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Hello!

We need you! We're reaching out to you in the hopes that you'll consider the giving of your talent and time to create a collaborative art project with our students! The piece you create with our students will be auctioned to preschool parents and supporters to raise much needed funds for our school at our annual Art Show fundraiser on Thursday, April 19, 2018.

About our Preschool

[First Presbyterian Preschool](#), founded in El Paso in 1981, is a non-profit child-centered developmental program, founded on the philosophy of the [Reggio Emilia approach](#). We seek to reveal and nurture the worth and dignity of each child, while fostering physical, social, spiritual and intellectual development – at the child's own pace. Our developmentally appropriate curriculum is based on the theory that young children thrive in an environment rich in exploration and interaction with adults, their peers and the world around them. We serve children ages one through kindergarten.

About the Art Show

Art Show is the main fundraiser for First Presbyterian Preschool that will take place the evening of Thursday, April 19 at the International Museum of Art. Nearly 200 students' family members, friends and friends of the preschool attend. The event showcases individual artwork created by each child in every age group, as well as class collaborations and projects that will be auctioned to raise vital funds for the preschool.

About the Collaboration

We are seeking five artists that work with various mediums to partner with our students to create a unique piece that will be auctioned to raise crucial funds for our preschool. Each selected artist will create an original piece with one of our age groups: our Mom's Morning Out (Age 1), Two Year Old, Three Year-Old, Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4) and Kindergarten classes. Each artist will work with the teachers to help formulate the best plan for executing the art collaboration – and with the help of board members and volunteers, make this a reality.



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This is our first year to embark on this adventure, and we hope you will consider joining us! We aim to give you creative license to determine how you might encourage the creative contribution of our young students to put together a special and unique piece.

Timeline

By February 16, 2018 – Contact us at elizabethmargo@gmail.com and send:

- 1) Background about yourself and your work,
- 2) Samples of your work or a link to your webpage/Facebook/Instagram
- 3) Your experience working with small children.

The preschool staff will execute a background check on potential collaborators in accordance with school policy, and review artist submissions to determine which artists will be paired with each age group.

February 23, 2018 – The Art Show committee will reach out to confirm selected artists and schedule meetings with teachers and classes.

Week of February 26, 2018 – Artists will meet with teachers to observe students, discuss the collaboration and student contribution.

Monday, March 5, 2018 – Project concept due. Instructions to teachers and parent volunteers for student contributions prepared.

Friday, April 6, 2018 – Project to be completed.

Why you should help!

First Presbyterian Preschool is a 501c3 non-profit organization that strives to keep our tuition and fees low and offer scholarships to provide an excellent preschool education to the children of our community. Art Show is our main fundraiser and the preschool could not function without the vital funds raised. We believe an art piece created by a professional artist like yourself, with the input of our students, will be an exciting and attractive new element to our event!

We will invite you to attend the Art Show to help us showcase your piece and your contribution to our special event. We will include details about you and your work



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at the show and in all publicity about the show to the local news media, on our social networks, and to our preschool families and friends.

We will cover any costs of materials and preparation, and offer space in our preschool to work on the project as needed. We will also provide any support needed to work with the children on their contribution to the overall project.

Ideas!

Here are some links to collaborative art projects artists have executed with young children, just to get your creative juices flowing!

<https://www.creatingreallyawesomefunthings.com/collaborative-art-projects/>

<https://artclasscurator.com/collaborative-art-projects-for-kids/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/nammg/preschool-collaborative-art-projects/?lp=true>

We thank you in advance for your consideration, and we invite you to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Heather Cuthbertson, Art Show Committee Co-Chair

Elizabeth Margo, Art Show Committee Member