



BOUNDLESS IMAGINATION

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Montefiore Medical Center
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INTRODUCTION

The Fine Art Program and Collection at Montefiore Medicine is proud to present *Boundless Imagination: Creativity in the Time of Covid-19* from Studio in a School NYC.

Drawings, paintings, collages, sculptures, and digital art created by children and teens participating in Studio NYC programs during the 2020-21 academic year reflect the remarkable resourcefulness that art making can elicit from young, imaginative minds, even during the most challenging of times.

As public schools shifted to remote and hybrid learning in response to the pandemic, Studio NYC worked swiftly to develop new teaching models designed to connect with students and inspire them to produce art anywhere. Studio NYC Artist Instructors bridged the digital divide by beaming into homes and classrooms through live-streamed and recorded lessons.

Presented on a series of exhibition posters, the artworks powerfully demonstrate that creativity supports resiliency. Artist Instructors taught children to look at their surroundings with artists' eyes and come up with methods to make art in their homes, with minimal resources. Kitchens and living rooms were transformed into thriving studios while family members and caretakers became collaborators and documentarians. These exemplary artworks provide a glimpse into the outpouring of creativity as children across New York City explored their creative talents in inventive ways.

Studio NYC Artist Instructors are professional artists with established practice and in-depth understanding of the art making process. They guide children to discover the distinctive qualities of each medium through experimentation and play. Students learn to carefully observe the world and use the elements of art—line, shape, color, and texture—to capture their subjects. Studio NYC nurtures the artistry of children, recognizing that creative activity is instrumental to the wellbeing of young people. Artistic practice provides an outlet for self-expression, stimulates critical thinking, and increases confidence.

Boundless Imagination: Creativity in the Time of Covid-19 from Studio in a School NYC spans across Montefiore's network of campuses, including The Gallery of ARTful Medicine at the Hutchinson Campus and the ARTViews Galleries at the Moses, Wakefield and Weiler Campuses.

ABOUT MONTEFIORE FINE ART PROGRAM AND COLLECTION

Founded in 2014, The Fine Art Program and Collection at Montefiore Einstein is the innovative visual arts program of Montefiore Health System. By transforming areas throughout its network of high-traffic facilities into soothing and restorative environments with quality artwork, the program helps reduce stress and promotes accelerated healing. Its life-affirming and supportive visual displays consist of three key components: the Collection, rotating exhibition galleries, and the Technology Innovation Lab. The Fine Art Program is the winner of two International Corporate Art Awards recognizing efforts in Healthcare Innovation. To learn more, visit: www.montefiore.org/artprogram

Michael Cabana, MD, MPH, Physician-in-Chief, The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, shares, "When children explore and create art, they can express their emotions, deal with stressful situations, collaborate with others, and develop new skills. All of these aspects help facilitate the healing, recovery, and growth process, as well as expand a child's opportunities to communicate with our team."

"Art is a powerful tool that can help patients and families through challenging circumstances. This exhibition, featuring varied artworks created by children during the COVID 19 pandemic through Studio in a School NYC's visual arts programs, has transformed high-traffic locations throughout Montefiore Medicine's campuses into soothing and restorative environments for our patients, staff, and students. These are gifted students, and their work has helped to humanize the patient experience," explains Jodi Moise, Director, The Fine Art Program and Collection at Montefiore Medicine.

ABOUT STUDIO IN A SCHOOL NYC

Studio in a School NYC (Studio NYC) is a non-profit organization that brings visual arts education to public schools and community-based organizations to students from pre-K to 12th-grade across New York City's five boroughs. Studio NYC is part of Studio in a School Association (Studio) founded in 1977 by Agnes Gund, philanthropist and President Emerita of the Museum of Modern Art.

In 1977, when drastic budget cuts virtually eliminated the arts from New York City public schools, Agnes Gund conceived a plan to restore visual arts instruction by engaging professional artists to teach in public schools. In Ms. Gund's words, "When we founded Studio in a School, we wanted to help the children, and we also wanted to help artists. It was during the fiscal crisis in the late 1970s, and artists needed help too. We started with three public schools and Studio in a School was born."

Since its foundation, Studio has grown to engage more than one million students through visual arts programs developed and conducted by arts professionals. In 2016, Studio expanded to other cities through Studio Institute. Today, Studio NYC alone annually provides visual arts instruction for 30,000 students most in need.

Regarding the exhibition, Alison Scott-Williams, President of Studio in a School NYC, remarks, "Studio in a School NYC is deeply honored to be the first to mount simultaneous exhibitions in all four of Montefiore's galleries. Montefiore is known for its incredible commitment to the health and wellbeing of New York City, so it is both remarkable and telling that they have dedicated so much physical space to bringing beauty to those in their care. This shines a powerful light on art's capacity to support the healing process. It is extraordinary to think that artwork, made by children and teens in the heart of a pandemic, can provide comfort, solace, and inspiration to Montefiore's patients and staff."

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We invite you to examine each work to see how students applied their developing skills to subjects of personal interest, exploring open-ended topics such as people and portraits, animals and creatures, architecture and transportation, landscapes, cityscapes, and imaginary worlds.

These artworks vividly indicate the depth of vision and incredible promise that our young people hold.

Pre-K to 2nd grade



Chelsea F. (1st grade), collage
P.S. 103, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Miguel Tio



Faraday R. pre-K, drawing
District 13 Pre-K Center at 25 Dock Street, Brooklyn
Studio Artist Instructor: Andrea Burgay



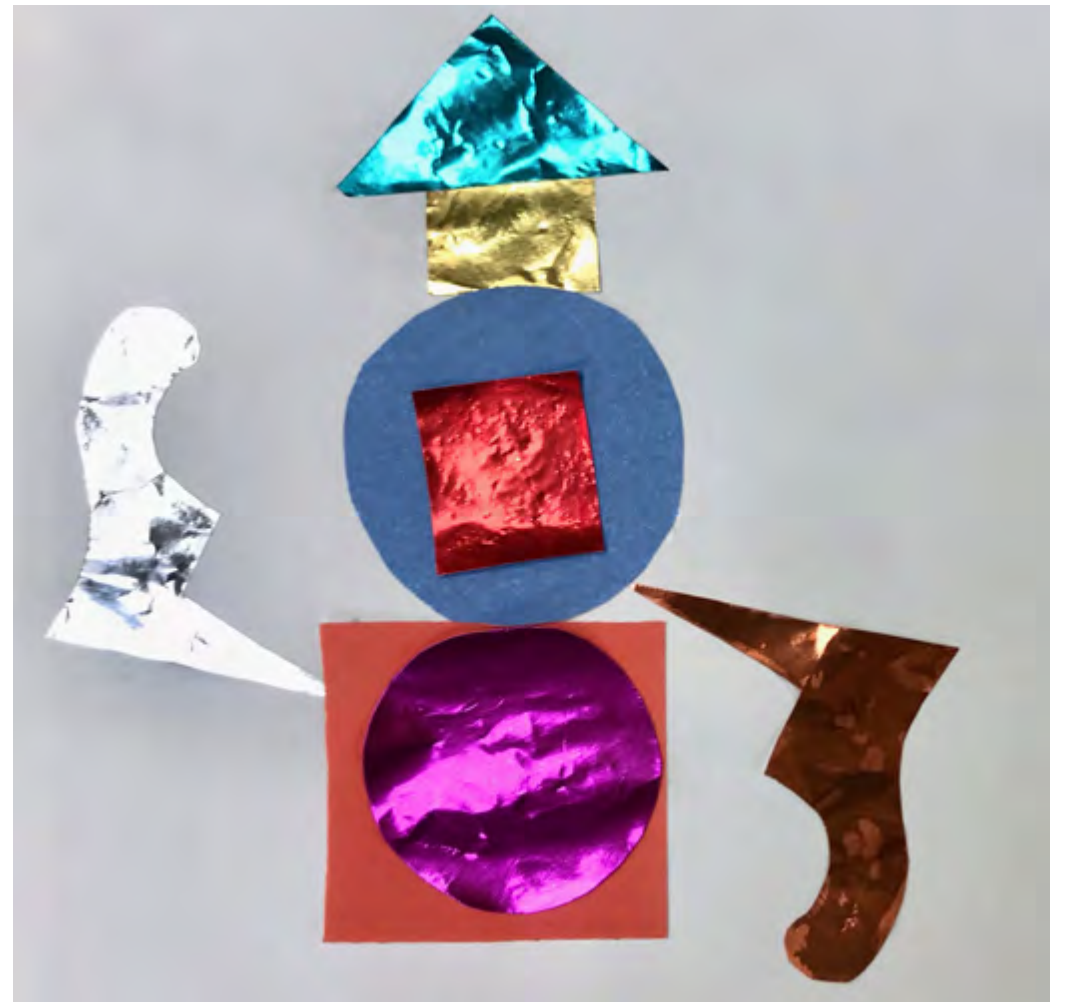
Denisse A. (pre-K), painting
My Buddy's Day Care Center, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Ava Tomilnson



Theia S. (pre-K), collage
P.S. 155, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Lia Zuiviliva



Sidney L. (pre-K), painting
District 13 Pre-K Center at 25 Dock Street, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Andrea Burgay



Sherlyn V. (pre-K), collage
Thomas A DeStefano Early Childhood, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Lia Zuvilvia



Faraday R. (pre-K), painting
District 13 Pre-K Center at 25 Dock Street, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Andrea Burgay



Glenda V. (pre-K), drawing
Thomas A DeStefano Early Childhood, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Lia Zuvilvia



