

Instructions for Children's Art Canvases for Phase 2 of MLT'S 2020 Outdoor Art Installation

Thank you for contributing your Art Expressions of Summer to Phase 2 of MLT's Summer 2020 Outdoor Art Installation.

- 1. Please check your Phase 2 Art Kit to make sure you have received:
 - one 2-ft x 3-ft canvas, primed with white paint and with margins that have been indicated with blue tape.
 - 6 small lidded cups of latex paint: red, yellow, green, blue, brown and white.
- 2. Please view these instructional videos at http://www.mltlive.com/childrens-art-instructions/
- Choose a place to paint and prepare the work surface.
 Paint splatters, so cover your painting surface with newspapers, a plastic drop cloth or an old shower curtain.
- 4. Prepare the artist.

Just as paint splatters on tables and other surfaces, it also splatters on the artist. Make sure the artist is wearing clothes that can get painted. Latex paint will wash off of skin and might come out of hair, but it will not come out of clothes. However, the artist's "smock" is a record of paintings completed, a diary of the artist's work in bold color.

5. Place the canvas in a landscape orientation with the primed surface facing you and the "TOP" up at the top.



Do not remove the blue tape around to border.

- 6. **Determine how the artist will apply the paint to the canvas.** Disposable brush, sponge, popsicle sticks or a finger-painting technique are only some of the artist's many options.
- 7. Plan the painting.

How you do this and how much you do this is up to you. Some artists jump right into their paintings. Others plan their paintings carefully by drawing out a preliminary sketch.

- 8. Paint! Have at it! Enjoy!
- 9. Let the painting dry for at least one full day. Be sure it is dry.
- 10. Artists should sign their names on the tape affixed to the back of the canvas.
- 11. Return the DRY canvases by Monday, July 27, at 5 p.m. Return the canvases to the vestibule of Marblehead Little Theatre, 12 School Street, Marblehead. Again, be sure your canvas is dry before putting it with the other paintings.

12. The individual art canvases will be sewn together to form larger banners. Banners become the property of Marblehead Little Theatre until an appropriate permanent home can be found.

13. The art will be on display from August 1 to August 31. For questions, please call 781-910-0222.

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