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5th Anniversary BCM YOUTH ART CONTEST WINNERS!

WHY ART?

by Kay McCrary

Why not art?! Boys who have BCM have already been met with enough “you cannot do that” messages, which they might want to test for themselves before accepting. Read no further than those [inspiring letters by our contest’s judges](#), to see that choosing not to create art “because you are colorblind” and “because your vision is so bad” was proven wrong by each of them.

Dr. Erik Geslin points out that his colorblindness has actually been an asset to him as he creates artwork for video games such as Assassin’s Creed, because he has heightened sensitivity that allows him to differentiate subtleties of shades.

Ferran Tort adapted —when he couldn't see small, he went large, choosing to do side-of-building-sized Street Art murals. Please go search YouTube and watch the videos of him creating street art with a group of children from the area. These videos are so beautiful! He and his group of children artists experience so much joy in creating. It meant a lot to me to witness it.

Dave Willsey loves every kind of artistic expression! He grew his art talents from just traditional drawings & sculpture to artistic, sensitive creation of lovely swimming pool areas for a family's enjoyment, plus artistic creation of spreadsheets for his football publications. Wow!

Bravo that our three judges didn't say no to art, thereby missing all the satisfaction and enrichment art has brought to each of them. The moral of this story could be, **“Don't 'just say no', but maybe try, and maybe adapt!”** Or maybe your son might want to develop other hobbies, which is fine, too.

But it doesn't stop there.

Go into the [BCMFF virtual Art Gallery](#) and see what you think about boys with BCM experiencing art. This exhibit is a celebration! Our guys show us they are highly creative, blasting colors, dancing their imaginations onto paper or videos, having fun with it, expressing themselves. I'm betting your response will be, “Beautiful! So wonderful! I am glad I didn't miss seeing this!!”

And this answers our question, **“Why Art?”**

Children Section: Ages 3-8 years old



1st prize:

Entry 8, artist **Konstantinos K.**

Title: "The adventure of Jick"

Description: Stop-motion Video

You can watch the video [here](#).



2nd prize:

Entry 11, artist **Caiden C.**

Title: "Alien Planet"

Description: Collage box

**3rd prize:**

Entry 1, artist **Beau S.**

Title: "Flower"

Description: Painting

Creativity Award:

Konstantinos K.

Children Section: Ages 9-14 years old



1st prize:

Entry 20, artist **Giacomo A.**

Title: "Robot Family on Vacation"

Description: Crayola colored drawing

**2nd prize:**

Entry 22, artist **Asher K.**

Title: "Schindler"

Description: Collage in box

**3rd prize:**

Entry 13, artist **Emil T.**

Title: "Bird stacking"

Description: Watercolor & pen

Creativity Award:

John B.

You can see all the creations
[here](#)

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