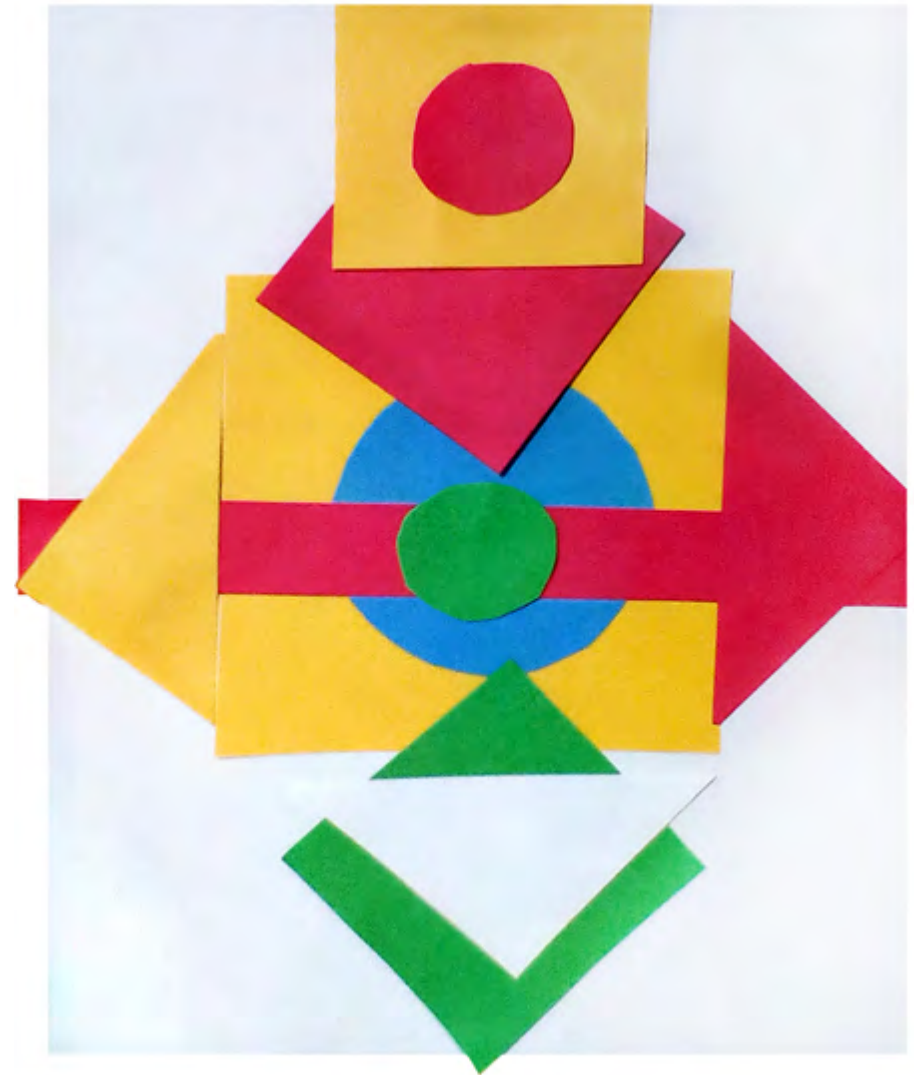
Arjun P. (pre-K), painting
District 13 Pre-K Center at 25 Dock Street, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Andrea Burgay



John M. (pre-K), painting
Richmond Pre-K Center, Staten Island
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Sara Wolfe



Sherlyn V. (pre-K), painting
Thomas A DeStefano Early Childhood, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Lia Zuiviliva



Justin D. (pre-K), collage
Richmond Pre-K Center, Staten Island
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Sara Wolfe



Barbara R. (kindergarten), drawing
P.S. 145, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Susan Conte



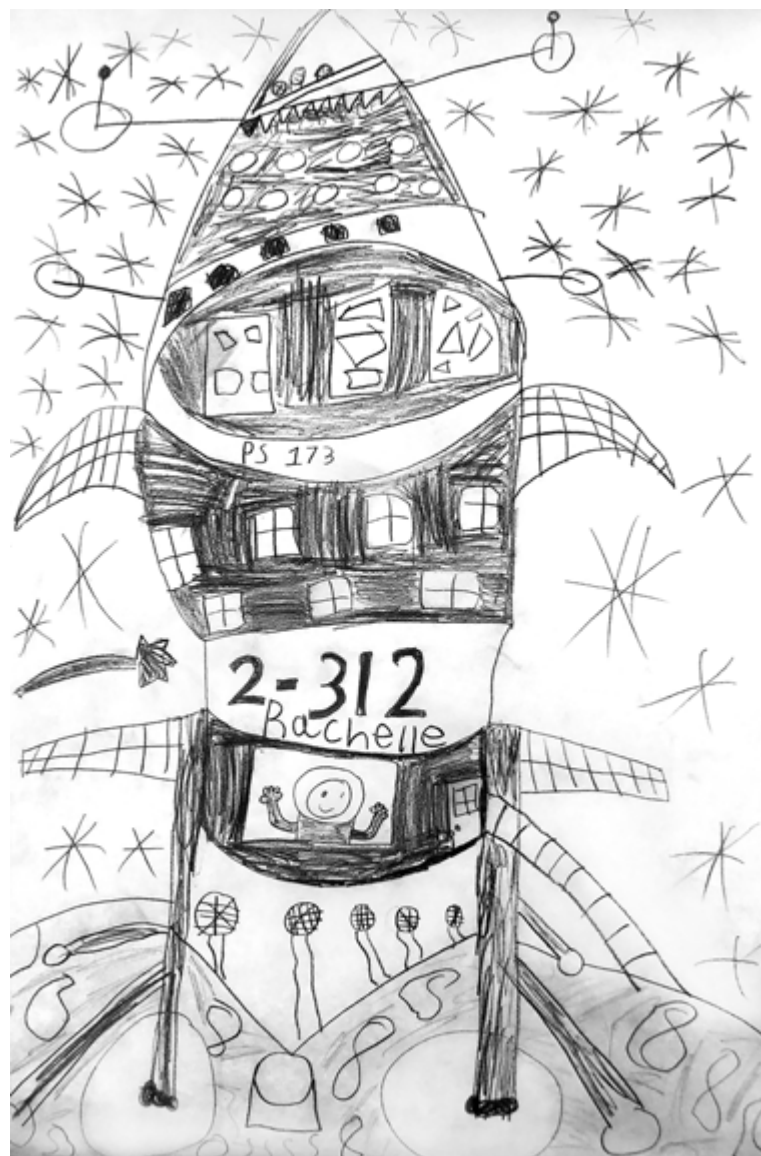
Theodore R. (kindergarten), drawing
P.S. 145, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Susan Conte



Payel N. (pre-K), drawing
District 13 Pre-K Center at 25 Dock St, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Andrea Burgay



Marianthi P. (kindergarten), painting
Hellenic Classical Charter School, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Abigail Cheney



Rachele D. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 173, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Stephen Tunney



Stella C. (1st grade), drawing
P.S. 118, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Traci Talasco



Jordyn W. (1st grade), painting
Hellenic Classical Charter School, Staten Island
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Ron Chironna



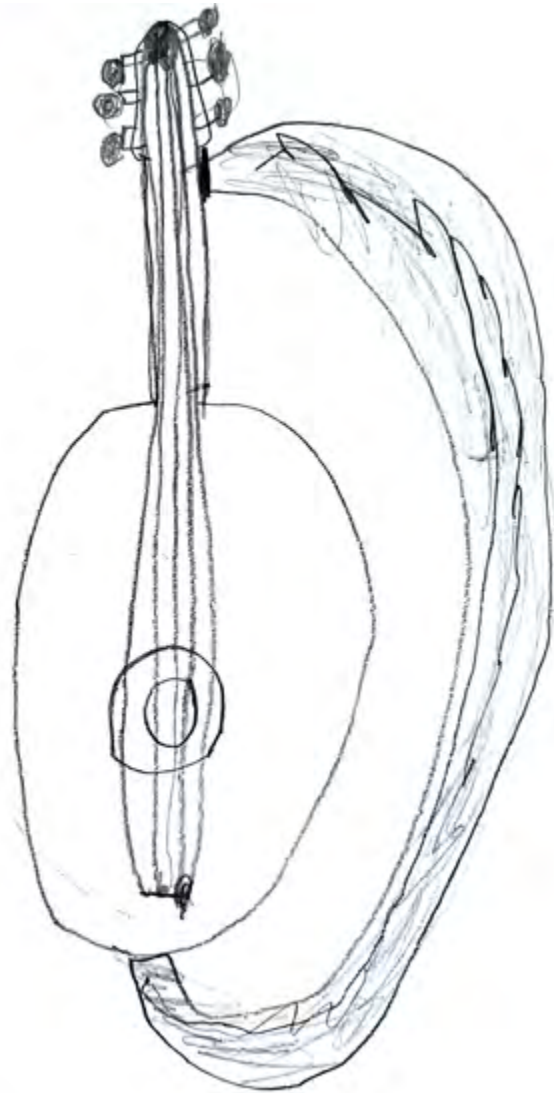
Yasha M. (1st grade), collage
P.S. 145, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Susan Conte



Daria P. (1st grade), drawing
P.S. 171, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Gail Molnar



Mariam B. (1st grade), drawing
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



