

# The Art Of Zines

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In this post Stephanie shares a beautiful and thought provoking zine created by a group of creative Sixth Form students. Through curation and design students have amplified their voices collectively and have taken ownership of their work. This could be an exciting project for students interested in editorial work or those who like to use their creativity to make their voice heard.

"A definition of the zine is often self-published, counterculture and small in circulation. Many are anti-authoritarian and therefore by in large, attractive to teenagers as a way to explore their own cultural identities and creativity.

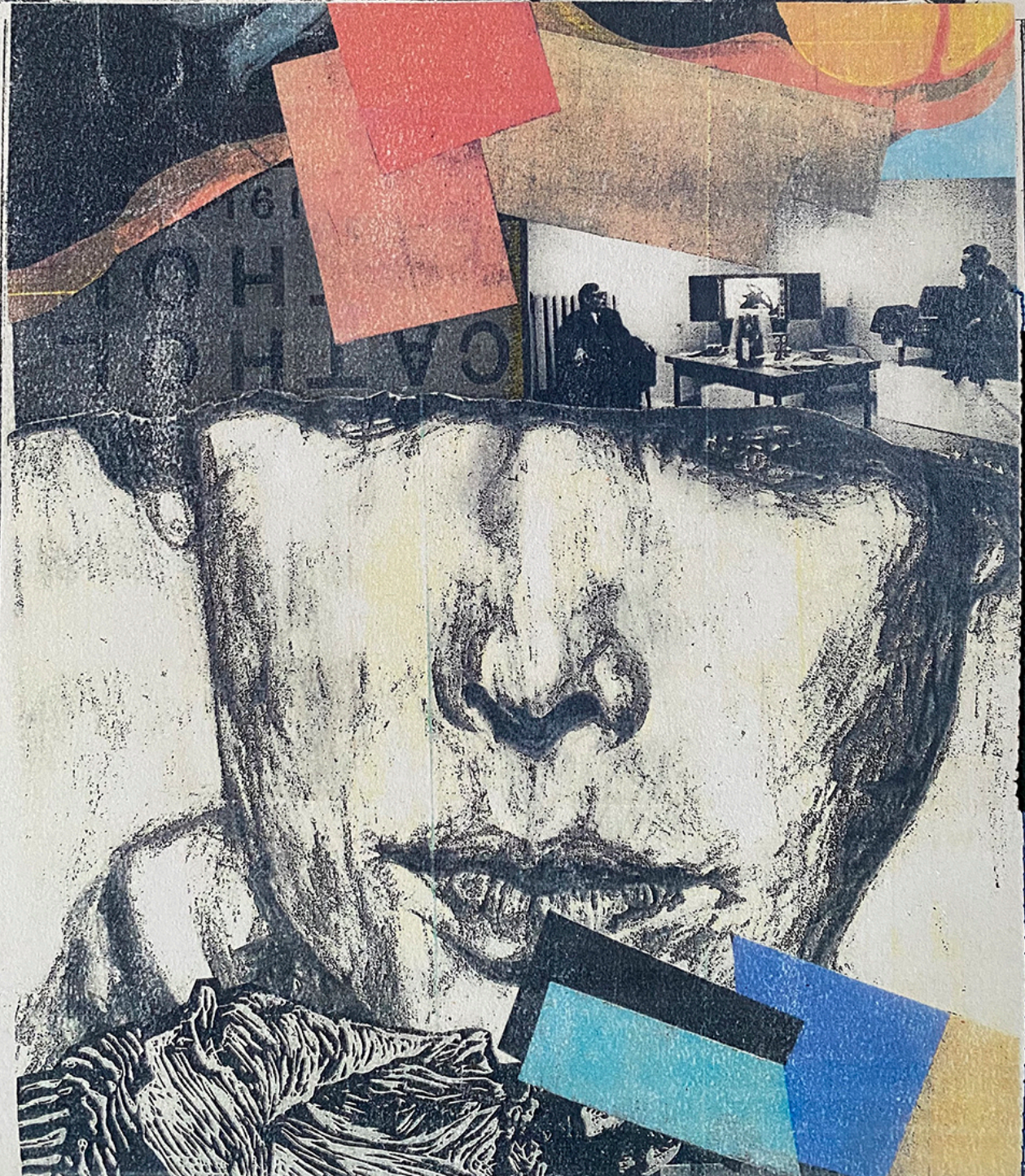
My brilliant colleague is a collector of old discarded books and magazines, and the development of the zine came from her finding a way to use all the wonderful adverts in the donated Oxfam books. This, with a cohort of art students that were excellent creative writers too, saw the beginning of the sixth form zine."

