

Fall, 2023

Welcome to Meet and Make: Artist-Inspired Art (formerly Meet the Masters)

PAUSD's Visual and Performing Art Department's Meet & Make Program is looking for volunteer docents. Below is information that we hope will inspire you to join our group.

If it sounds interesting and fun, please email Kate McKenzie, District Art TOSA at: kmckenzie@pausd.org to express interest or ask questions.

M&M Docents: Quick Facts

- M&M is a group of interested adult volunteers from the community, trained to go into classrooms and present short ready-to-teach art history and accompanying art lessons.
- Training of new M&M docents begins soon after school starts. We provide all instructional materials.
- Time commitment is flexible. M&M docents sign up to provide classroom presentations at times that work with both their and the requesting teacher's schedule.

First Meeting of the 2023-24 School year: Friday, September 29, 2023; 10:00 - 11:30 a.m..

Location: Art Ed District Office Portable "F" (Corner of Churchill & Castilleja/Paly football field)

Overview:

"Meet and Make" is an art/art history experience, involving a two-part classroom presentation to K-5 students. Students learn how artists communicate through their art, engage in conversations with the docent about the work, and then create a related art project. Each of the two lesson series is approximately 50 minutes.

Our slide presentations include interesting biographical elements, historical context, and examples of the artist's work, appropriate for school aged children. Docents narrate the presentation, while challenging students to engage in, think about, and respond to the work. They also lead students in a related art lesson.

Process:

- Artists currently in our M & M portfolio are listed below.
- District elementary teachers request artist presentations early in the fall.
- Docents choose the artists they want to present (not all docents present all of the artists).
- M&M docent communicates with teacher to schedule a lesson.

Time Commitment and Training:

- **Docent commitment depends upon interest and availability.** Docents can sign up for presentations that work with their personal schedules.
- Initial commitment will encompass two 2-hour training meetings, as well as time spent observing two actual M&M lessons by an experienced docent (4 hours, flexible times).
- Docents gather for a 90-minute monthly Friday morning meeting during the school year.
- Pre-lesson preparation includes familiarization with slide presentations and organization of art materials for classroom visits.

2023- 2024 Artist Presentations

K - 1 Presentations:

- **Yayoi Kusama**
Japanese female artist known for dots, pumpkins, and infinity rooms.
- **Niki de Saint Phalle**
French female artist who created colorful sculptures, playgrounds, and fountains
- **Paul Klee**
Swiss-German artist who used whimsical shapes, colors, and subjects
- **Carmen Lomas Garza**
Mexican American painter of cultural traditions and families
- **Henri Matisse**
Created colorful early 20th Century paintings, simplified cutout art, window designs
- **Georgia O'Keeffe**
Early abstract painter of flowers and Southwest desert landscape forms
- **New! Sculpture that Wows!**
Worldwide survey of sculpture from stunning to wacky; available Jan. 2024

2nd - 3rd Grade Presentations:

- **New! Animals in Sculpture**
Survey of artists including Louise Bourgeois, Deborah Butterfield, Fernando Botero, and Jeff Koons; available January 2024.
- **Marc Chagall**
Russian painter of culture and dreams
- **Jacob Lawrence**
African American painter who explored daily life in his art
- **Looking at Shapes in Architecture: From Simple to Amazing**
A global survey of architecture created using interesting shapes, forms and materials
- **Wayne Thiebaud**
California artist known for his brightly colored desserts and landscapes
- **Vincent Van Gogh**
Dutch artist who captured emotional scenes using rich color and thick brushwork
- **Kehinde Wiley**
Contemporary African American portrait artist who explores the black experience and rich pattern

4th - 5th Grade Presentations:

- **New! Art Inspired By The Traditions of India** (available January 2024)
- **Ruth Asawa**
Japanese American/Bay Area wire sculptor and ceramicist
- **Andy Goldsworthy**
Creates beautiful site specific designs using only elements found in nature
- **Hokusai**
18th Century Japanese woodcut printmaker
- **Hung Liu**
Chinese American painter of immigrant experiences and moving portraits
- **Pablo Picasso**
Spanish abstract artist who changed the direction of 20th century art
- **Diego Rivera**
 - Mexican muralist who also painted murals in San Francisco