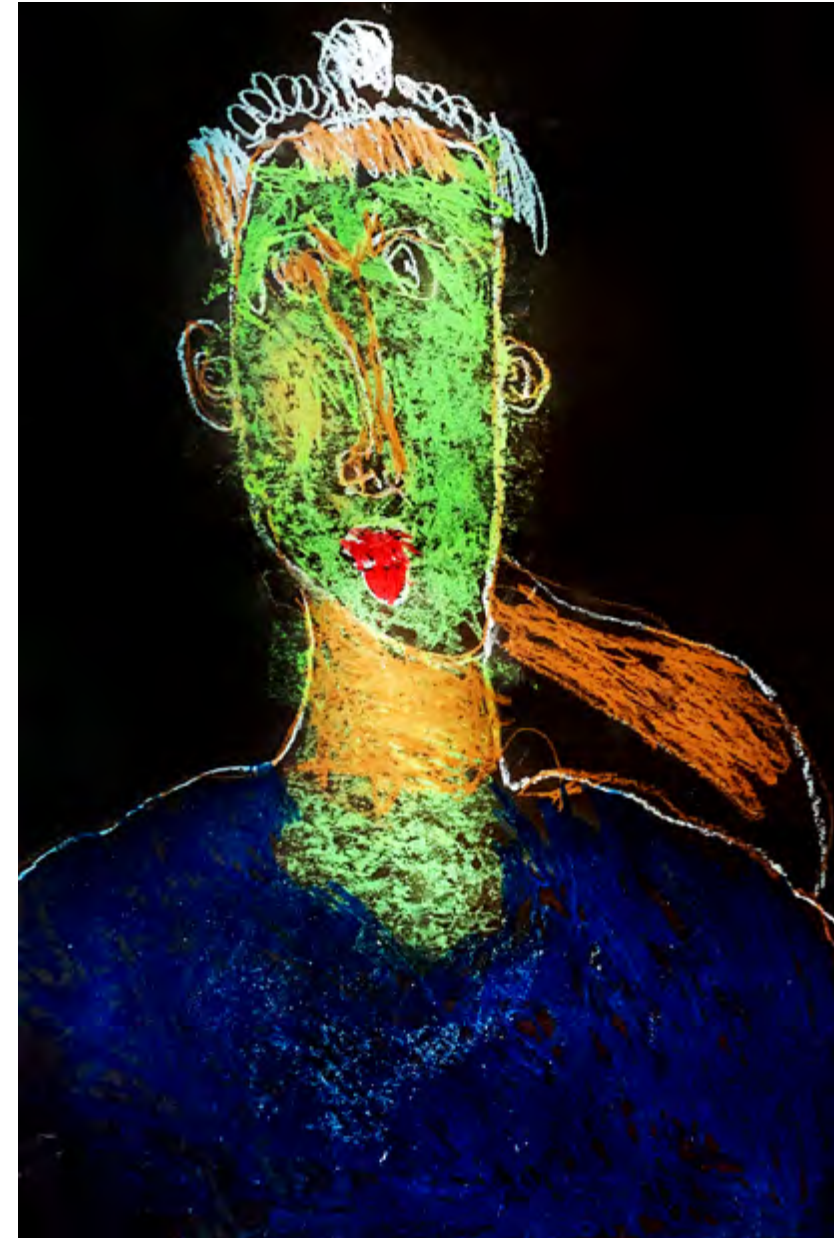
Gideon L. (1st grade), drawing
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



Theodora Z. (1st grade), painting
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Hashem S. (1st grade), drawing
P.S. 118, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Traci Talasco



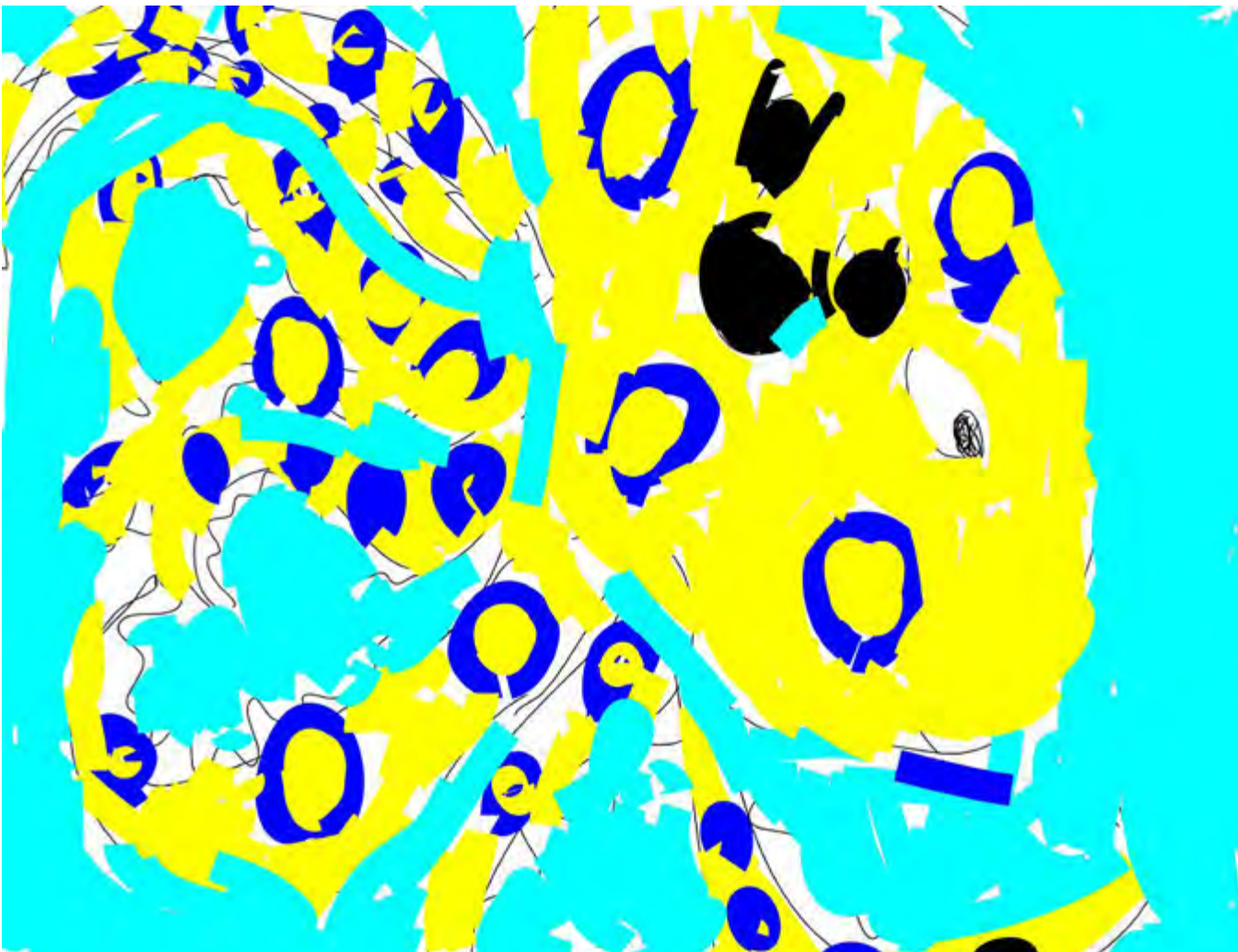
Khalil W. (1st grade), drawing
P.S. 118, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Traci Talasco



Jax O. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 173, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Stephen Tunney



Fatima D. (1st grade), drawing
Hellenic Classical Charter School, Staten Island
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Ron Chironna



Lyle S. (2nd grade), digital art
P.S. 103, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Miguel Tio



Juliet B. (1st grade), drawing
P.S. 118, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Traci Talasco



Juan B. (2nd grade), painting
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: William Waitzman



Frederick N. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 361, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Alison Owen



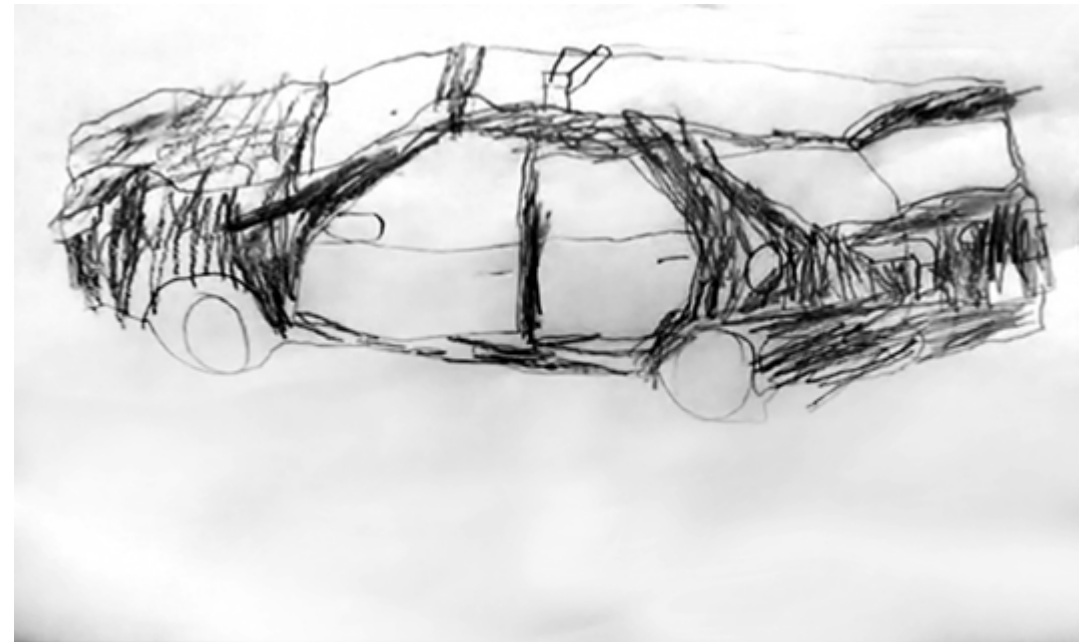
Aiden N. (2nd grade), collage
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



Khloe V. (2nd grade), collage
P.S. 361, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Alison Owen



Ashley P. (2nd grade), collage
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



Aiden N. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



Mateo G. (2nd grade), collage
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



