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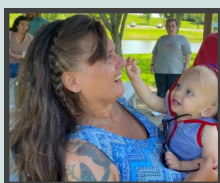
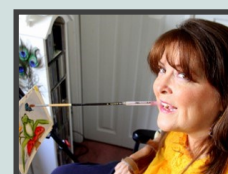
We, the artists of the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists, want to thank you for your support as we continue to strive toward our dream of artistic excellence and financial independence. Through your loyalty we have been able to accomplish so much in the year 2022 and we are pleased to share our experiences with you.

A Sense of Purpose

Since its founding, over 60 years ago, the driving force behind the Association's mission is to ensure its members feel a sense of purpose, autonomy and carve a path toward financial independence and security. Below are several testimonials from some of the many United States' mouth and foot painters about what membership within this unique organization means to them.

"Over the many years that I have been a member, I have felt a connection to a community of artists, that not only paint in a similar fashion as I do, but also share a like mindedness of freedom of expression through our artistic abilities. The mouth and foot artists painting association helps us to bring our work to the light and helps us present our talent to a community and world, that may not know anything about our existence, had this organization not been formed so many years ago. I am so very grateful to be a participating artist and member."

- Mouth Painter, Cindi Bernhardt. Student Member, California



"Becoming a student of the MFPA has drastically improved my life. I was able to get two amazing teachers who have taught me so very much. I am now able to go to classes, museums and expand my artistic ability. I have done many, many art shows with pride being a part of this unique organization!"

-Mouth Painter, Nancy Hall. Student Member, New York

"The MFPA literally means the world to me. I love feeling that I am a part of an association of international artists. It is incredibly fulfilling to know that all of our artwork is enjoyed by customers worldwide. The support this gives allows me to live as a working artist despite my profound disability. The MFPA fills my life with purpose. I am so honored to be a member."

- Mouth Painter, Sara Jane Parsons. Associate Member, Texas

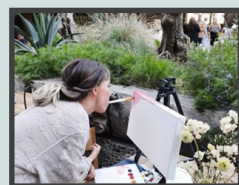


"For me, being part of the Association of Mouth and foot painting artists is a great pride, it has taught me a lot about the arts, and I have learned from a very young age to grow with you as a great artist. I have learned to have knowledge about capturing a story on a canvas, I have met artists from other countries, races, and languages, and now I keep moving forward, climbing a step more every day. Thank you very much to God for his infinite goodness, and to MFPA for giving me this opportunity and change of life."

-Foot Painter, Linda Riveros. Student Member, Florida

"I can honestly say that without the help and support of the MFPA. I would not have the opportunity of doing art and saving funds to send my daughters college. MFPA is an organization with one of the greatest missions: to assist amazing artists like me continue our passion in painting, giving us the dignity and title of a professional artists. Thank you with sincere gratitude to the MFPA for giving me hope to carry-on and in the financial ability to assist my daughters and leaving a legacy for others."

-Mouth Painter, Ron Heagy. Student Member, Oregon



"MFPA provides the security to expand our creative endeavors, while allowing us the freedom to explore and create the way we want to!"

- Mouth Painter, Alana Tillman. Student Member, California

"I feel like a member of an international family of creative people that is a constant source of inspiration and support. The friendships that Anné and I have developed have given dimension to our lives and brought us joy. Professionally, the Association has challenged me to be a better artist and has provided amazing opportunities to present my paintings on a global stage. Being a mentor to our student members has enriched my life and helped me to develop as a teacher and communicator."

- Mouth Painter, Brom Wikstrom. Full Member, Washington





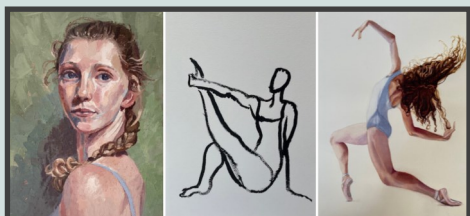
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Graceful Collaboration

MFPA USA Associate member and mouth painter, **Sara Jane Parsons (TX)**, was excited to hold her first solo exhibition “**The Lizzie Project**” in March. The collaboration was with her niece, a professional ballerina, who served as both muse and model for 27 works of art. These included figurative watercolors, sumi ink gesture poses and 7 oil paintings. Held at the **Inspiration Gallery** in downtown Austin, the exhibition attracted the general public as well as many local artists.



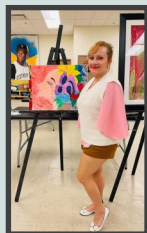
Rising Star



Youngest USA member, student **Belinda Jacay (PA)** proved this year that the younger generations really are the future. Earlier this year, Belinda sang with the Philadelphia All City Choir at the **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts** in Philadelphia. Not to be outdone, Belinda was on the Honor Roll for the entire year! She was recognized for this achievement with an invitation to attend the **National Youth Leadership Forum for Medicine** later this year.

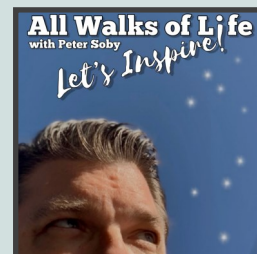
An Excellent Year

Foot painter, **Linda Riveros (FL)** had a busy year! She participated in **The Youth for Peace Exhibition** and was invited as a guest to the inaugural **Autores Águila Convention** in New Jersey. She was also awarded a finalist award in the **Art Show International** competition!



Across the Airwaves

Student mouth painter, **Peter Soby (CA)**, is about to embark on an exciting new venture: Podcasts. Peter launched his new podcast, “**All Walks of Life**”, this year which will feature many incredible guests including celebrities, experts, innovators and motivators, as well as a representative from MFPA USA.



Fresh Faces

We would like to welcome a new students to the MFPA USA Family:

Mouth Painter, **Alex Biagi (CO)**

Mouth Painter, **Dianne Baughman (SC)**

Foot Painter, **Linda Bannon (IL)**

We are excited to watch what incredible things these new members create!

Building Community



Student Member and mouth painter, **Frank Espinosa (CA)** was once again invited to be a feature artist at an annual exhibition “**2 Live & Die L.A.**”. The event was attended by many members of the community, as well as renowned artists, musicians and actors, such as actor and LA native **Danny Trejo**.

In Memoriam

This year, the MFPA USA mourns the loss of Student foot-painter **Reva Brown (KY)**, Student mouth-painter, **Paige Crouch (MD)**, and Student mouth-painter, **Matt Laufer (CT)**. Their loss is deeply felt by the Association and all who knew and loved them.

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