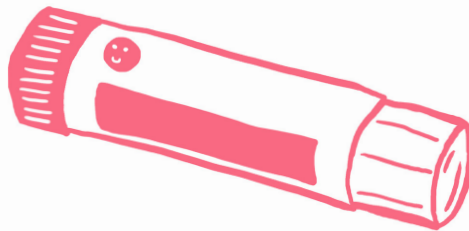
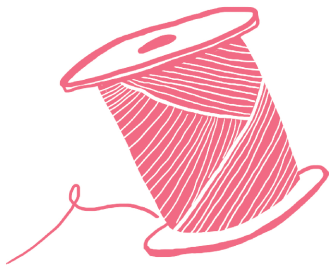




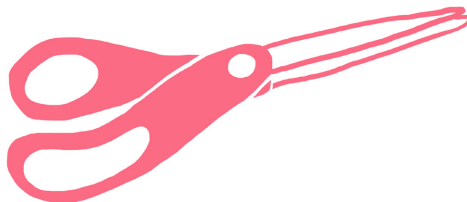




advice for
young artists



Start with Art is an annual exhibition encouraging young people to appreciate, collect, and curate their own art collection - with a special price list just for kids 16 and younger! Exhibiting artists have offered advice for budding artists and hope to spark the idea in young people that one day their work could be shown in a gallery, too.



A circular portrait of a woman with short, reddish-brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a light-colored blazer over a white collared shirt. The background of the portrait is a textured, reddish-pink color.

Vanessa Black

Seymour Art Gallery Curator/Director

Share your art with the people around you. They are interested in your unique perspective! Ask a parent or family member to visit a gallery with you because looking at art, talking about art, and making art can be really fun to do with others. Working collaboratively is a great way to get inspired and strengthen your ideas, all while building meaningful relationships!



Kristian Adam

Sometimes it's hard to find the energy to create when other sources such as iPhones are competing for your attention. Force yourself to put those devices aside and create something yourself. Your creativity will improve every time you challenge it.



Tara Lee Bennett

Make, make, make as much as you can. Mistakes are ok and so is always following your heart. When I was five I wanted to be either a unicorn or an artist! I'm very happy with my decision to be an artist but I haven't become a unicorn...yet.



Katy Biele

Keep going, don't ever stop creating. Believe in your own style. My art is a bit weird, colorful, sometimes very detailed, and very South American. I like the freedom of creating and the freedom of being an artist. It is so beautiful in its possibilities.



Sandra Bowers

Always follow your heart and if being an artist brings you joy, then be an artist. This is not an easy road and it requires hours and hours of hard work and determination to become very good at what you do. Don't compare yourself to others because everyone is unique and you just have to work harder if you want to become the best version of yourself. I wish I had heard this when I was a kid: if you love creating art, then do it every day, the earlier you start, the better you get.



Kirsten Chursinoff

If you are interested in becoming an artist, don't be afraid to call yourself an artist. Attend art openings, meet other artists and find out more about the art you like and how to make it. Volunteer or work at an arts organization to find out what goes on behind the scenes. Take classes to add to your skills. There is a lot of information online, but sometimes it can be distracting or overwhelming. Don't forget about the books and resources available through libraries. Also, have fun making your art!



Shima Itabashi

I like to make things that make people happy. I use my imagination to create characters, creatures, and animals in my own way. It is a great feeling to give life to fluffy wool! Just enjoy whatever you like to do.



Sarah Leckie

Practice! Just do whatever art you love as much as you can. I love the feeling of being inspired and excited about the work I am making, and being able to bring that joy into people's everyday lives.



Ron Love

Becoming an artist allowed me to do what I liked most. My advice for young artists is to take art classes and look at as many artists and their work as you are able. Practice art every day.