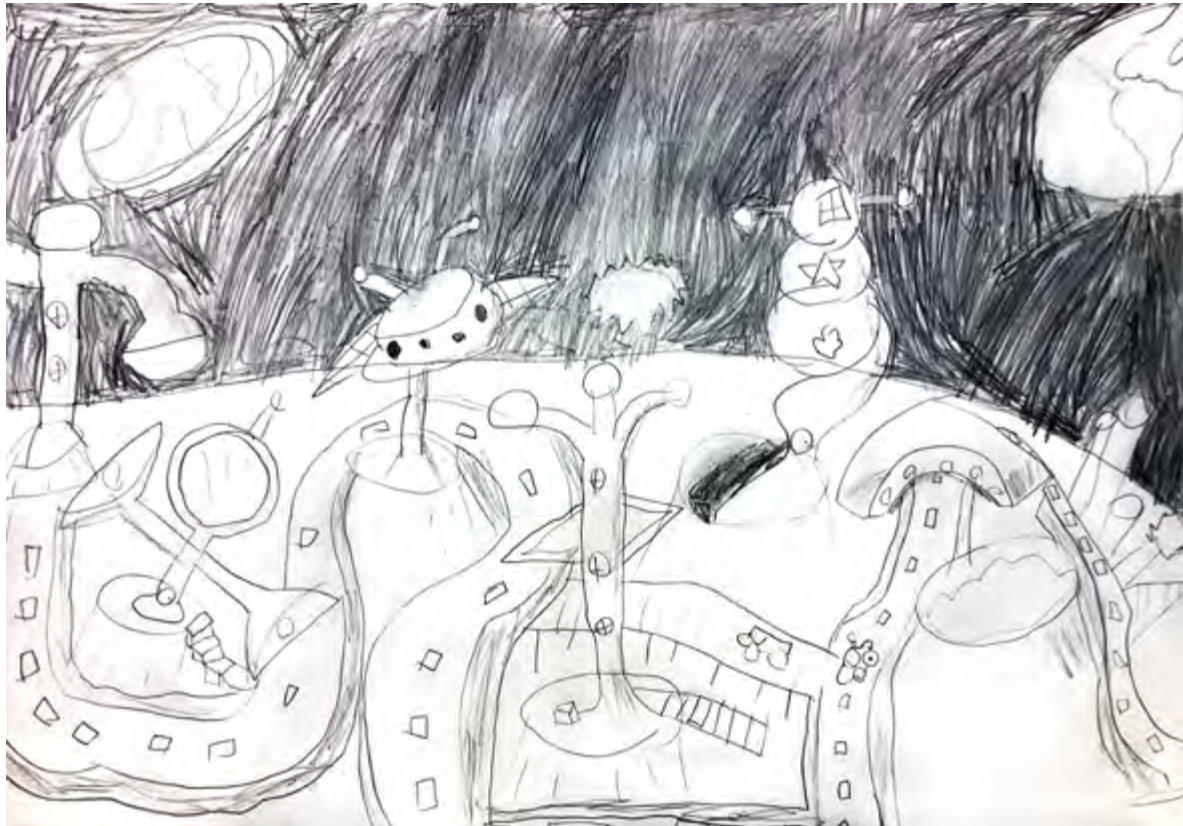
Laurel L. (2nd grade), collage
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



Darryl R. (kindergarten), drawing
P.S. 123, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: James Reynolds



Michael M. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: William Waitzman



Renata E. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 173, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Stephen Tunney



Steven I. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 173, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Stephen Tunney



Lyle S. (2nd grade), digital art
P.S. 103, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Miguel Tio

3rd grade to 5th grade



Leo G. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 363, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



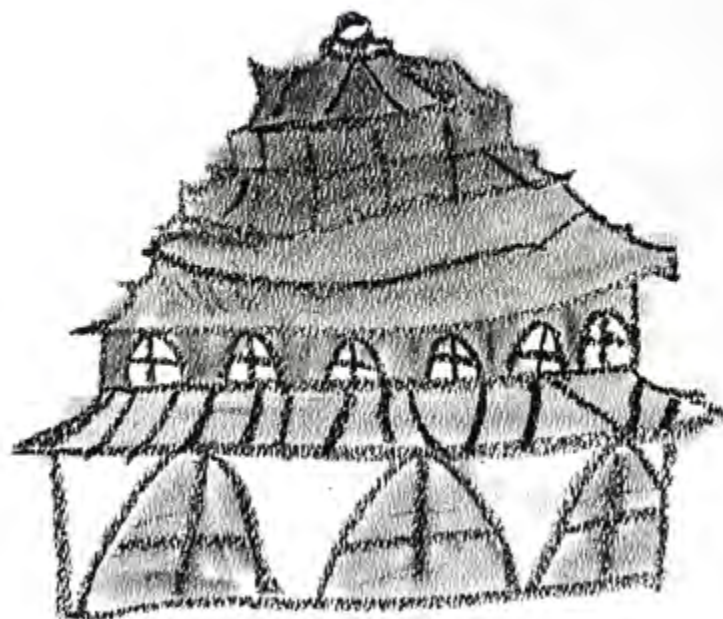
Lincoln B. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 363, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



Ava P. (3rd grade), drawing
P.S. 171, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Gail Molnar



Devin B. (3rd grade), drawing
P.S. 87, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Kim Baglieri



Helen G. (3rd grade), drawing
P.S. 99, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Victoria Calabro



Karima H. (3rd grade), drawing
P.S. 99, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Victoria Calabro



Sophia Z. (3rd grade), drawing
P.S. 99, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Victoria Calabro



Vivian L. (3rd grade), drawing
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Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Victoria Calabro



Clara K. (3rd grade), drawing
P.S. 99, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Victoria Calabro



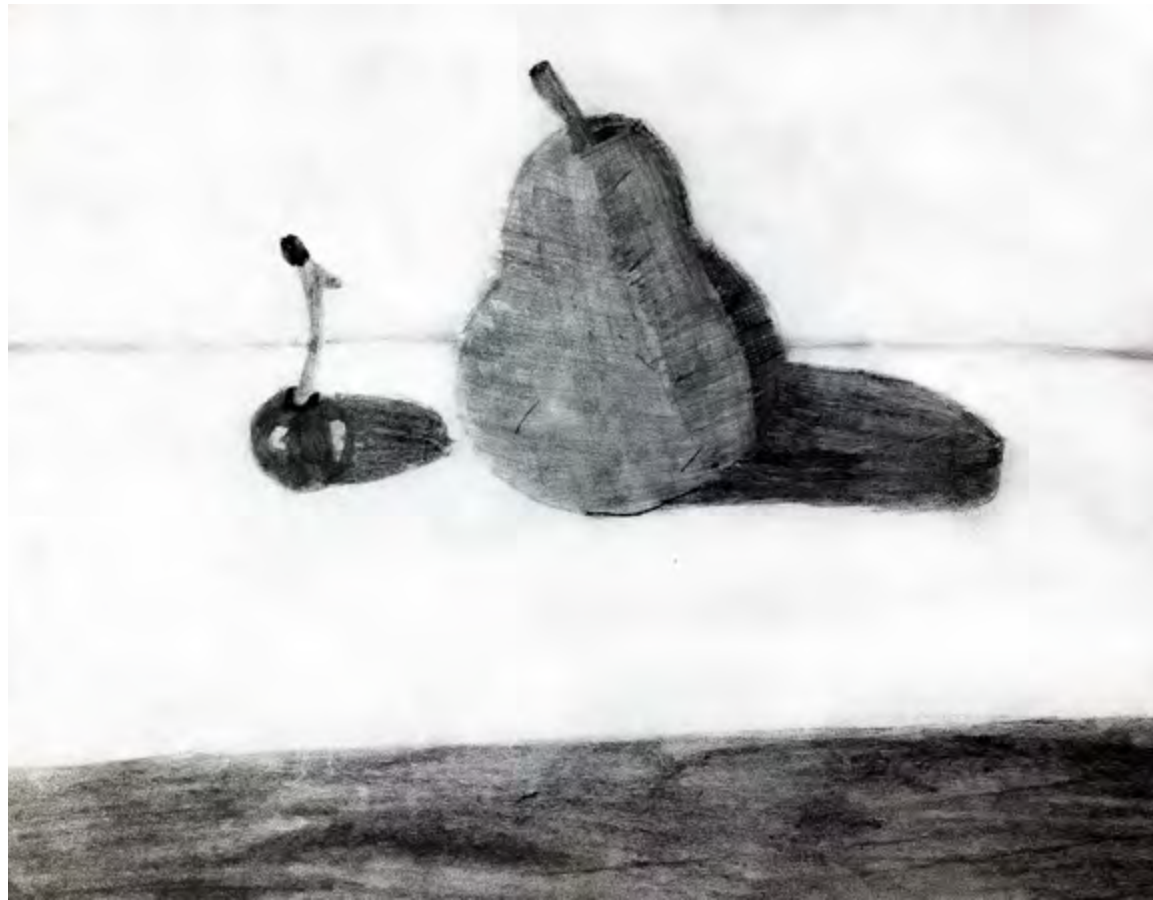
Purnata S. (3rd grade), painting
P.S. 361, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Alison Owen



Selma S. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 363, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



