

# Guided Critique

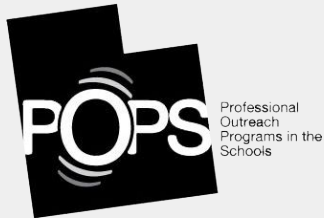
**Sophie Soprano**

*24th of July Parade, Spring City, 2010*

oil on board

**Springville Museum of Art Collection**

Grade Level: 3-5





**Look at this painting and describe what you see.**

1. What types of parade floats do you see?
2. What time period do you think this takes place in? Do you think it is in the past or present?
3. What types of businesses do you see on the street?
4. How many types of transportation are there?



## Respond

1. How would you describe this community?
  - a. What do they do for fun?
  - b. Who lives there?
  - c. Why are they celebrating?
  - d. How does your community celebrate holidays or events?
2. Why is the 24th of July significant in Utah history?
3. What other holidays are celebrated with a parade? Are they significant to U. S. history?
4. If you were living in this community what would you be doing during this parade?



## Analyze

1. What is one word that could describe this painting?
2. If you were to create a work of art about a community celebration, what would it look like?
3. Use art terms to describe this painting:
  - a. What colors does this artist use?
  - b. What types of lines can you find? (diagonal, straight, etc.)
  - c. What shapes do you see?



# Context

Sophie Soprano is a pen name/alter ego for the artist Lynn Farrar. She reinvented her style of art creating a different version of herself as an artist and began painting under the pen name of Sophie Soprano in 2005. Soprano describes her style as whimsical, joyful, and painted with a touch of magic.

Sophie currently resides in Spring City, Utah, where she enjoys the small town camaraderie. Community is a theme that can be found in many of her paintings.

Definition:

Alter Ego - a second self or different version of oneself

Pen name - an assumed name used by a writer instead of their real name



“I like the inclusive theme of people feeling like they are important part of whatever is going on... When you see these paintings, if there are people in them, they tend to be communicating, and they are warm and friendly and a bit magical. I like the idea of the magic. I think that is part of the light. It is about the light in Utah -- it is spectacularly beautiful.” - Lynn Farrar (Sophie Soprano), “Fine art painter find inspiration as whimsical 'Sophie Soprano'”, Daily Herald, Sep. 9, 2010.



## Conclude:

1. What did you learn about this artwork or artist today?
2. What was your favorite part of this activity?

# Further Learning

- This painting captures a moment in time. Write a narrative story that explains what happens before the moment is captured in this work of art and then what happens after. Include descriptive and sensory details.
- Create your own work of art that shows how your community celebrates holidays. Think about how you will use color, line, and shape to convey the feeling of the celebration.
- Sophie Soprano is a pen name for the artist Lynn Farrar. Research other artists, authors, and actors who use a pen name to represent their creative identity (example: Dr. Seuss). Come up with your own pen name. Then create a work of art or write a short story and sign it with your pen name.