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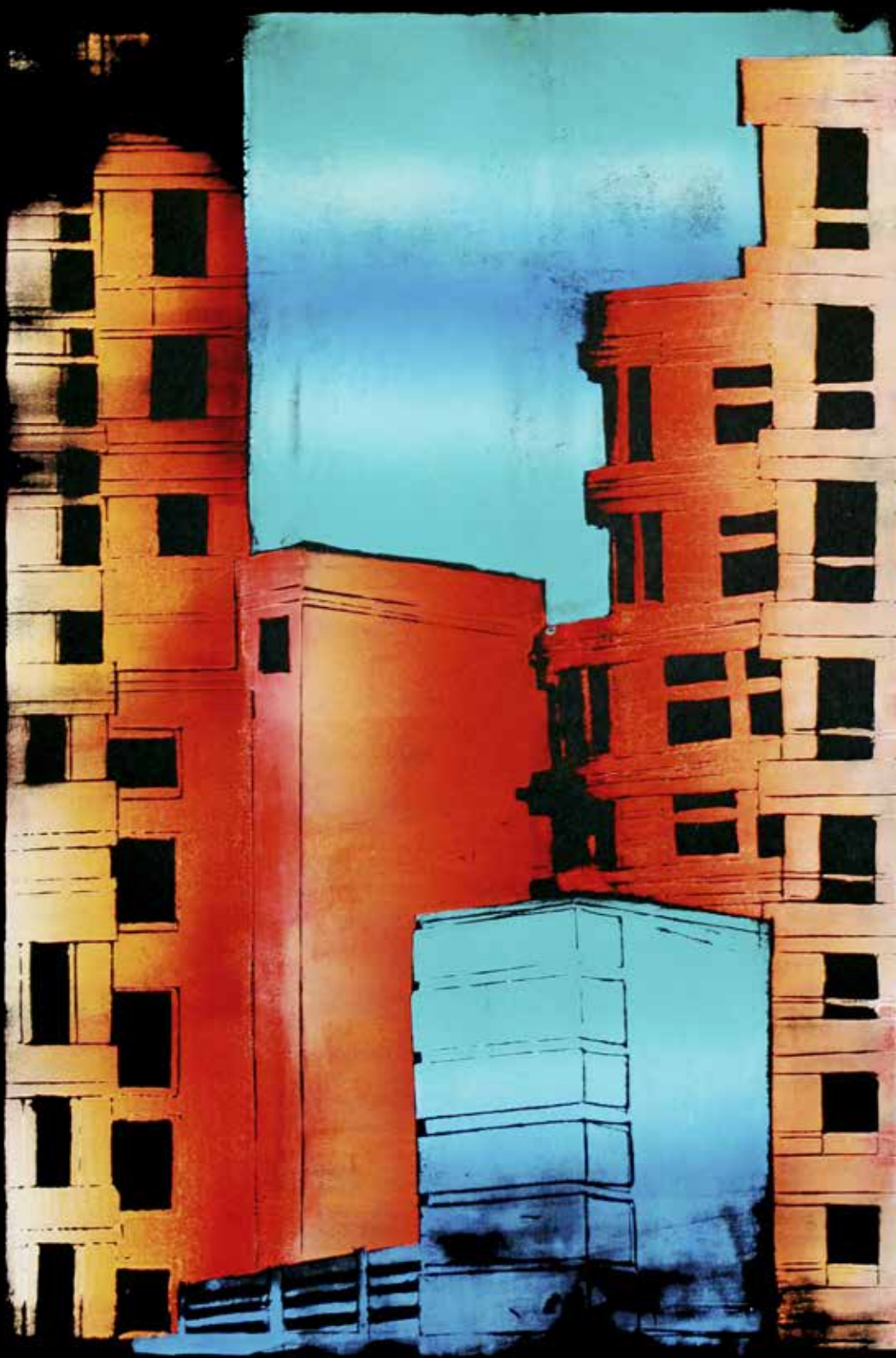
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We ♥ New York: Cityscapes by the Children of New York City presents thirty-five distinctive takes on life in New York City from the perspective of its youngest residents. These artworks were created by children and teens participating in Studio in a School's New York City Schools Program, which engages students from pre-school through twelfth grade at public schools and community-based organizations in all five boroughs. This selection of drawings, collage, paintings and prints, divided into four sections, offer us a multi-faceted portrait of the city. The sections entitled, Big Apple Classics, Big City Big Dreams, My City Up Close, and My Lady Liberty, offer sensitively observed glimpses of quiet neighborhood streets and panoramic views of New York's storied skyline.