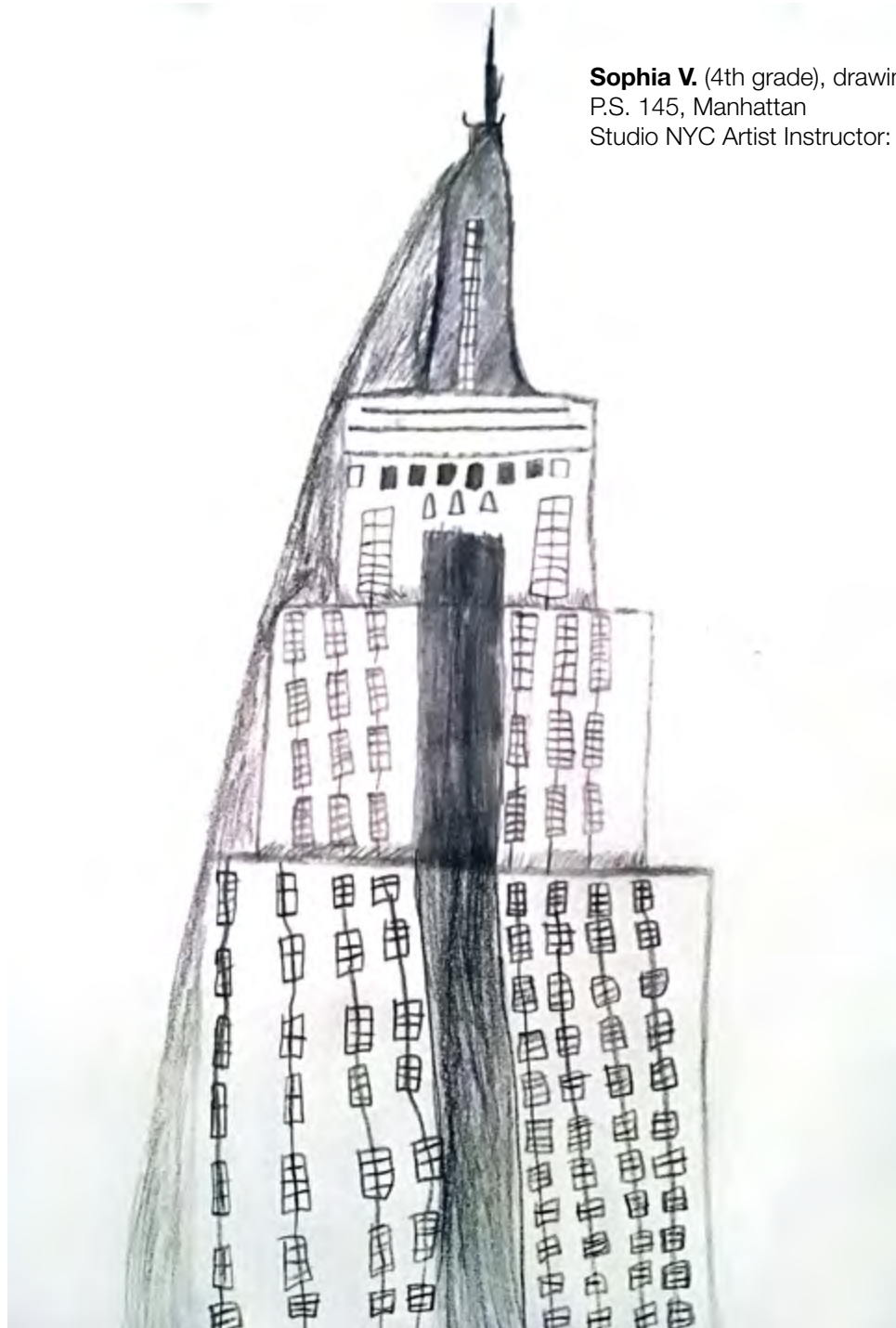
Amanda O. (4th grade), digital art
P.S. 94, Bronx
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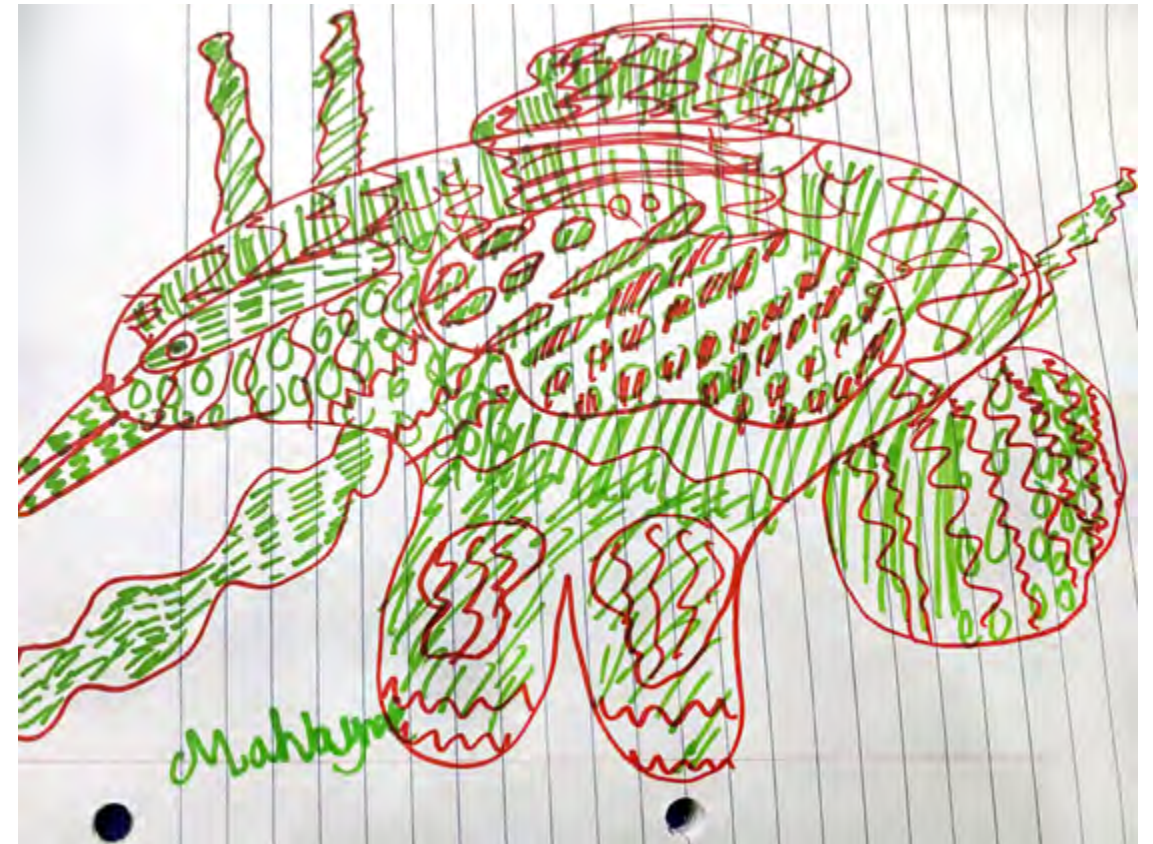
Angelita G. (5th grade), drawing
P.S. 145, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Susan Conte



Isabel B. (4th grade), painting
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: William Waitzman



Sophia V. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 145, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Susan Conte



Mahlayna E. (5th grade), drawing
P.S. 87, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Kim Baglieri



Taibur R. (5th grade), drawing
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: William Waitzman



Gabrielle P. (4th grade), collage
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: William Waitzman

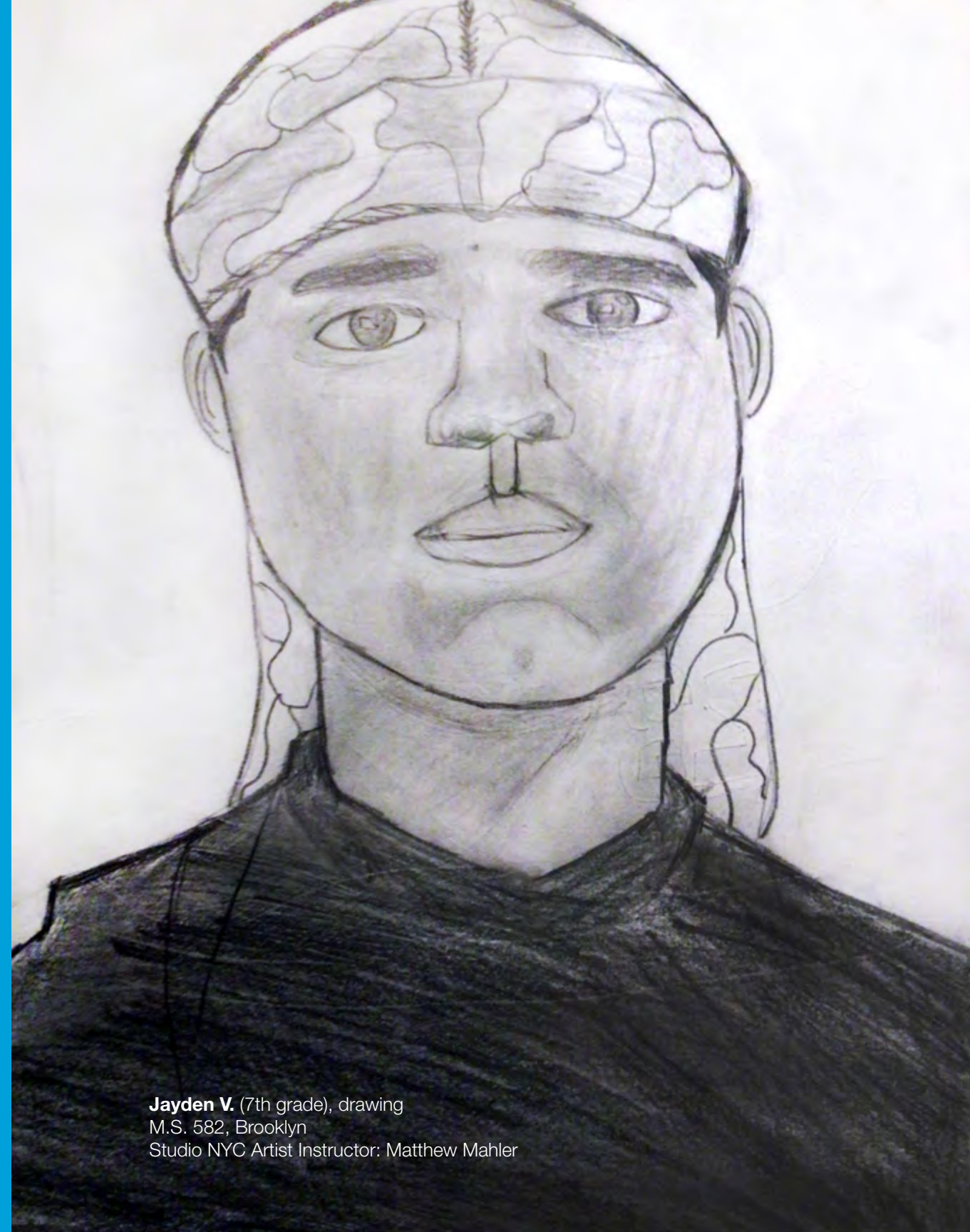


Briana C. (5th grade), drawing
P.S. 361, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Alison Owen