# ZENNA

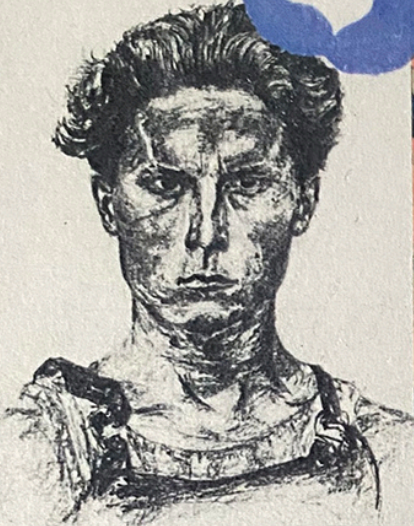


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The first Zine 'Zeena' involved selecting student artwork, collecting vintage imagery, using their drawings and paintings from their current project, and then digitising it. The layering and presentation of visual imagery is all completed digitally. The process is repeated for further issues, using the format again and again and the cutting and layering of imagery is an important part of the process.



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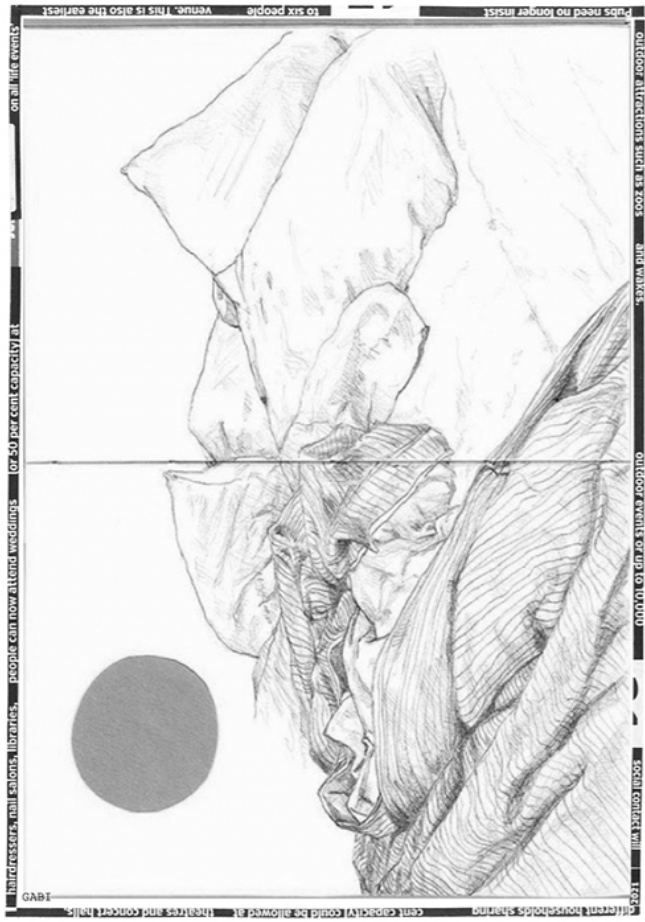
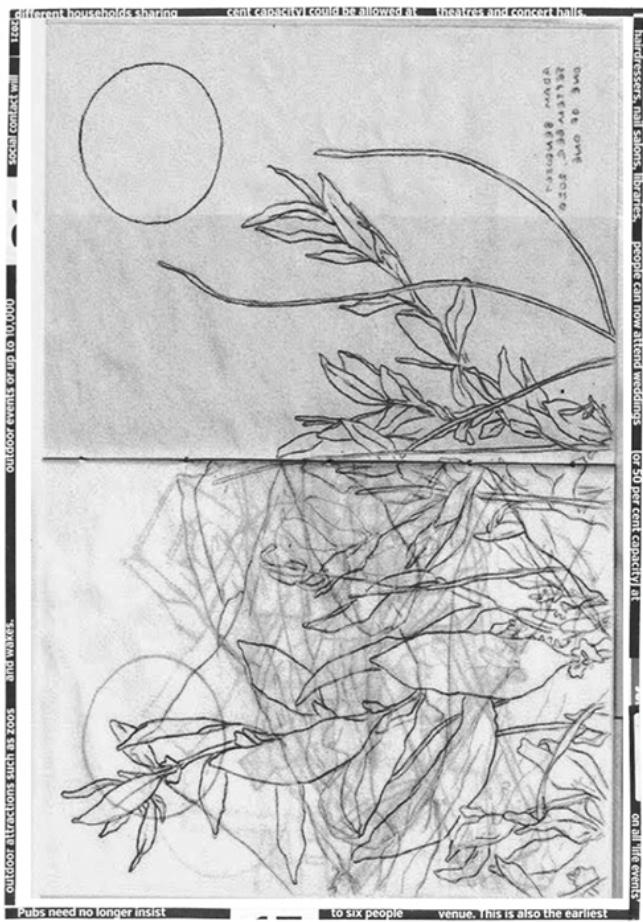
AN OUTSIDER'S EYE, OH TO TRY ON THOSE EYES  
WHEN INVISIBLE HANDS MOVE ALONG HER SIDE  
EYES NO LONGER SEE.  
DID THEY EVER REALLY LOOK?  
I TRIED ON A PAIR, I TRIED AND YOU CAN'T.  
YOU CAN'T SEE HOW  
WHEN ONE MOUTH HAS FOUND ANOTHER  
THE EYES, HER EYES, NEVER ROAM.  
STILL THESE FACES SIT ~~MADE~~ <sup>AT</sup> EACH ANGLE  
YET STARE BLANKLY IN AVOIDANCE.

