

7 Inspiring BLACK ARTISTS

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Tatyana Fazlalizadeh
Painter/Illustrator

Why You'll Love Her:

Tatyana Fazlalizadeh is known for her beautiful oil paintings and her street art campaign to address harassment, "Stop Telling Women to Smile." The combination of portrait drawing, public art, and feminist issues makes her a perfect artist to get older students thinking.

See More:

<http://www.tlynnfaz.com>

<http://stoptellingwomentosmile.com/>

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Njideka Akunyili Crosby
Mixed-Media Artist

Why You'll Love Her:

Njideka Akunyili Crosby is a Nigerian-born American artist who incorporates image transfers and painting in her mixed-media work. She is a great artist to feature for themes like "identity."

See More:

<http://njidekaakunyili.com>

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Andre Woolery
Mixed-Media Artist

Why You'll Love Him:

Andrew Woolery is a mixed-media artist who combines materials like push pins, text, and painting to make work that is powerful and playful. His pushpin portraits would be a great starting point for a pointillism project.

See More:

<http://www.andrewooleryart.com/>

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T.S. Abe
Artist and Fashion Illustrator

Why You'll Love Her:

T.S. Abe is a UK artist and fashion illustrator who integrates beautiful, delicate drawing with pop culture and technology. Her stunning work is incredibly fresh and the perfect compliment to a variety of drawing lessons.

See More:

<http://www.tsabe.co.uk>

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Maya Freelon Asante
Mixed-Media Artist

Why You'll Love Her:

Maya Freelon Asante is a mixed-media artist who uses tissue paper to make bright, colorful, abstract work. The use of tissue paper in fine art makes a great inspiration for any tissue paper project you might come up with for your students.

See More:

<http://maya-freelonasante.squarespace.com>

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Kehinde Wiley
Painter

Why You'll Love Him:

Kehinde Wiley is a wildly popular portrait artist who combines stunning figures with lush, floral backgrounds. He has a distinctly modern take on the old master's and would be great to feature in any portrait or figure drawing lesson.

See More:

<http://www.artnet.com/awc/kehinde-wiley.html>

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Mickalene Thomas
Painter/Mixed-Media Artist

Why You'll Love Her:

Mickalene Thomas takes inspiration from such diverse sources as the Hudson River School, impressionism and pop culture. Her beautiful, whimsical work incorporates rhinestones, acrylic, and enamel. She's a great choice for getting students to push their own paintings.

See More:

<http://mickalenethomas.com>