New York City has been a subject of fascination for many generations of artists; and especially so for the children in Studio NYC's art programs where the city is host to their most formative experiences. With the support of Studio NYC's Artist Instructors, students learn to observe their surroundings through an artist's eyes, see the city in new ways, and reflect on their relationship with the city. The endeavor of capturing the character

of a place so close to the heart stimulates growth in artistic skill as well as cognitive, linguistic, sensory, and social-emotional skills. The resulting artworks express the curiosity, excitement, tenderness and awe children feel towards the city they call home.

This exhibition celebrates New York at a time when its residents have been deeply affected by a global pandemic, a financial crisis, and a national call for justice and racial equity. In hard times, people turn to the arts for both connection and solace. We hope this exhibition will bring comfort and inspiration to everyone who has their own relationship with New York City. Studio NYC's stands in solidarity, supporting the creative development of the city's children; giving tools to envision a promising future.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, which has reduced opportunities to visit physical exhibitions, Christie's has partnered with Studio NYC to amplify the inspiring work of our students. We are grateful to Christie's for generously hosting this digital presentation on its website and allowing us to share these inspiring works of art with you.

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BIG APPLE CLASSICS

Architectural landmarks such as the Chrysler building or the Brooklyn Bridge are synonymous with New York City and a perennial source of pride for its residents and this section features some of the city's most iconic structures. Through close observation, and much persistence, these young artists learned to capture the proportions and distinctive qualities that define some of the city's best-known buildings, bridges and arches.



KAREN V. (4th Grade)

PS 123, Brooklyn
painting, 2019
12 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Suzanne Stroebe



JACKY Z. (5th Grade)

PS 134, Manhattan
collage, 2018
18 x 12 inches
Studio Artist: Lillian Bayer



RASHELLE O. (5th Grade)

PS 182, Bronx
drawing, 2017
24 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Victoria Calabro



**KAYLA Y., MIRI B.,
SHEMONTI I. (4th Grade)**

PS 99, Queens
print, 2018
12 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Victoria Calabro

