you think fits your personality and write it in a suitable spot in a creative manner. Tell as many people as you can that you're sick of all the dancing and it needs to stop! (Use this as your get out of dance free card). Put all the buckets in the middle of the fountain (you may ask for help). Wrap yourself up in toilet paper and then get 2 people to do the same. Play basketball with the large blue ball and the hula hoop. Make a large flag, and wave it to the beat of a song of your choice. Find a place to put it. Sink into instant depression. Slap the next person who sings! Thanks! Ask 4 people to tell something personal about themselves. Go around and tell 10 people they get an A+ for the semester. Ask a guard has he enjoyed this. Self medicate. Find 5 people and draw their picture - limit 30 seconds each. Play hide and seek with 3 other people. Please leave - return 3:05. Find someone who has the same task. Make a tail and wear it for the task. Set the alarm clock for 7. Sabotage someone's task. Hand a potato to a visitor. Tell them that you like their shoes. Give someone lots and lots of feathers. Write something on all 10 papers around the fountain. For example, you could change "Abe Lincoln" to "Abe Lincoln is cool." Convince 7 people to join you in creating a paper trail. Ask spectators for the name of someone they admire -- either living or dead -- and why they admire them. Write the names of the admired person on a piece of paper along with why they're admired and put it in a little display box. Do this for 20 people. Stack the boxes in a corner. Find all the lefties in task. Read a story aloud. Take the task stamp and stamp 3 audience members. Find a book with dialogue and act it out. Use as many people for characters as you need. Be the Hirshhorn mime. Create a show in front. Write a message in tape on the stage and show it to 3 people. Ask to see someone's left hand, inspect it for 10 seconds, and tell them how soft and beautiful the hands are. Do this 10 times, at least 5 must be from outside the circle. Build a church and hold a service for a religion you invented. Spread stuffing stuff to the wind like someone's ashes. Go watch someone doing another task. Repeat as necessary. Attack the house with water balloons & toilet paper; recruit 5 people to help. Go up to at least 5 people and find out what they did last night. Find somebody that shares your birthday or as close as possible. Attack the house with water balloons and toilet paper; recruit 5 people to help. Ask 4 people what they would do if they could do whatever they wanted, then write their ideas in BIG LETTERS. Using one of the disposable camera, take a picture of yourself with every participant while their not watching. Get one of the instant camera. Take a photo of yourself. Give the camera to someone else. Ask them to do the same, and tell them that the last person taking the last photograph should then give the camera to one of the volunteer helpers. Shout, "I'm so lovely!" Get a team of at least 5 people who have at least 1 thing in common. Pick 5 people outside the circle. Ask them: Are you the favorite person of anyone? If so, who? How sure are you of that? 100%? 50%? Make a sculpture out of hangers. Perform something for the security guards. Find two people with the same birthday. Play Red Rover. Attach as many clothespins to you as you can, and then walk around the circle. Get as least 10 people to help clean up this mess. Draw a picture while walking around the fountain. In the DADA exhibit at the Nat'l Gallery there is a type of nonsense

poetry in which many people speak at the same time, breaking up the syllables so that not one person can be understood. Find 2 other people, each of you select a piece of writing and read one paragraph aloud this way while standing in the water. Go to someone you have not spoken to today. Read their task over their shoulder. And do the task. Hand them a potato. Make a mask that represents something to your life. Design a monument for George W. Bush. Find a black paint splotch and make some representative art out of it. Find a space that you and your friends can call home. Attack the house with H₂O balloons and toilet paper. Recruit 10 people to help you. Break a rule! Make a building out of people. Make a throne & find someone to enthrone. Get the person to symbolize something - your choice or his/hers. Walk around and pat your head and rub your stomach. Build a kite and fly it. Make a reading train: grab books and several people and read aloud, walking in a train around the edge of the fountain. Decorate a Japanese lantern. Then do whatever you want to do for 10 minutes before getting a new task. Organize people in groups using eye color. Tell someone two truths and a lie. Be very tricky and clever. Then make them guess which is false. Lead a group of people in a version of the Hokie Pokie. Hide all the pens. Make hats for four people and ask them to wear them. Make a work of art with dirt and paint. Show off your breakdancing skills to the audience. Tape printer paper in a 5 x 4 grid on a glass window. Repeat your favorite task. Play a game of checkers. When a checker gets jumped yell, "He/she jumped me!" Play "wonder twin powers activate" with at least 10 different people. Shape of a . . .? Start a game of "telephone" - quickly whisper a secret or phrase to someone and tell them to pass it on. Ask each task participant