WHY FOR  
EVER A  
MILK DRINK



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# A DOT RUNNING FOR THE DUST

FRIDAY SKY - BARE HEAVEN  
 AND AROUND YOU - ARTHUR RUSSELL  
 EVAN THE WITCH - RADIOHEAD  
 DEAD EDITORS - MASSIVE ATTACK  
 RED SWITCH KNIVES - NF DOOM  
 RELAXING - NICHAGU AND THE SHAPES  
 EYES OF THE WORLD - GRATEFUL DEAD  
 WISHED - FISH  
 CROSS BONES WYLE - CAT POWER

The students use this graphics skill in their art coursework books, developing more sophisticated collaging and layering with their secondary resources. Images from photocopies of books cut and drawn into, old manuscripts and sheet music to music printed onto and magazine images used to support the text that has been created by the students.

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This did not help boost Marilyn's confidence and image of herself however, since she described Marilyn Monroe as a character, someone completely alien to herself. Amy Greene, wife of Marilyn's personal photographer Milton Greene, once described a scenario which perfectly demonstrates the extent to which Marilyn put on a character:

"I'll never forget the day Marilyn and I were walking around New York City, just having a stroll on a nice day. She loved New York because no one bothered her there like they did in Hollywood, she could put on her plain-jane clothes and no one would notice her. She loved that. So as we were walking down Broadway, she turns to me and says 'Do you want to see me become . . . I didn't know what she meant but I just said 'Yes'—and then I saw it. I don't know how to explain what she did because it was so very subtle, but she turned something on within herself that was almost like magic. And suddenly cars were slowing and people were turning their heads and stopping to stare. They were recognizing that this was Marilyn Monroe as

if she pulled off a mask or something, even though a second ago nobody noticed her. I had never seen anything like it before."

What did it mean to 'become Marilyn'? It meant putting on a show intended to reel people in and leave them wanting more, an intention that was fulfilled far beyond the confines of Marilyn's short lifetime. It meant fitting a stereotype, the constant typecast of the dim blonde bombshell, despite the fact that Lee Strasberg, the proponent and teacher of method acting, believed that she had talent. It meant being Frankenstein and Frankenstein's monster, the creator and the creature, painfully aware of the separation between her mental state and physicality, leaving audiences fascinated by their subliminal awareness of this contrast and duality within her. The woman who's I.Q. was almost equal to that of Albert Einstein knew that she would never be known for that, she knew what the public and producers wanted to see, and that was her body. Ultimately this intense pressure only added to her poor mental health, as well as miscarriages, multiple divorces, and constant public scrutiny.

The controversy surrounding Monroe's later years, such as her behind the scenes manner throughout film productions, her drug abuse, her affairs with the Kennedy family and her death, is another reason why she remains so compelling over 50 years after her death. There is nothing a curious mind loves more than a mystery, and Marilyn Monroe is a prime example of one that we can never hope to solve once and for all. Of course Marilyn Monroe left a legacy of beauty in her wake, with each photograph (whether professional or candid) regarded as a work of art, her quotations plastered upon thousands of websites and bedroom walls, and her style channelled in at least one celebrity photo shoot a month. But it is easy to forget that she was more than a just the face of *Playboy* magazine, she was human; she was broken and vulnerable, but she rose to a point of fame that almost crosses into legend. Her intelligence and depth of thought may not have been easily captured through a lens, but her spirit and passion was irrepressible. And although she was fatally flawed, what better personal role model is there than someone who, despite being labelled as a sexual object by so many, created her own path and independent definitions for herself? To me, there are none that are equal to Norma Jean, not even close.

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# MARILYN DEAD



Suicide squad

SOCIALIST-PLAYWRIGHT

SAIETY CHORUS GIRL

Theatre in Prison

ACTORS run the show

NEW JOB FOR BRUCE

Bruce Woodcock, former British heavy-weight boxing champion, took over yesterday as landlord of the Angel public house in Bolsover, Derbyshire.

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**Girls go on strike—for music**

GIRL workers in a large gown factory yesterday burst into song-by way of protest.

The management had switched off the B.B.C. "Housewives' Choice" programme, which was being relayed.

"No music no work," said the girls.