Emmanuel N. (5th grade), drawing
P.S. 361, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Alison Owen

6th to 8th grade



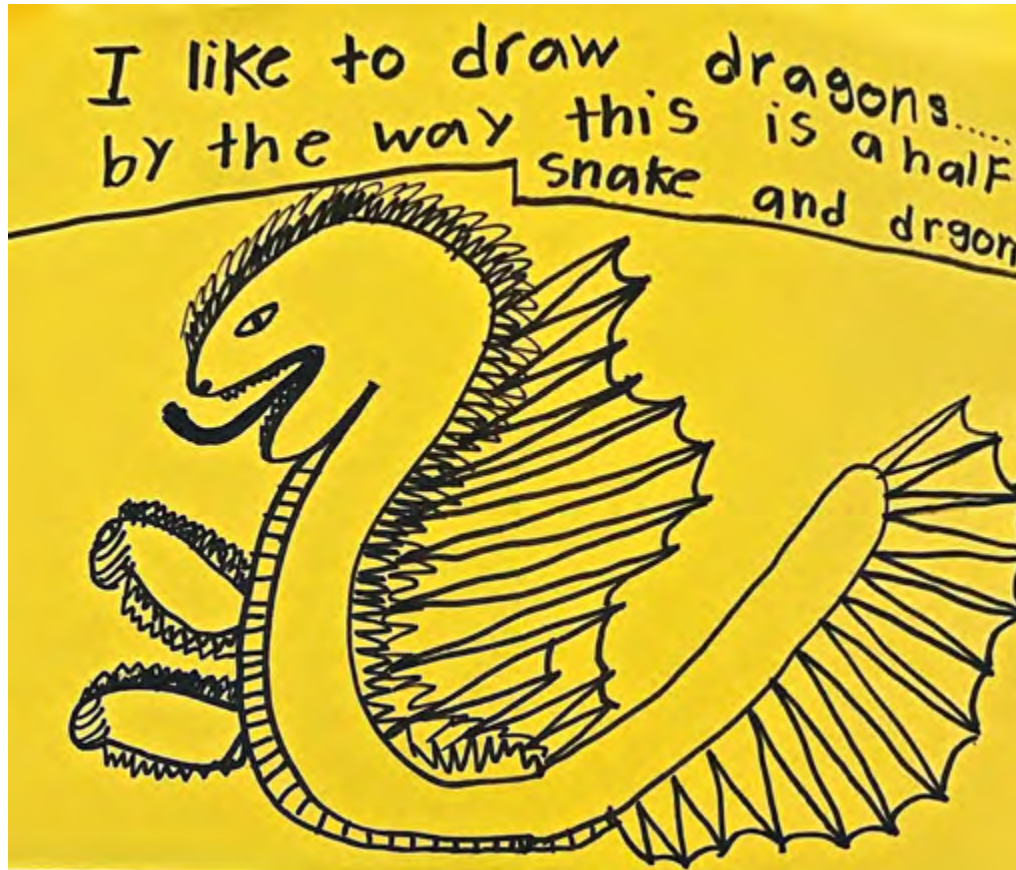
Jayden V. (7th grade), drawing
M.S. 582, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Matthew Mahler



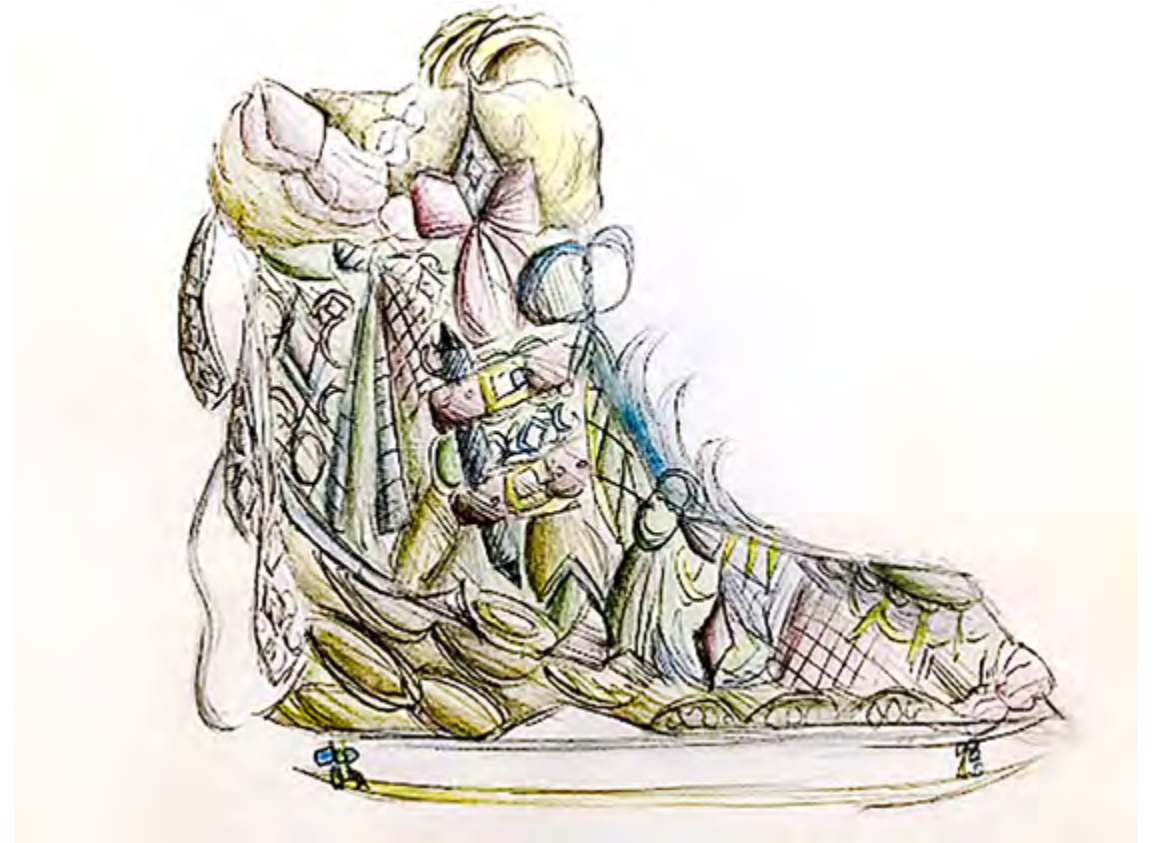
Denise F. (6th grade), drawing
M.S. 582, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Matthew Mahler



Saray J. (6th grade), drawing
M.S. 582, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Matthew Mahler



Fiorenza V. (6th grade), drawing
P.S. 171, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Gail Molnar



Nikki P. (6th grade), drawing
P.S. 171, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Gail Molnar



Olivia W. (8th grade), painting
Summer Arts Institute, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Delsa Camacho

Lena G. (8th grade), drawing
Summer Arts Institute, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Delsa Camacho



Sherri R. (7th grade), drawing
M.S. 582, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Matthew Mahler



Shiloh P. (8th grade), drawing
Summer Arts Institute, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Delsa Camacho



Group Mural (7th grade), collage
Fort Grenne Prep, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Matthew Mahler



Maria R. (6th grade), painting
M.S. 582, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Matthew Mahler



Jahnetta B. (6th grade), drawing
M.S. 582, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Matthew Mahler

9th to 12th grade



Lorraine B. (9th grade), painting
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Delsa Camacho



Evelyn Z. (9th grade), drawing
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Delsa Camacho



Claudine S. (10th grade), drawing
Summer Arts Institute, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



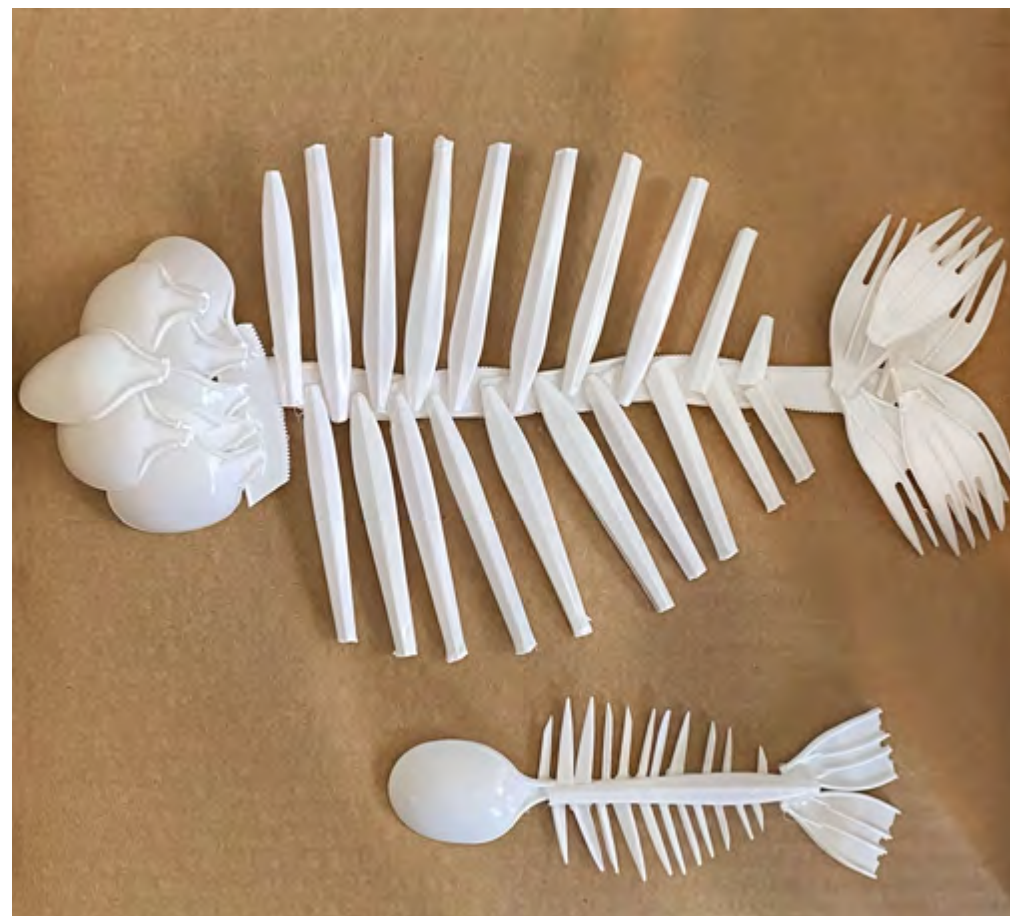
Iris L. (10th grade), sculpture
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