if he/she has one idea about how to create a unifying aesthetic in today's Task work area. Write down the three best ideas you come up with and post these three ideas on the dream board. Approach 10 people. Ask them each what they think about you. Have them write that on a piece of paper, tape it to your body and wear for two tasks. Find 3 people with the same name as you. Or as many people as you can find with your name. Attack the house with water balloons and toilet paper; recruit 5 people to help. The markers have lodged a complaint saying they are being "overworked." Gather up all of the felt tip markers you can find and put them in a box so they can rest. Go to the break room and help yourself to a snack. Take your time coming back. Get several people together - take turns each telling about how you came to choose your current profession. Put lipstick on a boy. Move into the house. Have all the task participants trace their hand on a piece of paper, sign the paper and tape each to the museum windows. Assemble five people and using props only make as much noise as possible. Ask 20 people which parent they prefer. Post the results inside the house. Roll all the way around the fountain. Find a small tablet of paper and make a flip book. Dance to the music. (Get a few people to join you.) Whisper "until I taught I seldom thought" in someone's ear. Tell them to pass it on. Form a group, pretend you are synchronized swimmers. Organize at least ten people to play the "Ha!" game. One person lies down. Another person lies down with his head on the first person's stomach, and so on. At the end, do a chain several times where the person at the end starts with "ha" and it ripples throughout the chain. Stage a

beautiful, gay wedding. Find the pile of balloons near the ladders blow them up and attach them to each participant [you can find someone or several people to help you.] Ask people to draw a picture of you - you bring the paper and pencil to them. Collect at least 5 portraits. Perform an interpretive dance on the stage with someone instructing new commands using at least four people. At 6:50, gather everyone around the fountain for one final song. You pick. Everyone hold hands! Wave at people until they wave back - don't talk. Go ask 5 people about their 1st pet. Write up their comments on 1 piece of paper and post it. Stand in front of an audience member and copy what they're doing for 2 minutes. Go up to someone and speak to them in a fake/phony foreign language. Keep going until they answer you. Clean up the litter for 5 minutes. Make a wedding dress out of plastic and foil. Grab a person from the audience to be your mannequin. Decorate a Japanese lantern. Get help. Get tape. Get brown paper. Extend the stage to the street! Make a gift. Box and wrap a present to someone wearing a suit jacket. Glue or tape all of the pages of a book to the ground/stage. Sit and build a sculpture of wadded paper. Click your heels, or recruit someone to do a heel-click for you. Attempt to get a statement from the authorities and write it as large as possible on a 2nd piece of paper. Post it to the window. Give 3 participants a kiss. Ask 10 people to write their favorite color. Draw a still life with a ball and chair. Find five people and say what the best part of their costume is. Draw 5 people in task. Put up their portraits on the window. Create a 4 piece band and perform to the crowd. Hold a game show (trivia) with 4 audience members. Dance around the stage singing. Play a huge game of tic-tac-toe. Play a game of "Oliver says." Ask anyone with a bracelet to place tape on your shoes. Create a tissue paper flower garden around the fountain. Talk like a pirate for the next thirty minutes. Choose another task. Ask people what they wished to say about themselves with the clothing they chose to wear today. Try to get all of the participants to autograph something for you to remember the day. Build your own Christmas tree and decorate it. Stage an extravagant star wars light saber fight in front of the audience. Revive the party atmosphere! Get as many people, boom boxes and balloons as you can. Dance! Design a flag, then attach it to a pole and parade it around the area. Write down for all 60 participants if they could do anything in the world as an occupation and money and location didn't matter, what would they do? Create a wall of dreams. Ask a spectator to tell you what they think is going on. Build a catapult. Make a paper sculpture. Elect a king and queen of the prom. Ask people what they do in real life. Bring the photographers water and an envelope. Ask 7 participants where they were born. Tell them you can tell by their accent. Start a game of dodge ball. One team is people in the circle. One team is people on the outside. Ask 6 people what their favorite verb is, then make a sentence from these verbs and post it on the wall. A thing of beauty is a joy forever. Ask 5 people their beautiful thing and tape to the museum. Use foam to make ornaments for the Christmas tree. Find a person to help you create some origami for the crowd. Sit on the chair in the fountain. Choose ten people outside the circle. Ask for their cameras, and take photos of them. Do the same with Oliver if you can find him. Get every participant to do the same task at the same time. You choose the task. Have a good conversation