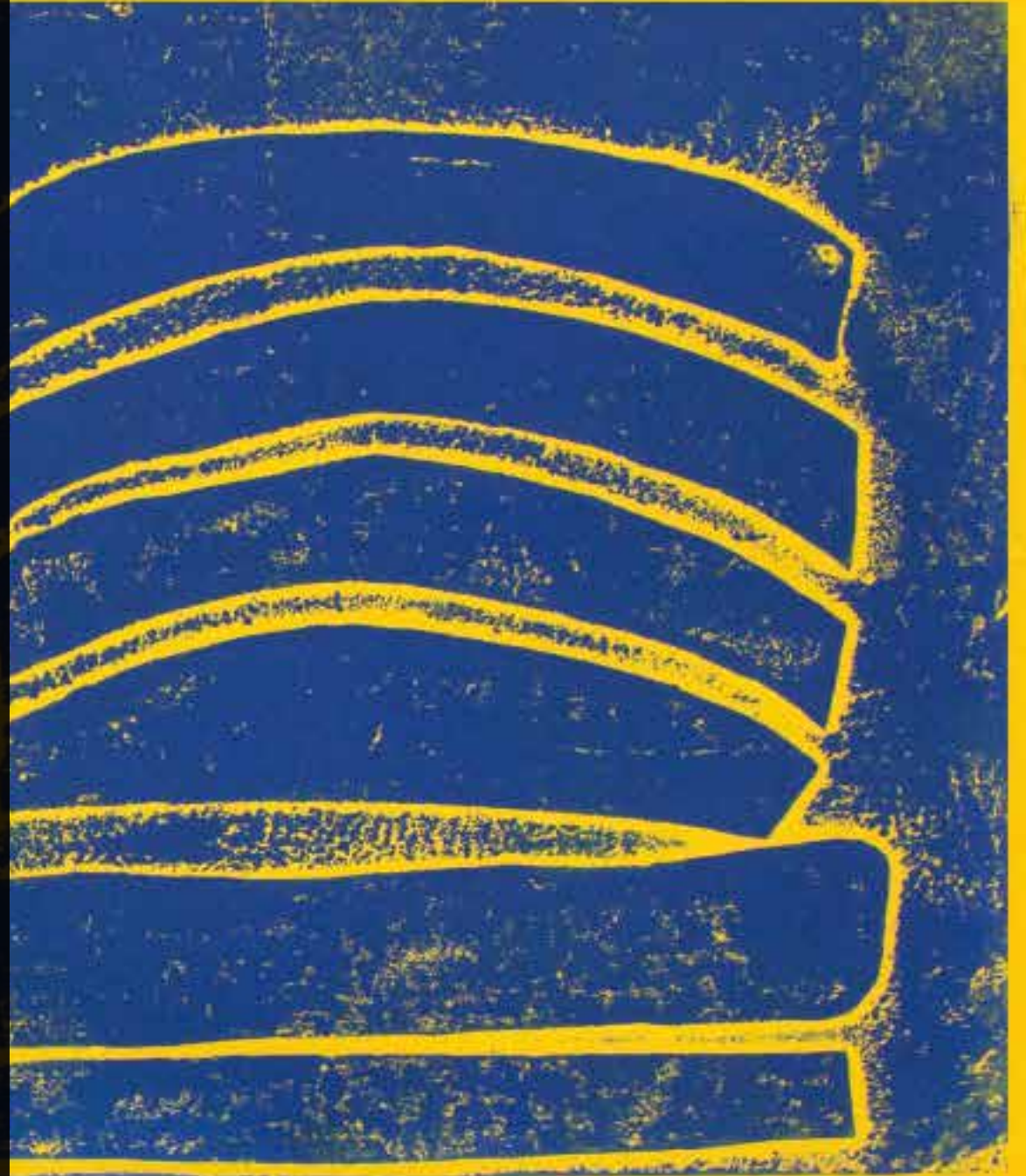


PUJITA P. (4th Grade)

PS 99, Queens
print, 2018
12 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Victoria Calabro

“Wow! I am a native New Yorker. I am so familiar with the sights and sounds of New York that it gives me great joy to see all of these wonderful works of art by our city’s youth. They embody the colorful and phrenetic excitement that is New York. Even in this pandemic, the creative spirit shines through. It’s so inspiring! If our kids and teens can see and feel the magic of this city, how can we not, too? It is contagious in the best way possible!”

Fred Wilson
SIAS Board Member and Artist





DASHA F. (2nd Grade)

PS 103, Manhattan
painting, 2016
18 x 24 inches
Studio Artist: Miguel Tio

JONAH G. (2nd Grade)

PS 103, Manhattan
painting, 2016
24 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Miguel Tio





NIA G., NYA G., XAMARAH W.
(4th Grade)

PS 599, Brooklyn
painting, 2019
40 x 30 inches
Studio Artist: Mildor Chevalier



**ELIJAH R., JARYD R.,
JUSTIN W., SAMUEL D.**
(4th Grade)

PS 599, Brooklyn
painting, 2019
40 x 30 inches
Studio Artist: Mildor Chevalier

BIG CITY BIG DREAMS

This section explores the enormity and complexity of a city known for its sweeping panoramas, impossibly tall skyscrapers, and densely packed streets. At Studio NYC, students learn how simple shapes can be combined to make increasingly intricate forms. Like building words from letters or sentences from words, these young artists use elements of shape, color, line and texture to create full-blown renderings of a city teeming with life. These images bring out the unique beauty of cities; how so many varied forms can fit together to create a unified space. In these works, the city is conceived as a communal place in a state of harmony.