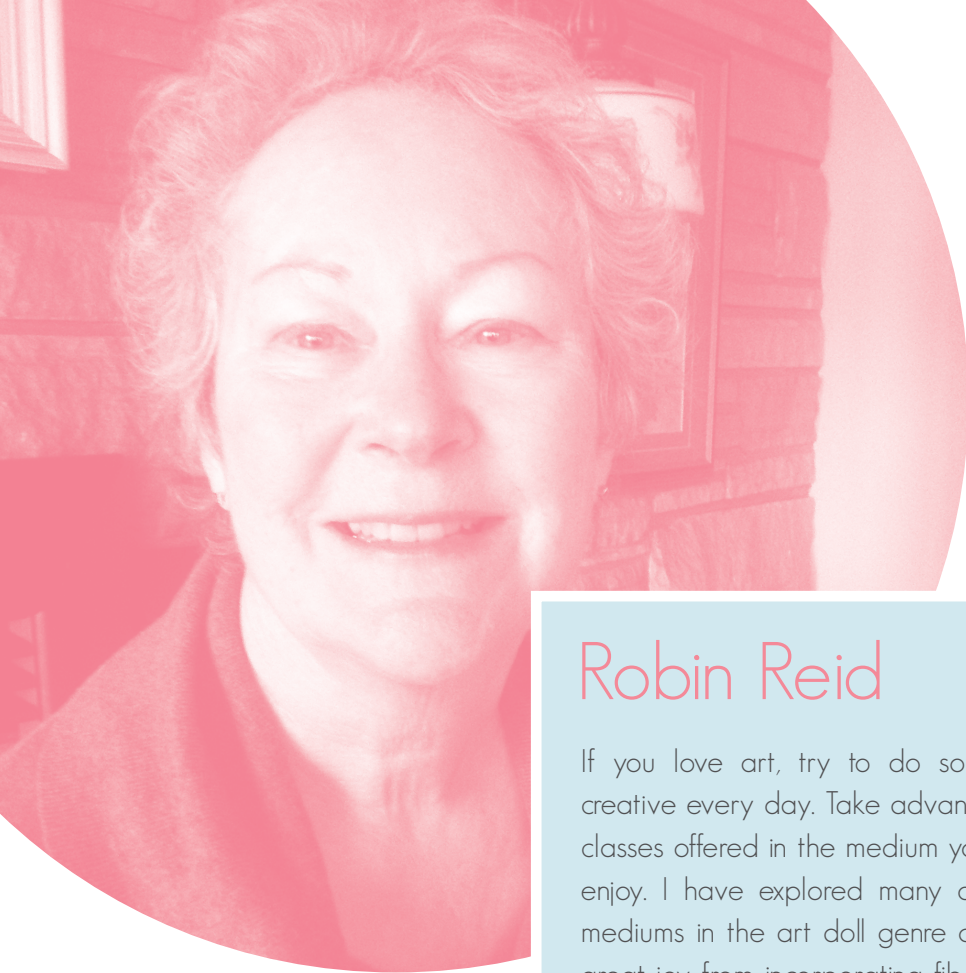
Liane McLaren

You are an artist in everything you do, so be and discover who you are and what you would like to say. Explore! Express yourself and your ideas. Be bold, brave, and fearless. Most importantly, have fun!



Emilie Nunez

Experiment lots, try out new mediums, and explore all the different ways to make art! Eventually you will find the type of art you love to make and the special thing you have to offer the world! Study art history, and follow artists' work that you admire and are inspired by. Be proud of your art, own the path of being an artist, and work really hard at it.



Robin Reid

If you love art, try to do something creative every day. Take advantage of classes offered in the medium you most enjoy. I have explored many different mediums in the art doll genre and get great joy from incorporating fibers and ephemera into my handmade pieces!



Sarah Ronald

Create whenever you have the chance. Use whatever materials you can find. Try different mediums and types of art making - not just 2D wall art but also temporary art, sculpture, film, mural painting, performance art, or community engaged art. Through exploration you will find that certain types of creativity will make your heart flutter and you will be super excited about it - and that's a sign that you should pursue that avenue more, whatever it may be.