with someone you normally wouldn't talk to. Find something in common. Make a friend. Hold hands while skipping around the fountain. Write a poem with lines rhyming with "task" and "fun." Gather an audience for your recital. Get at least 30 people to sign this petition. I will do my best to clean up and recycle what can be recycled today. Read a chapter from a book. Find someone to tell the story to. Make a big splash in the fountain using something. Visit the house - bring present. Read aloud atop the stars!: Twas brillig and the slithy tove. Have a heated debate with an inanimate object. Lose. Badly. Make a skirt for yourself out of paper. Play ring around the rosy with 3 participants and 3 audience members. First put blue tape on yourself. Then ask 10 people to take off the tape. Fly through the crowd with your arms like a bird. Find friends to fly with you - inside & outside our group. Smell the flowers around the fountain and proclaim the Hirshhorn become the New Botanical Garden site. Give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. Get five people on the stage with several books, take turns reading passages from the books. Hug 3 security guards. Hit on an audience member. You are a water fowl. Karaoke to whatever music is playing. Make up your own words. Play hide and seek. Play a game of checkers in the house. Draw in the big black sketch book on the round table then pass this on to 5 people. Start a petition to get free drinks for all task performers after the talk. Wrap your arm with electrical tape. Scream as loud as you can! Change the CDs in all the CD players. Write quotes from books on paper- Roll like a scroll and present to people. Take a book and open to pg. 14. Read 5 sentences to a stranger. Hand them the toilet paper. Offer to help clean up one table. Attempt to swing dance by yourself. Fail miserably. Find three people to tell a joke to the audience. Ask the audience to choose a winner. Give the winner a prize. Trace the feet of at least 5 different people. Do 5 sun salutations. Don't know what that is? Find someone to teach you. Find a person talking on a cell phone and ask to say "hello" to the person on the phone . . . Chat for a moment. Play tag. Ask someone to tell you about a happy moment in their life. Then ask for a sad moment. Give them a hug. Write three positive features of today's task and three negative features and post them on the wall of the big house. Find a willing participant to remove as much clothing as possible - - if that willing participant is you, then go ahead. Find a penny or coin and pick it up. Go around singing how you found it and have good luck. Find a sketch book. Draw something and pass it around to ten people to add a creation. Hold an audience trivia game show. Sing "Our House" by Madness in front of the house, if you don't know the song, find someone who does. Get 10 people on the stage and sing take me out to the ball game. Capture the bubble wrap flag. Make a path around the fountain with bubble wrap and convince people to jump on it to pop the bubbles. Collect everyone around the fountain at 6:50. Do the wave. Clean up the task area for 10 minutes. Find a person who doesn't mind their head being watered. Find any remaining plants and position them around the subject's head. The subject should be lying down, water the plants and the head together while yelling about the renewal of life. Have 10 people to make a wish at the fountain and throw in at the same time. Give rest of change to Oliver. Follow the prom king or queen shouting "God save the (king or queen)." Give everyone a paper clip. Make a face out of

paper - eyes, nose, mouth, etc. - and tape it looking inward into the lobby. Get 10 people together to worship the ladder. Set up some sort of easel and draw one of the surrounding landscapes. Hang it on the glass when you are done. Go into the middle of the fountain with a bottle of water. Be the statue as you spit out the water. Draft a manifesto: 1. Don't take yourself too seriously. 2. Try not to worry so much about what everyone else thinks. 3. Be thankful things aren't worse. 4. Dress warmly. 5. Get a good night's sleep. 6. Eat right. 7. Enjoy a daily routine. 8. (not legibly written) 9. Don't drive aggressively. 10. Laugh more. Find as many smokers as possible (min. 5) and have them all light up together. Paint 4 people's faces. Find 2 people to sit with you and meditate about today. Find the large black sketchbook. Draw something and pass it on. Tell someone you love them. Make it awkward. Tape pieces of paper all over your pants. Make a relay race with at least 6 people (choose an object to hand off). Tell Oliver what you really think of your tasks today. Find someone who is 2 decades older or younger than you, trace their hand and write inside of it what they appreciate about their age. Find Stephen Kohn (red hair, red frisbee, gray shirt) insist that you must draw a mustache on his face, draw it, then tell him he's hot. Find the bunny ears - wear them and hop around the stage singing. Get as many people as you can to all shoot rubber bands in to the air at the same time. \$1 Sing Happy Birthday from the top of the ladder. Wrap your leg with string. Cut out a series of hearts from construction paper and pin them on everyone who made you smile today. Paint 3 people's faces and have them run around the periphery. Find Stephen Kohn [audience - young man, red hair] and ask where he got his fake mustache.