

PROGRAM

My Mark Matters®



ARTIST NAME

Fotini Galanes

AVAILABLE FORMATS

- ☐ Performance
- ☐ Single Workshop
- ☐ Multi-Session
Residency Workshop

GRADE LEVELS

- ☐ Pre-K
- ☐ K – 2nd
- ☐ 3rd – 5th
- ☐ 6th – 8th
- ☐ 9th – 12th

MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

In-Person: unlimited
Virtual: No

PROGRAM LENGTH

45 minutes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

My Mark Matters® is a profoundly compassionate arts-integrated presentation that centers on the artist Fotini Galanes' sensitivity to how we see and respond to surfaces.

Through a series of Art Blocks, made by the artist, she invites you to choose your favorite one. This is a personal experience and requires careful observation. Some Blocks will invoke memories, fascinate, and appeal while others will create misperception, conjure questions, and repel. The artist then invites you to create three 1-inch drawings of the surface you chose in increments of time.

Through mark making and participatory creative experiences unity and empathy is communicated in effective ways. The works created are added to the My Mark Matters® collection of thousands of drawings and wishes made by individuals from 195 countries.

CURRICULUM STANDARDS

This program supports these NYS or Next Generation Learning Standards:

A social and societal based project dependent on basic motor skills, identifying colors and meanings, identifying objects, basic reading skills, definitions, subject-centered, communication-centered through art and storytelling.

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Understand first impressions do not tell someone's story.
Explore reactions to familiar and unfamiliar objects, and the stories they provoke.
Explain our journeys are individual but we have strong and beautiful common denominators.
Gain insight into the power of vulnerability.
Predict that the marks they receive and the marks they leave matter.
Discover the similarities and differences in their wishes from other children around the world.

LOGISTICS/EQUIPMENT

IT equipment and projection, compatible with Apple laptop or USB keynote or Power Point
Tables and chairs in art room or classroom. Auditorium, stage with mic for large groups.

VOCABULARY

Installation - a 3D, visual art work that fills and transforms a space.

POST-PROGRAM ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES

For art students/
filling sketchbooks
drawing from life
Paying it forward and moving with kindness

mymarkmatters.org
fotini.fotin.net
MMM @ Park School <https://vimeo.com/123273032>
MMM in Ghana (Andrew) <https://vimeo.com/213269409>
MMM @ Westminster <https://vimeo.com/196633278>



ARTIST BIO

Artist Fotini Galanes is best known for her unnamable intense abstract drawings with graphite directly on porcelain grounds referencing where beauty is found in the unknown, and her murals. The artist's motivation is deeply based in vulnerability and storytelling. Fotini studied at Pratt Institute and is currently a Creative Director for a major exhibit house. She is also the creator/founder of the profoundly compassionate outreach project, My Mark Matters®.

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