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Curatorial Statement

The student artists of PASA - Providence After School Alliance - are proud and excited to have their artwork featured in the beautiful city hall rotunda gallery.

The criteria for the show was to stay organic, trusting in the subconscious as a guide. The students were not given any specific subjects to paint, they were encouraged to use freedom of thought and trust in the process.

Teacher Paul Coté could not be any prouder of what they brought forth. He says, “The diversity of images shows that the students each have their own voice!”

Thank you to all that made this exhibition a possibility and reality. Special thanks to Mayor Brett Smiley and your outstanding staff.

BIOS

Curator and Teacher Paul Coté

Paul Coté is an artist with insight, passion, and a drive towards experimentation. His paintings offer magnificently expressive swirls, speckled dots, explosive areas of color, and paint manipulation, which embody the emotions of human beings who envision an internal reality not typically seen, but rather felt within one's heart.

Coté has exhibited his work locally and nationally. The work can be found in a myriad of public and private collections including The Smithsonian, Harvard, Mass. General, Butler and the Alzheimer's Association. Coté uses his art to teach classes like "freedom of thought", fundraisers for Alzheimer's, and lead disciplinary performances.

Paul M. Coté was born and raised in Woonsocket, R.I., and is a prominent member of the Providence Art Club, and other Rhode Island artist communities.

Website: www.paulmcoteart.com

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Providence After School Alliance (PASA)

On July 1, 2004, then-Providence Mayor David N. Cicilline launched the Providence After School Alliance (PASA), a public/private venture to develop a citywide system of high quality, free, after school opportunities for the city's middle school youth. Mayor Brett Smiley, Superintendent of Providence Public Schools Javier Montañez, and a team of community leaders are continuing this work by helping to strengthen and grow PASA through the integration of academic and social emotional programming.

In the last twenty years, PASA has built two expanded learning initiatives in collaboration with the city of Providence, the Providence Public Schools, and the local community: the AfterZone for middle school, and the Hub for high school. By working in tandem, the AfterZone and the Hub have helped over 17,000 young people in Providence stay on track to graduate and engage in their own learning with multiple and diverse learning pathways from 6th grade to graduation.

Mission

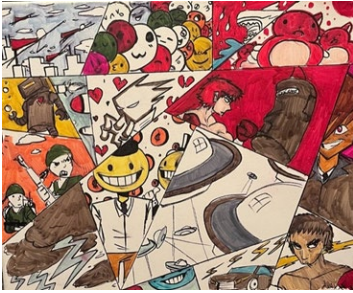
PASA helps close persistent opportunity gaps among Providence youth by expanding access to and engagement in an ecosystem of high-quality out-of-school time learning environments.

Website: www.mypasa.org

FEATURED ARTISTS

Arianna Bravo
Subriel Contreras
Victoria Davis
Sahaira Gomes
Wileska Hunt
Riley Jimenez
Jay Law
Thalia Marks
Alexavier Martinez
Jayda Lyn Oliveras
Leana Pagliarini
Yariel Rodriguez
Alexandrea Rollins
Lei'ani Soares
Rosangel Suarez Paulino
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WORKS ON DISPLAY



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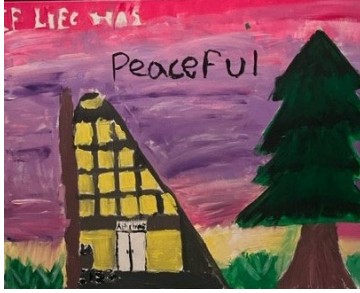
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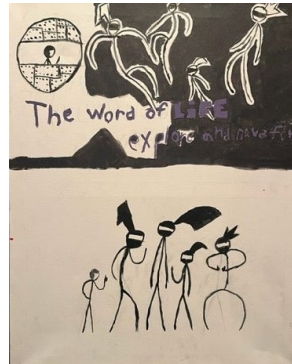
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