KILEE D. (3rd Grade)

PS 173, Manhattan
drawing, 2019
12 x 24 inches
Studio Artist: Stephen Tunney



NATHALIE M. (3rd Grade)

PS 90, Brooklyn
drawing, 2017
12 x 24 inches
Studio Artist: Stephen Tunney



**ISABELLA G., JUSTIN A.,
KALEB G., KIMBERLY M.,
YAN K. (5th Grade)**

PS 206, Manhattan
collage, 2018
18 x 24 inches
Studio Artist: Pamela Crimmins



SONIA R. (4th Grade)

PS 99, Queens
print, 2018
12 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Victoria Calabro

LEYU X. (2nd Grade)

PS 281, Manhattan
painting, 2019
24 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Andrea Burgay





JAIMEE F. (5th Grade)

PS 145, Manhattan
painting, 2018
24 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Susan Conte



JOSEPH P. JR. (2nd Grade)

PS 87, Bronx
painting, 2019
24 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Chris Williams



“Pablo Picasso once famously declared, “It took me four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child.” Edward Young said similarly, “We are all born originals - why is it so many of us die copies?” The secret to our education is to embrace the ecstatic freedom of children’s imagination, their enthusiasm, and unedited perception of the world as they see it, which will be proven essential and vital when they grow up. Our commitment at Studio in a School is to foster this transformation through personalized education by discovering the individual talents of each child. In providing the most conducive environment, where the teachers are practicing artists and children are inspiring learners, and through the act of art and object making, learning by doing, they will discover their true passion for life indeed.”

Phong Bui
Publisher and Artistic Director of the Brooklyn Rail

**ADAMAHAWA T.
ALEXANDRIA P.
ALIANNA E.
ANTHONY B.
AYAAT H. A.
AYDEN N.
BRIAN M.
CHRISTOPHER M.
CLAIRE E.
CRISTIAN P.
CYRANO C.
DELYLLA F.
DESHAWN W.
EASIRE F.
ISABELLA A.
ISIS F.
JOEL C.
KAREEM A.
KASHMIERE H.
KAYLEE R.
KELLY R.
LASINE F.
MARIANNE S.
MOHAMMED S.
NOAH A.
PRICYSE M.
ROSE H.
SHAQUAN G.
TIFFANY D.
WILLOW L.**
(2nd Grade)

PS 123, Manhattan
mural, 2019
48 x 60 inches
Studio Artist: James Reynolds



**ETHAN S.
DAVID P.
LOGAN J.
KYARAH S.
TONIANN P.**
(2nd Grade)

PS 45, Queens
mural, 2018
36 x 48 inches
Studio Artist: Phillip Maysles





NARALY M. (5th Grade)

PS 145, Manhattan
painting, 2018
24 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Susan Conte

