

Art without Limits

Meet the Artists



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Joanna Lopez



My name is Joanna Lopez, and I am a participant at the City of Hialeah Special Population Program. I enjoy painting, drawing, and coloring, as well as competing in sports like flag football and basketball.

I created this artwork based on my own ideas because art is fun and helps me stay focused. My piece is inspired by the daily activities I share with my friends at the program.

Creating this artwork made me feel relaxed and creative. I chose this concept because I wanted to try a new art technique, and I used my hands a lot while painting the canvas.

Reyna A Rodriguez



On April 23, 1996, Reyna was born and raised in Victoria, Texas and Florida. Her passion for art began at an early age. She is a gifted visual artist, animator, and singer, and pursued her creative talents despite being diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome since early childhood. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Media Arts and Computer Animation from the Miami International University of Art and Design in 2020, and showcased her work at conventions and places like Florida Supercon, Ultracon Comic-Con, the Miami Arts Center, and the Miramar Comic Expo. Reyna currently works at the Miami Children's Museum since 2022 but serves as teaching assistant in computer animation in Miami Lakes since 2024. She's the creator of her own art-selling business, Reyna: Mistress of the Arts and aspires to become an animated film producer, working for companies like Disney, Nickelodeon, Illumination, or any other animation studio you could name. You might contact her at 954-540-9834 or Reynasmistressofthearts1@gmail.com.

Elianyela Losalco



Eli es una venezolana muy especial y aunque tiene 29 años su mente es tan mágica que la hace más joven, con una gran imaginación y con su arte que nos hace volar.

Eli is a very special Venezuelan woman; and although she is 29 years old, her mind is so magical that it makes her seem even younger—endowed with a vast imagination and an art that makes us soar.

Alexander Rodriguez



This piece will be a 16x20 canvas created with acrylic paint, incorporating multiple painting techniques. The artwork is currently a work in progress.

Edgardo Chirinos



My name is Edgardo Chirinos, and I am a participant at the City of Hialeah Special Population Program. I love painting and drawing, especially when my artwork is inspired by sports.

I created this piece because I love everything about sports, and one day I hope to make it to the NBA for basketball. I enjoy participating in Special Olympics, which is a big part of our program. Some of the sports I compete in include basketball, flag football, bowling, and swimming.

Creating this artwork makes me feel excited and motivated. I used unique techniques, including strainers and a toothbrush, to bring my painting to life in a fun and creative way.

Megan Bermudez



My name is Megan Bermudez, and I am a participant at the City of Hialeah Special Population Program. I enjoy drawing and painting, and my favorite things are Hello Kitty and the color pink.

For my artwork, I painted a flamingo because it represents Hialeah, my favorite color, and the cheer squad I am part of—the Hialeah Flamingos Cheer Squad.

This piece makes me feel happy, relaxed, and calm. I chose this idea because flamingos are my favorite! I used acrylic paint and my fingers for much of the painting, which made the process even more fun and creative.

Claudia Perez



My name is Claudia Perez, and I am a participant at the City of Hialeah Special Population Program. Some of my favorite things are listening and dancing to music, and of course, painting.

For my artwork, I painted Westland Mall because I love going shopping there with my friends from the program. This piece reminds me of spending time with my family and friends in our community.

Creating this painting makes me feel happy and excited to go shopping again soon! I used acrylic paint with brushes and applied the pointillism technique to bring my artwork to life.

Andres Jaime



Andres Jaime is 21 years old. He is a student at the City of Hialeah Project Search Program. Andres enjoys drawing, coloring and painting when creating his artwork. He also enjoys karate and has earned a brown belt-black stripe level. Andres also enjoys boating, kayaking, and relaxing in the sun.

Gabriel Basulto



I love nature and enjoy bird watching and drawing nature. My art will be a canvas sketch in pencil if a nature scene.

Isabella Del Rio



I'm a young lady with autism. I like to paint about the movies I love, Mulan and Pocahontas. I attend SFACS and I love to travel. Like any other girl I enjoy shopping.

Austin Dean Ochoa



Austin Ochoa is a talented artist with a deep passion for creativity that started when he was at a young age and has continued to shape his journey through life. He has drawn for the superintendent, reinterpreted the town seal for an art contest and even auctioned off his pieces at various galas. His artwork has a "clipart" aesthetic that balances between simplicity and charm. Austin paints as well as animates his own short episodes with his super hero character, Nitsua (his name backwards). He hopes to make an impact on his community and bring awareness to those he meets. We look forward to the bright future that lies ahead for this young artist!

Izaylin Arias



My name is Izaylin Arias

I am Autistic

This art is called The Mysterious eye.

A art piece is about a boy name Curtis and his eyeball pet name Isaac who were enter the darkness seeing a Mysterious eye is watching them. Curtis was surrounded by a bunch of various of eyes staring at him. Those eyes are always watching him.

Dalmon LeClaire



My journey as an artist took flight in middle school, when I was inspired by my 8th grade Art teacher, Ms. Christina Rodriguez. Ms. Rodriguez believed in me and sent my artwork to a contest. My artwork was one of the winners, and it was showcased at a ceremony in a university. This motivated me, and I wanted to help others too. I then exhibited my work at a charity event to help raise money for Autism. After that, I volunteered teaching Art in an ESE class during the summer. I think that Art is very special, because each person's creation says a lot about them. I love nature, and my medium for creating Tulips in Spring was watercolor and pencil.

Gabriel P. Alvarez



Gabriel P. Alvarez is a 30-year-old individual who was diagnosed with autism at the age of two. He is a proud graduate of Barbara Goleman Senior High School. Gabriel has always had a deep passion for computers, and his strengths include creating PowerPoint presentations, exploring history, learning about countries around the world, and enjoying music. He also dreams of becoming a well-known blogger, where he can share his ideas and creativity with others. He is a proud member of of the Hope for Autism Community Group.

Nathalie Morejon



My name is Nathalie Morejon, and I am a participant at the City of Hialeah Special Population Program. I love rainbows, cars, and buses because they remind me of the field trips I enjoy with my friends.

Going on field trips is my favorite part of the program, and through my artwork, I want to show how I explore and experience our community. I also love traveling and going on vacations with my family.

My favorite part of creating this piece was painting the rainbow and using all the different colors. This artwork makes me feel happy, creative, and excited about all the places I get to visit.