Fiorella W. (11th grade), collage
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier

Ming Y. (11th grade), painting
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier





Ming Y. (11th grade), sculpture
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier

Shelly F. (11th grade), drawing
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



Anastasia P. (12th grade), painting
Summer Arts Institute, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



Annica G. (12th grade), painting
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



Annica G. (12th grade), painting
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



Lina E. (12th grade), drawing
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier



Michelle S. (12th grade), drawing
Summer Arts Institute, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier

Mary M. (12th grade), collage
Summer Arts Institute, Staten Island
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mildor Chevalier

Studio in a School NYC is grateful to all family members, caretakers, and teachers for capturing incredible moments as children created works of art. Studio NYC believes that students need opportunities to reflect on the creative process by discussing their art with classmates. Group interaction helps learners find the words to describe their experiences and articulate their observations and discoveries. Images, like the ones seen here, became powerful tools for sparking conversations in which students could share accomplishments and develop new ideas.

Sharing the Creative Process



Christopher C. (pre-K), drawing
My Buddy's Day Care Center, Brooklyn
Studio Artist Instructor: Ava Tomlinson



Nathaniel R. (pre-K), painting
My Buddy's Day Care Center, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Ava Tomlinson



Sophia L. (pre-K), painting
My Buddy's Day Care Center, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Ava Tomlinson



Bianca T. (3-K), sculpture
P.S. 155, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Lia Zuiviliva



Ashley P. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



Gabriella M. (1st grade), painting
Hellenic Classical Charter School, Staten Island
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Ron Chironna



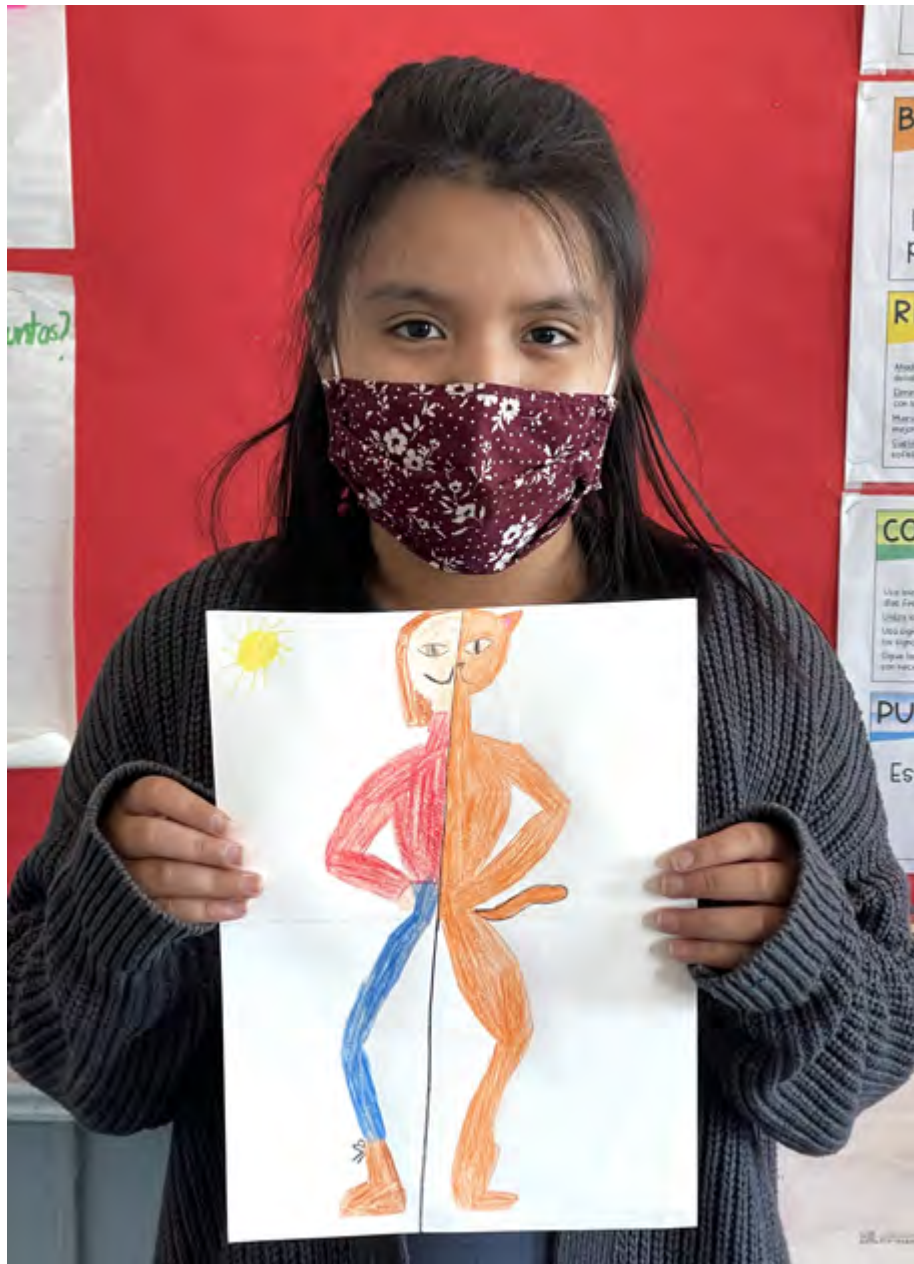
Jordyn W. (1st grade), painting
Hellenic Classical Charter School, Staten Island
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Ron Chironna



Khloe V. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 361, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Alison Owen



Maganda O. (2nd grade), collage
P.S. 112, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Cathy Ramey



Elaine P. (5th grade), drawing
P.S. 145, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Leigh Ruple



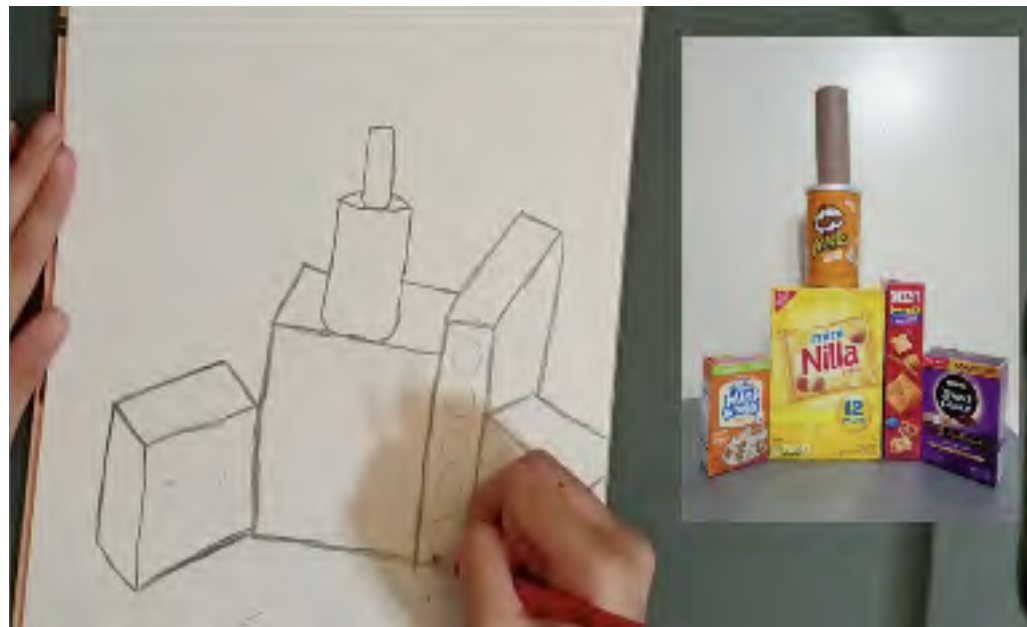
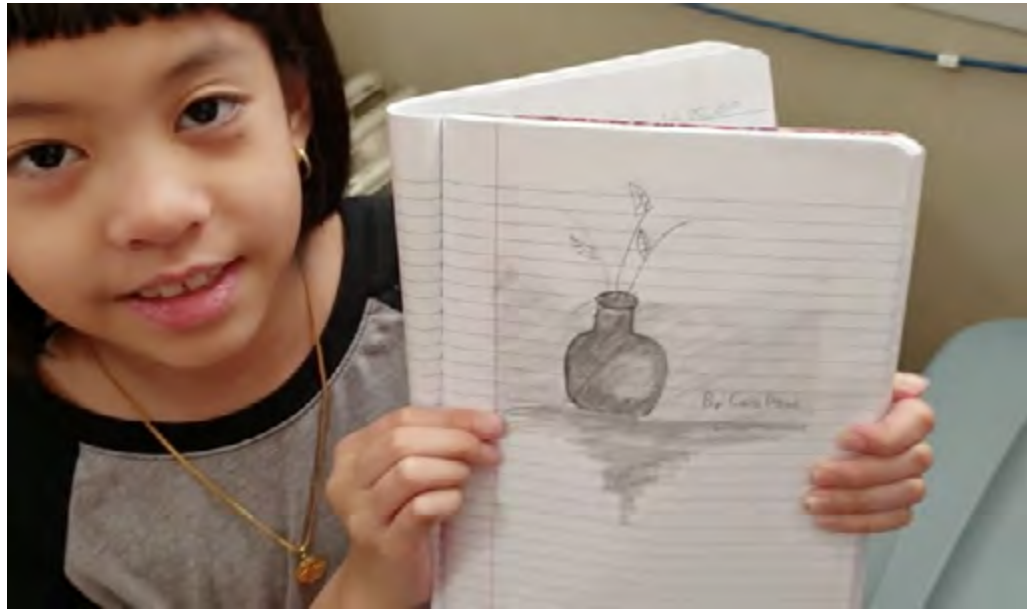
Avril L. (3rd grade), drawing
P.S. 145, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Leigh Ruple



