

# Young Artists 2019

## Presenter Biographies & Session Titles



- A. Wheel Thrown Pottery
- B. Clay Sculpture
- C. Hand Building Pottery
- D. Clay Caricatures

Presenters are **Pat Hand, Jim Swartz, Clayton Hubert, John Sterner** and **SMSU art students**.

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**E. Titillating Tile Art – Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien** is a retired college art instructor from MN West Community College. She is still actively engaged with art education through art workshops and substitute teaching. [www.agneshora.com](http://www.agneshora.com)

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**F. Birch Tree Mixed Media Forest – Diane Bakker** holds a BA in Elementary Education from the U of MN Morris & taught 4th grade in Willmar for 8 years, and then embarked on home educating her sons for the last 18 years. Throughout this time, she has loved teaching enrichment classes for K-12 students in a variety of settings!

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**G. Mixed Media Animals – Amanda Beckler** is the Community Education Coordinator with Marshall Community Services. Before taking on the role as Community Education Coordinator, she was an Art Teacher in Renville, MN.

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**H. Mime Time! – Ariel Begley** is an actress, educator, circus performer and jack-of-all-trades movement professional. She grew up performing mime with her family mime troupe, Discovery Movement Theatre, and developed a love for physical theatre at a young age. Today she tours and performs throughout the Midwest as a freelance circus performer and with her touring cirque and movement theatre company, Imaginez. She lives in Minneapolis and coaches' mime and stilt walking at Circus Juventas in Saint Paul, MN. [www.imaginezensemblez.com](http://www.imaginezensemblez.com)

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**I. Create and Play With Puppets – Pam Blake** is a retired K-12 art teacher living in Tyler, MN. She continues to pursue her interests in art while working with fused glass in her home studio.

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**J. 3-D Ms. Chevious' Chalk Animals – Ms. Chevious (Melanie Cable)** is a full-time artist that rocks fun and unique art in a variety of mediums, including chalk, watercolor, photography, and sculpture. She tours the Midwest in the summer months and is rarely seen in the winter months, like Bigfoot. [www.facebook.com/Ms.CheviousMurals/](http://www.facebook.com/Ms.CheviousMurals/)

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**K. Think Fast and Draw Fast – Willis Chase** started drawing cartoons at the age of five, he then moved onto wildlife, portraits and landscapes. Presently he draws many caricatures and is a wood carver and a blacksmith.

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**L. Here's looking at you Kid – Ed Fornberg** has been teaching art for 40 years and still loves it. Currently he teaches K-6<sup>th</sup> grade art at WWG School. He also taught K-3 art in New Ulm, MN for over 20 years.

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**M. Printmaking, Create your own Card – Bradley Hall** is a local watercolor artist & printmaker. [www.bradleyhallgallery.com/](http://www.bradleyhallgallery.com/)

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**N. Loom Woven Bracelets – Victoria (Torri) Hanna** is a professional weaver with a studio in Fergus Falls. She has taught many new weavers how easy it is to create fabric with a simple loom. [www.tanglestotreasures.com](http://www.tanglestotreasures.com)

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**O. The Art of Book Making – Susan Heggestad** is a visual artist, arts educator, arts in health practitioner, and arts advocate living and working in Vermillion, SD. She specializes in mixed media, sculpture, book forms, papermaking, and installation work. [susanheggestad.com](http://susanheggestad.com)

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**P. Art Created by Natural Dyes – Jessie Hendrix** is a naturalist for the Prairie Ecology Bus Center and gets inspiration for art projects through nature. [www.ecologybus.org](http://www.ecologybus.org)

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**Q. Zentangle – Ashley Honetschlager** is a native of Marshall MN. She is the K-8 grade art teacher at Holy Redeemer School.

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**R. Creating Memorable Game Characters – Alex J. Irizarri** taught Art and Technology at C.O. Greenfield in Phoenix, Arizona and Ramalynn Academy in Bloomington, Minnesota. He has a Bachelor's degree in Studio Art from the University of Minnesota, and a Bachelor's degree in Game Art and Design from the Art Institute of Phoenix. [www.artbyalexj.com](http://www.artbyalexj.com)

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**S. Midnight in the Pumpkin Patch – Tamara Isfeld** has been a working artist for 30 plus years and currently teaches K-12 art at Yellow Medicine East Schools. Paintings, murals, mosaics and ceramics are a few of her passions!