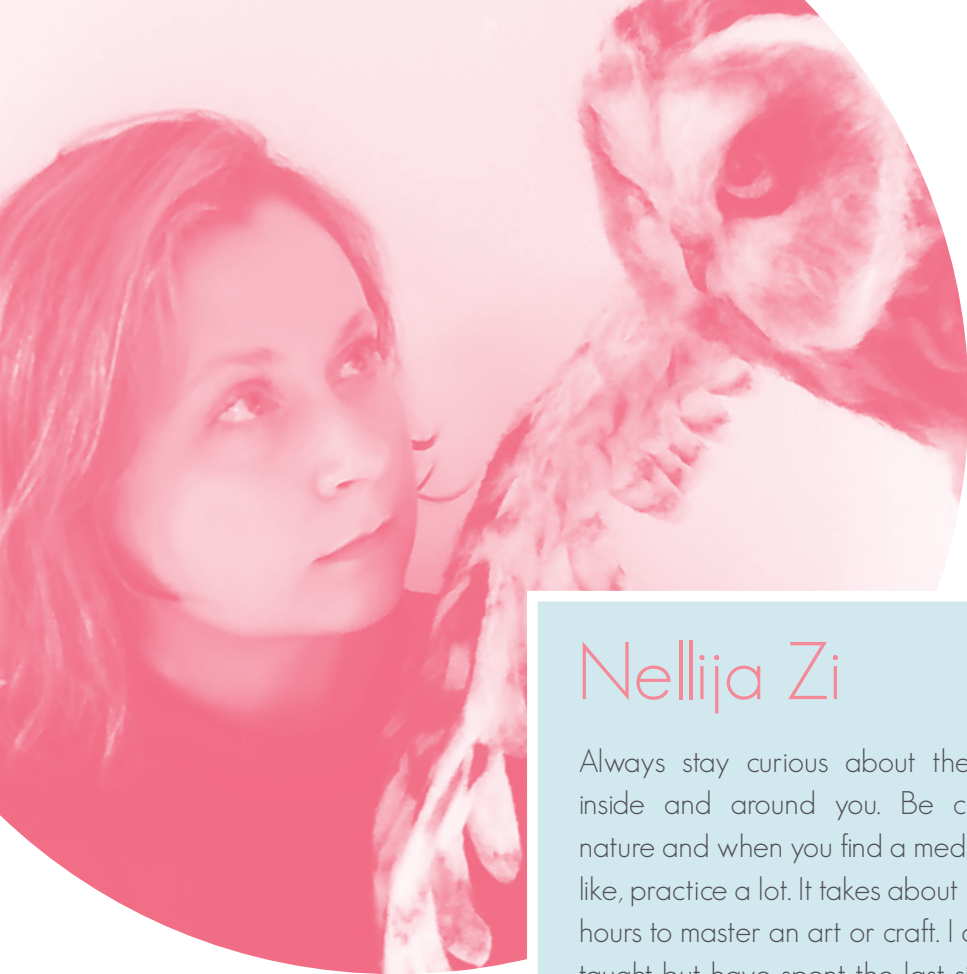
M. A. Tateishi

Get a sketchbook and draw every day. Draw from your imagination and from real life. Becoming an artist is something that evolves. I took art classes, and I created more and more paintings. Once I rented a studio, my art career got more professional and I started painting full-time. As I began to sell paintings, I realized that painting could be more than a hobby.



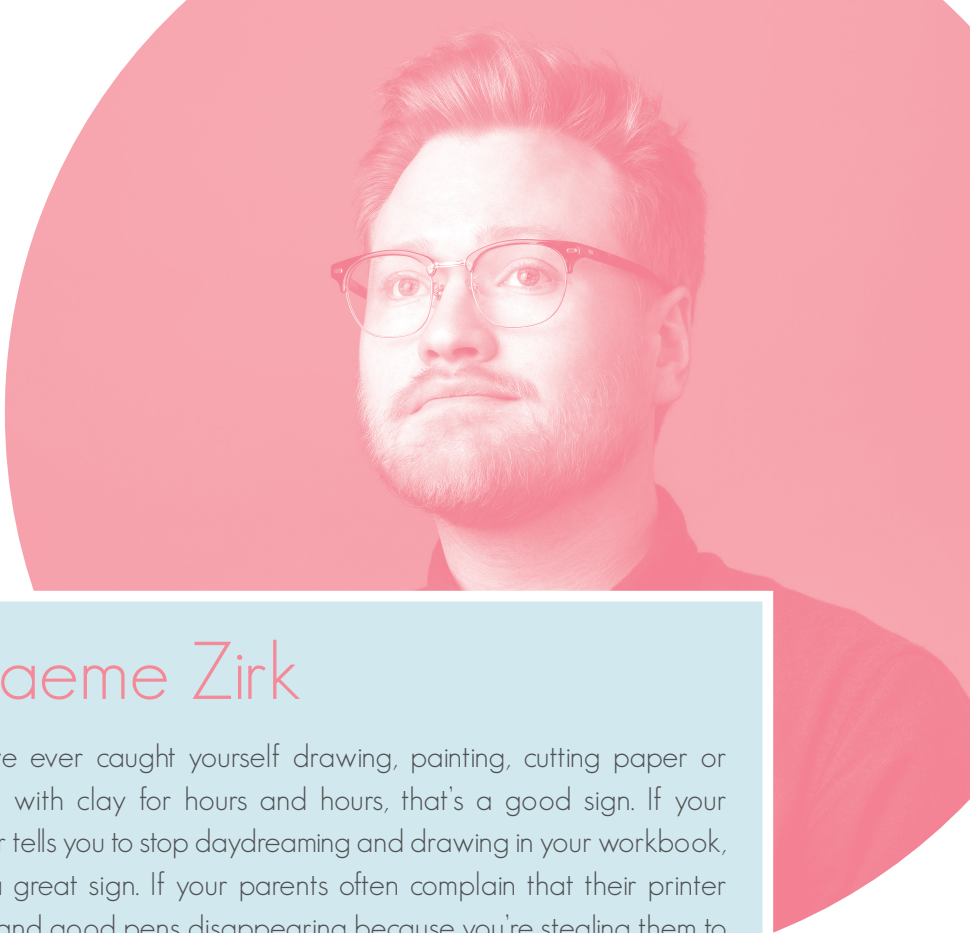
Kate Whitehead

Make art all the time. Use whatever comes to hand and look for inspiration everywhere, sometimes in things that are beautiful or dramatic, but also in things that are mundane or even “boring.” Art is a reflection of your thoughts about the world, and how you fit into it. Express yourself!



Nelliya Zi

Always stay curious about the world inside and around you. Be close to nature and when you find a medium you like, practice a lot. It takes about 10,000 hours to master an art or craft. I am self-taught but have spent the last six years making my fiber sculptures almost daily.



Graeme Zirk

If you've ever caught yourself drawing, painting, cutting paper or playing with clay for hours and hours, that's a good sign. If your teacher tells you to stop daydreaming and drawing in your workbook, that's a great sign. If your parents often complain that their printer paper and good pens disappearing because you're stealing them to draw, that's a very great sign. If this sounds like you, you're well on your way. Just keep doing it for your own enjoyment, and do a lot, not matter what. All the details will take care of themselves.



How about you?

Draw your own portrait and let us know what you will do to become an artist one day, too!

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