Niyanna H. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 145, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Leigh Ruple



Lauren F. (2nd grade), drawing
P.S. 363, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Leigh Ruple



Casey L. (3rd Grade), drawing
P.S. 99, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Victoria Calabro



Alisson G. (pre-K), painting
Thomas A DeStefano Early Childhood Center, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Lia Zuiviliva

Studio in a School NYC's Collection Highlights

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The Fine Art Program and Collection at Montefiore Medicine is proud to present Studio in a School NYC's Collection Highlights. In conjunction with *Boundless Imagination: Creativity in the Time of Covid-19* from Studio in a School NYC, the exhibition presents highlights from its permanent collection of student artworks, honoring the achievements of multiple generations of children growing up in New York City.

Studio NYC began collecting student art in the 1980s, with the goal to preserve and document exemplary works created through its programs. Today, the collection holds almost 2,000 pieces, many of which are featured in exhibitions around the world.

The drawings, paintings, collages, prints, and sculptures on view exemplify Studio NYC's enduring commitment to art education. We see the development of skills and capacities through the artistic choices the students made, whether they worked individually or collaboratively. This presentation celebrates not only the artworks on view, but even more so the effort, learning, growth, and creativity of every individual—from pre-kindergarten through high school—who participated in Studio NYC's programs over the past four decades.



Darakshan R. (4th grade), painting
P.S. 105, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Nina Talbot



Latouya D. (3rd grade), collage
P.S. 213, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Damali Miller



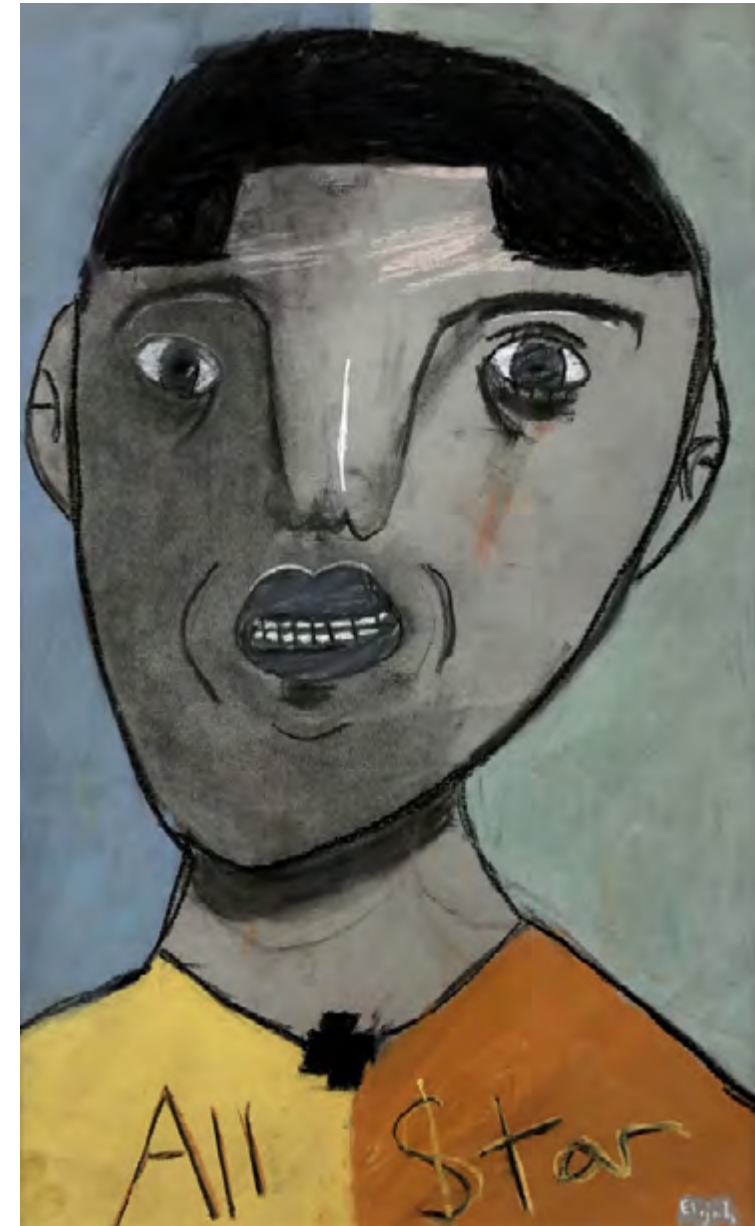
Permanent Collection



Briana Y. (1st grade), painting
P.S. 394, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Jo Beth Ravitz



Angie A. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mary Wheeler



Elijah R. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mary Wheeler



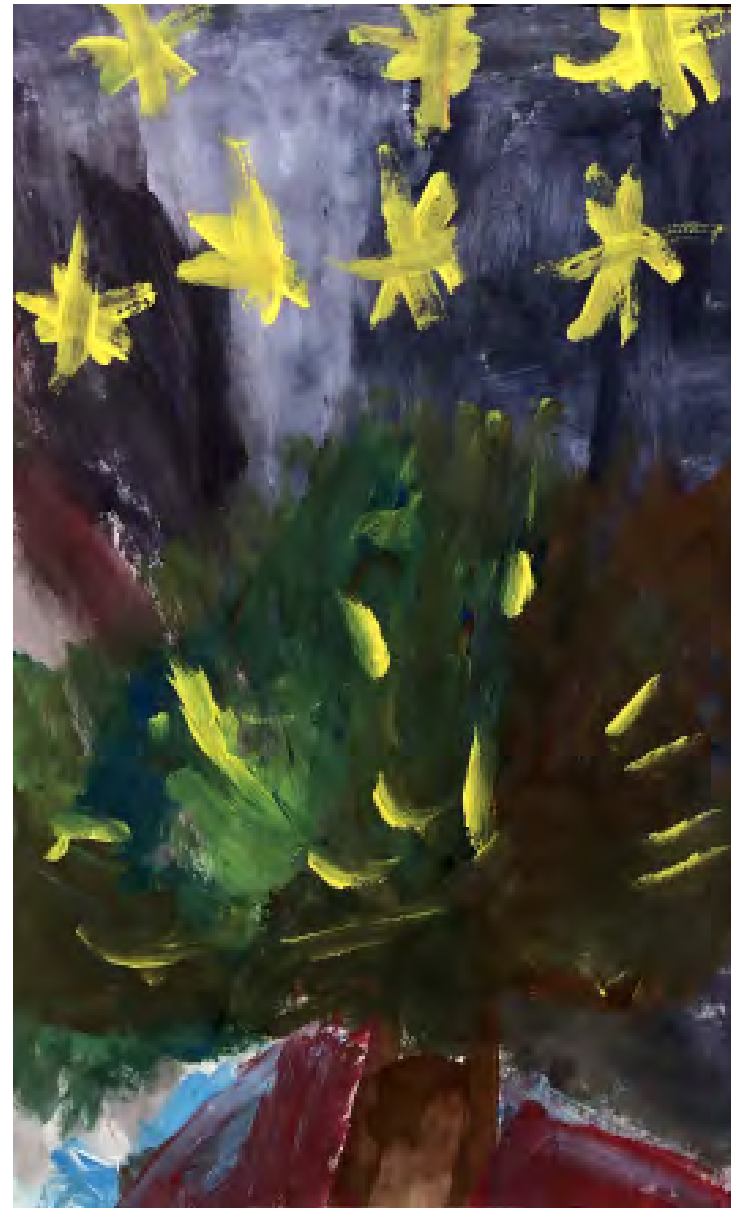
Estiven H. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mary Wheeler



Permanent Collection



Ibnath B. (4th grade), drawing
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Mary Wheeler



Permanent Collection



Permanent Collection



Dilafuz B. (3rd grade), painting
P.S. 254, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Branislava Duranovic-Scheluchin



Group Project (5th grade), collage
P.S. 46, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Robin Holder





Group Project (5th grade), collage
P.S. 297, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Elaine Greenstein



Yanilette S. (2nd grade), print
P.S. 145, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Leigh Rupple



Group Project (4th grade), print
P.S. 148, Queens
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Erin Dunn



Permanent Collection



Permanent Collection



Permanent Collection



Permanent Collection



Isabella C. (2nd grade), sculpture
P.S. 297, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Stephen Tunney



Masiel F. (2nd grade), sculpture
P.S. 297, Brooklyn
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Stephen Tunney



Permanent Collection



Group Project (3rd grade), sculpture
P.S. 134, Manhattan
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Yayoi Asoma

Permanent Collection



Group Project (4th grade), sculpture
P.S. 182, Bronx
Studio NYC Artist Instructor: Matthew Burcaw



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