



NEW YORK CITY ART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

INSIDE/OUTSIDE: YOUNG ARTISTS IMAGINE IF...

Guidelines for Spring 2022 Student Exhibit Opportunity*

Submission deadline for Images & Statements: before Tuesday, April 5th, 2022

OPEN TO ALL NYC TEACHERS AND THEIR STUDENTS K-12

Questions/More Info? Contact Joan L. Davidson, Exhibit Coordinator: nycataimagineif@gmail.com

Teachers ask your students, “If they could imagine or change anything, how would they show that in their artwork and writing?”

Goals:

1. To encourage students to give a visual form to their hopes, concerns and what could be.
2. To provide a digital exhibit space for selected artwork and statements.
3. To recognize all participating teachers and students.

Exhibit Selection Criteria: Interpretation of theme; Clarity of message; Craftsmanship

Media, Form, Genre and Size: Work submitted digitally, can be in any media, size, form (two or three dimensions), or genre/combination of genres (figurative, symbolic, realistic, or abstract). Words can be included in the image.

Motivating words:

Imagine, memories, hugs, family, friends, heroes, laughter, time, fun, hobbies, gestures, objects, safe, love, solitude, peace, hope, inspire, social justice, challenge, independence, celebration, games, wishes, dreams, self-esteem, diversity, equity, unity, acceptance, empathy, healing, transformation, inclusion, positivity, inventions, transportation, communication, juxtaposition, unexpected, hidden, altered, substitution, exaggeration, surprise. What other words can you or your students think of?

Suggested Questions:

1. How can you juxtapose the real with unreal in your picture to make it dream-like?
2. How can you show in your picture:
 - a. What you wish you can change in your life, in your community, in the world?
 - b. What you missed doing and can imagine yourself doing now?
 - c. What technology can make happen?
 - d. Activity you imagine yourself doing?
 - e. Powers you have that would make you a hero?
 - f. An event in your memory that you can change?
3. How can you make a picture that surprises the viewer?
4. How can you transform an object, so its original use is changed?
5. How can a familiar sight be made strange by the unexpected?

SUBMITTING STUDENT ARTWORK AND WRITING (Teachers you can submit up to 10 students work)

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DOWNLOAD 39 PAGE RESOURCE GUIDE TO ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS IN THE PROJECT [HERE](#)

Timeline: Tuesday- April 5th – Submission deadline

May 2nd - Teacher notification, Student certificates sent out

May 19th 4-6:30pm -Virtual Student Exhibit & Recognition Ceremony.

(An event where students work will be shown, and they will be invited to talk about their work!)