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**T. Calligraphy Fun! – Michelle Jordahl** has been an Art specialist in the Hutchinson Schools for 29 years. She enjoys all forms of Art, but one of her favorite is Calligraphy!

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**U. Get 'Tooned – Phil Juliano** is a professional Cartoonist and Humorous Illustrator. His resume includes work on children's books, magazine illustrations and corporate learning. His comic strip, Best In Show, has been syndicated and distributed internationally. Phil lives in Bloomington, MN with his wife, children and new puppy. [philjulianoillustration.com](http://philjulianoillustration.com)

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**V. Mini MONSTOR Sculptures – Mercedes Maltese** has been an art educator for 20 years with an emphasis in sculpture. Mercedes loves to share her passion for the arts with others. She teaches at the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science in Sioux Falls, SD spreading her art knowledge across the community to under-served youth in their nationally recognized action arts and science program. [washingtonpavilion.org](http://washingtonpavilion.org)

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**W. Pattern Art – Tessellation & Translation – Joel McKinney** is a sculptor, painter, ceramicist and designer. He has taught art and design from kindergarten to graduate school. This is one of his favorite classroom projects. [www.blackhawk-studios.org/joel.html](http://www.blackhawk-studios.org/joel.html)

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**X. Fun with Ink – Jill Miller** is a self-taught artist in ink drawings and wood burning! She works as a substitute paraprofessional at 12 school districts! Mother of 4 and grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 8 step-grandchildren!

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**Y. Photo Paper Marbling – Kelly Pochardt** is a local art education teacher. She has a love of all art forms but focuses mainly with painting and drawing.

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**Z. Inter-Galactic Wrestler Creation – Scott Rolfs** received his BFA in Illustration from the School of Associate Arts. He has worked for design studios creating kid friendly character art for package designs, graphic novels and children publications and freelance clients. He especially enjoys working on his own graphic novel and coloring books. Scott also presents drawing classes for young aspiring artists on character creation. [Scott-Rolfs.crevado.com](http://Scott-Rolfs.crevado.com)

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**AA. Sweet Treat Canvas Creations – Sarah Johnson Schimming** is a certified K-12 art teacher with over 20 years' experience teaching in public schools. She currently operates "The Creative Outlet" where she teaches painting and various art classes with kid's for birthday parties, to senior citizens and everyone in between. She lives in Montevideo where her husband, Dave is a teacher and a coach. They have two children, AllieJane (6) and Sam (4).

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**BB. Hand Lettering 101 – Kady Simpson** is a creative entrepreneur. She was born and raised in SW Minnesota where she now raises her 6-year-old son. Kady lives each day with the purpose of inspiring others to live their best creative life. [www.krosestudio.com](http://www.krosestudio.com)

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**CC. Nature Sculpting – Stepheney Studer** is a naturalist for the Prairie Ecology Bus Center and gets inspiration for art project through nature. [www.ecologybus.org/](http://www.ecologybus.org/)

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**DD. Make Your Own Kaleidoscope – Josh Thoreson** is a visual artist working in ceramics, photography, and sculpture items such as Kaleidoscopes. He has taught a variety of classes such as youth art classes at the Austin, MN Art Center.

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**EE. Chalk It Up To Paint! – Bonnie VanMoorlehem** has used everything from plants to paint, to create and design. She currently is an abstract painter and is working on a children's art activity book. [www.bonnievanmoorlehem.com](http://www.bonnievanmoorlehem.com)

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**FF. Are My Lips Moving? –** For the past 31 years comic ventriloquist **James Wedgwood** has been performing at corporate events, colleges, fairs, schools, libraries and on TV nationwide. A graduate of Indiana University, he learned his craft beginning at age 9 from two records a favorite aunt sent him. Always up for new challenges, he is currently developing his comedy/variety TV program, MinneShowta in conjunction with Pioneer Public Television. He is also the author of the book "3000 Coffee Breaks" which chronicles his journey on the Gerson alternative cancer therapy. [jameswedgwood.com](http://jameswedgwood.com)

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**GG. Mandala Design on Records and CD's – Jayme Wiertzema** is a K-5 art teacher in the Harrisburg School District. She is a 2015 graduate of SMSU.