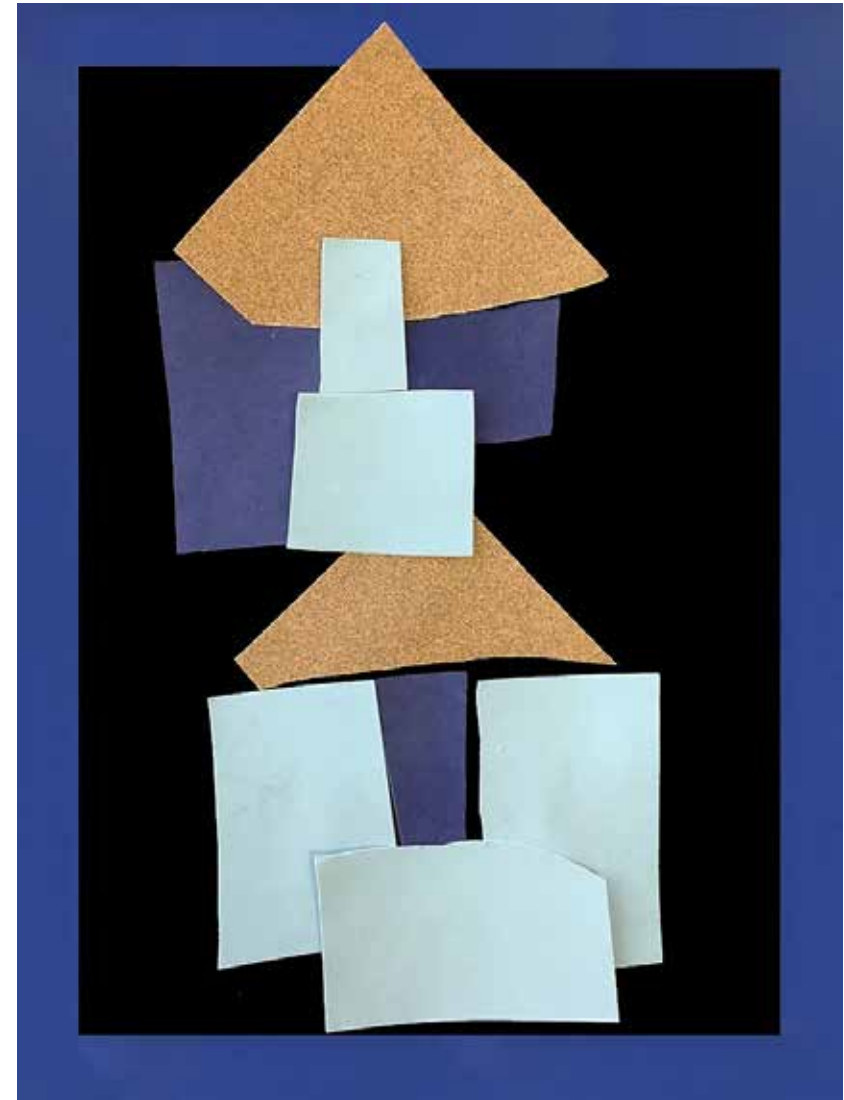


HEAVEN H. (5th Grade)

PS 145, Manhattan
painting, 2018
24 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Susan Conte

MY CITY UP CLOSE

A child's first link to the city is through their neighborhood, and it is through these immediate surroundings that they begin to understand the larger world. This section highlights views of the city seen up close—local landmarks, modes of transportation, buildings and streets, all intimately familiar to the artists who created them. As students in Studio NYC's programs learn to visually chronicle their experiences of the city, the artmaking process forges a sense of connection and belonging.



KHLOEY R. (Kindergarten)

PS 68, Staten Island
collage, 2019
9 x 12 inches
Studio Artist: Sara Wolfe



PETER M. (1st Grade)

PS 123, Manhattan
collage, 2017
12 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Susan Conte

TYANA B.
(10th Grade)

Art and Design High School,
Manhattan
print, 2016
18 x 12 inches
Studio Artist: Langdon Graves





RICHARD Q. (11th Grade)

Art and Design High School
print, 2016
18 x 12 inches
Studio Artist: Langdon Graves



FERNANDO J. (4th Grade)

PS 123, Manhattan
drawing, 2019
12 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: James Reynolds



CASSIDY M. (11th Grade)

Frank Sinatra School of the Arts High School
print, 2016
12 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Jasmine Murrell



JAHKORI D. (10th Grade)

Art and Design High School, Manhattan
print, 2016
18 x 12 inches
Studio Artist: Jasmine Murrell



JONATHAN D. (1st Grade)

PS 299, Brooklyn
Painting, 2018
24 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Damali Miller



