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Art is Beauty

I chose to interview Precita Eyes because I am interested in art. Precita Eyes is an Arts nonprofit organization that paints murals on walls in San Francisco. They also make mosaics and have art lessons for youth and adults. I interviewed Julia Barzizza who is part of the Precita Eyes team. I even painted a mural with everyone that works at Precita Eyes.

When I asked Julia, "Why do you think what you do is important?" She said, "She connects people who would otherwise not cross paths." When I asked Julia, "Can you give an example of a time when you felt your work was truly making a difference?" She said, "Painting her first mural in San Francisco and people were thanking her for painting the mural because it brought more beauty to their neighborhood."

I asked Julia how she handles the stress of your work. She answered, asking herself "if it's a big deal or not. I can only control myself, I keep an open mind and a growth mindset." To the question, "What are your goals for your work in the future?" Julia answered "To make murals all around the world, making more mosaics, and to learn." When I asked Julia who inspires you and why? She said her friend Yuka, Elaine, and Susan because they are masterful and there is always something new to learn from them.

I asked her, what drew you to this cause? She believes murals are collaborative and she craved being in community. When I asked "Julia have you ever worried that your work would not reach enough people? What do you do about that?" She believes, "You are not dead when your heart stops or your body stops. You die when someone says your name for the last time." Art lives on even when you are finished.

Precita Eyes brings art to the world. They bring art to neighborhoods to add beauty and community. I think Precita Eyes could help the world by making art in neighborhoods, cities, and other places to feel beauty, peace, passion, and relief.

And Finally, here are photos when Michaela and I did a mural at Precita Eyes

