

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Maria Isa – Musician:

Writing/Essay/Journal

Maria Isa calls herself a “Sota-Rican” to honor both her Puerto Rican and Minnesotan heritage. She says that her pride is something that people cannot take away from her. What is the relationship between where you come from (your heritage) and where you are (your current home)? How do those two things play a role in your day-to-day life? What role do they play in shaping your identity? How does Isa bring her personal story into her art? What do you think would be most challenging about this form of art?



Activity

Maria Isa uses her art to “talk about the things that are influential... to bring up things that need to be discussed that are positive and can bring balance to a negative situation.” Play the role of messenger and politician and create a piece of art that speaks about one of these positive things in your community.