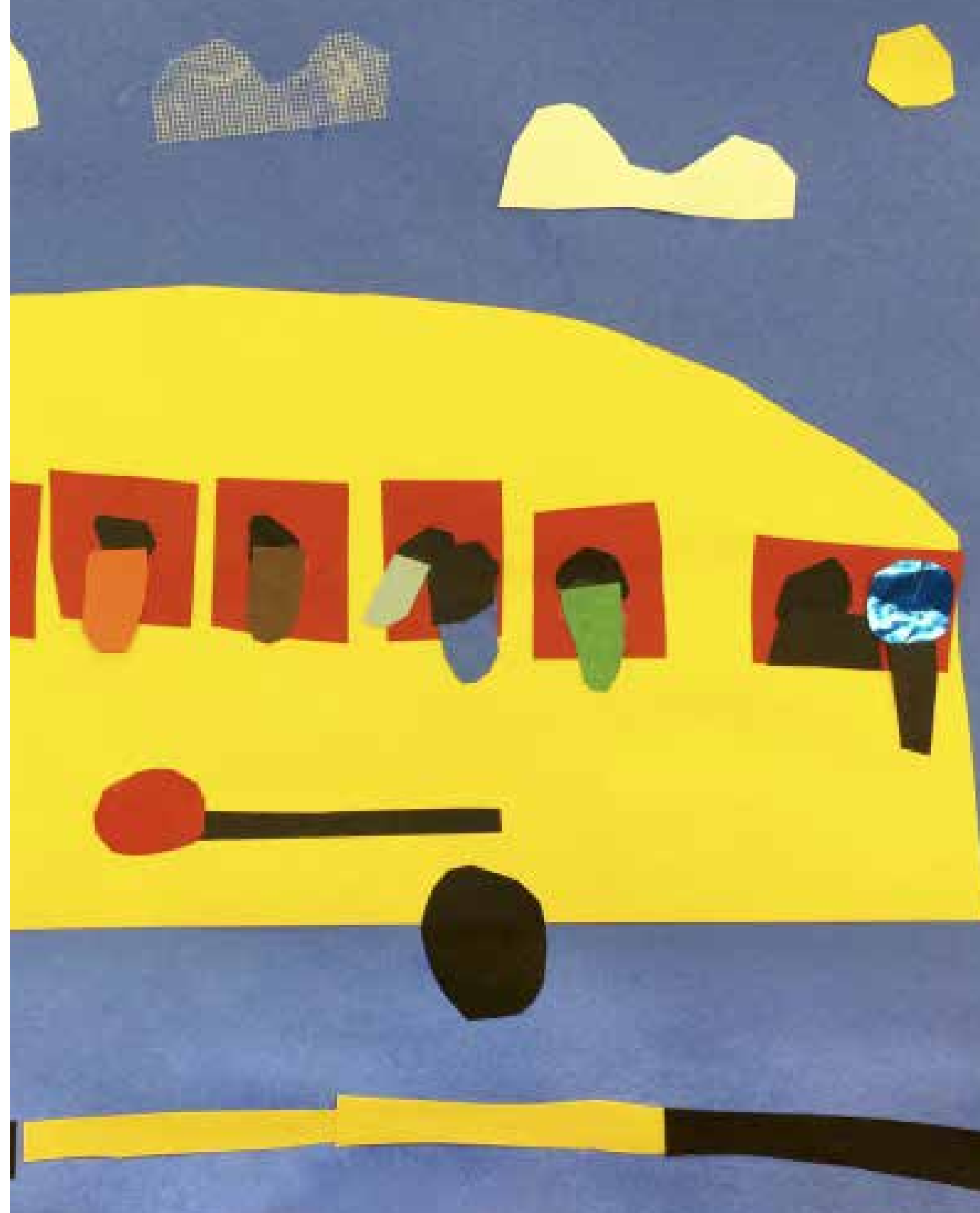
NAISHALY R. (3rd Grade)

PS 145, Brooklyn
painting, 2018
18 x 24 inches
Studio Artist: Leigh Rupple



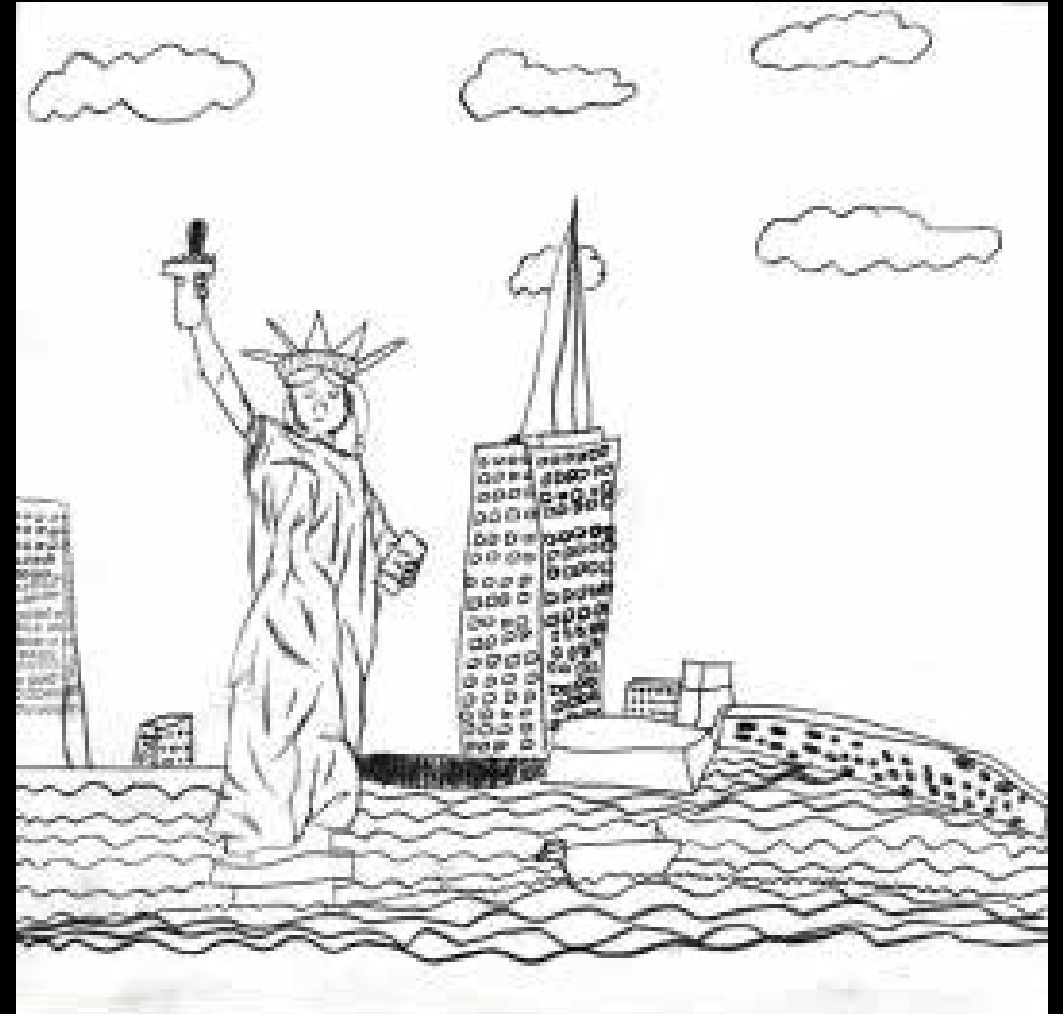
MARIYAH L. (3rd Grade)

PS 145, Brooklyn
painting, 2018
18 x 24 inches
Studio Artist: Leigh Ruple



MY LADY LIBERTY

The most prominent figure in all of the cityscapes from Studio NYC is the Statue of Liberty. This section brings together several interpretations of Lady Liberty in a variety of mediums and visual styles. Seen together, these artworks demonstrate the power of student voice as children use both their artistic skills and sense of agency to make the subject their own. From painterly impressions to crisply graphic silhouettes, each Lady Liberty is uniquely compelling. As a symbol of democratic values, the Statue of Liberty also represents the artistic freedom displayed by these students' works.



JAIDEN G. (2nd Grade)

PS 219, Brooklyn
drawing, 2019

12 x 12 inches

Studio Artist: Aneta Wegrzyn



TENELY M. (2nd Grade)

PS 87, Bronx
painting, 2019
12 x 18 inches
Studio Artist: Chris Williams



OLIVIA N. (2nd Grade)

PS 152, Bronx
painting, 2016
18 x 24 inches
Studio Artist: Delsa Camacho



AMY D. (5th Grade)

PS 134, Manhattan
collage, 2018
18 x 12 inches
Studio Artist: Yayoi Asoma



JAYDEN W., KRISLYN P. (4th Grade)

PS 599, Brooklyn
painting, 2019
40 x 30 inches
Studio Artist: Mildor Chevalier

Feeling Inspired?

Check out
We ♥ New York: Let's Draw

Drawing activities inspired by city
life, for wherever you live!

**Download
Activity Book**

This digital booklet includes ten drawing activities created by Studio in a School NYC, in celebration of the exhibition, *We ♥ New York: Cityscapes by the Children of New York City*. Developed by Studio in a School NYC's Artist Instructors, these open-ended activities are for everyone who likes to draw. Several activities were adapted from Studio NYC's, Daily Sketch, a web-based collection of drawing prompts. If you like what you see, visit Studio in Your Home, to discover more of Studio NYC's art activities, videos, and lessons.



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