The leader of the "singing strike" was promptly ordered to leave the factory in sympathy, the rest of the factory's 200 girls walked out too.

The management appealed to the girls to return. They even switched on the music again. And after a ten-minute delay, the girls went back to work.

One girl at the factory, the Albion Works, Manchester (Glam), said later: "We were warned that the manager felt 9-10 a.m. was too early for music."

"But we have always had 'Housewives' Choice' on-air much nicer to have music while you work."

A policeman arrested P.A.S.C. Private Charles Frederick Bailey and asked him why he was away from his unit without leave.

Bailey replied: "I got bored with nothing to do all day long."

Torquay magistrates remanded him in custody yesterday to await report back to his camp at Borden.

**... So useful**

Men home helps make extremely good workers, about the boss of Mrs. M. L. Robey, chairman of the National Association of Home Help Organisers, told the association's first international conference at Westminster yesterday.

Pubs need no longer insist to six people venue. This is also the earliest

However it is clear that his ideas on pride and race didn't appear from nowhere: as the film continues, Sal's underlying position on race is exposed, eventually resulting in the lead up to beloved Radio Raheem's death by police officers. What Lee does so brilliantly in the development of Sal's character is that he makes it clear that Sal has genuine fondness for those of his black customers and yet, in the society in which we live, fondness is not enough, fondness does not cancel out racism and Lee makes this clear.

Generations driven by greed have stunted the growth of ideas on empathy for the generations to come, *Vino* has had his father and community as his example and Sal will have learnt from his own experiences growing up and ideas that have been passed down, undoubtedly amongst histories of struggle. However, this cycle is too limiting, the main problem, I believe, is not what morals are passed down but the nature with which society does not allow communities to detach themselves from singular narratives of what it is to be "right" or wrong. Environments need to be created in which there is an encouraged freedom for making our own conclusions, with exterior influences as options not persuasions.




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A core team of sixth form Art students create all of the content, including the poetry, writing and collected material collages. Encouraging the students to take the responsibility and ownership of the zine after the first copy is always part of the thinking and some students take greater responsibility for the zine at different times, depending on their workload. The zine is seen as a way to give confidence and positive feedback for students work, students are often asked to share work they have created in the zine, and then asked to make further literary contributions too.



DREAMS—contd.

DRYNESS, Internal parts of (Of parts usually moist)

Waking (While awake with reflections)

Misfortune, of (bad luck)

Falling.

From high places

Events of the previous day

Continued after waking

Death, of

Vexatious

Disease

Fantastic.

Mental exertion

About the

Murder

Nightmares (cf. DREAMS, frightful—947)

Unremembered

Vivid

DUST, Internal, sensation of  
Water

DRY SENSATION, Internally.

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The Zine has been recently given a revamp and a new name - the Anchoress. Currently students who are interested in an editorial career or those that want to speak out around areas of interest find themselves drawn to the zine as a way to make themselves heard. There is always an appreciation for exciting art and students approach their peers asking to use their work. A collective voice. Currently they are now thinking of selling the zine to their peers to make the printing of it sustainable and even get some extra materials for their creativity.

This man's problem is big—  
real big!



all that distinguishes our time, came far more  
from here than anywhere else.

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to inform you  
I am writing this so you know  
As writing is the only method I have,  
My long lost love.

No longer do I long for long winter days  
Badge clad name attached to the white fibres of my laundry chest.  
Your signature yellow.  
No longer do my eyes light up to the cheque you hand me,  
Mortified pleasures on the metaphorical Shoreditch.  
No longer are we in love, old friend.

No more will I carry out the maze-like coffee tasks in your heated dungeon,  
No more nothings made to perfection according to lists, to scales,  
No more everything numbered from one! To one hundred!  
No more waltzes in the sun as I explain the various parts of me you try to  
purchase,  
I am one.  
The apron I wear bleeds. English tea and the stench of desperate want.  
Spring approaches and I know this love affair must end.

No longer will we dance slowly,  
As my tears are shed as I shy away from your gaze,  
As I stack coffee cups in the order  
You tell me I must. My angry face pointed poignantly to the corner of the  
room.

No more! No more!  
You turn your iron-bar face three hundred and sixty degrees behind a trans-  
lucent black shield.  
You love me from afar.  
I shield myself behind my eyes, from the wrath.  
You love me in monochrome.  
You love me in synth sequences.

In broken love we are tainted.  
In broken love the broken bleak bond of modern-day is real.

Salem Khazali



As a department, we are working to expand the variety, experience and understanding of what art and creativity is. Any opportunities to widen the experiences of students to work cross disciplinary is part of our vision and ethos.

Suddenly the shops stopped and the crowds dissipated. I had reached the end of the street and could see a metal bridge in front, the penultimate crossing before the end in front. I could see nothing beyond except blue, a blue that seemed to scoop under the street where I stood, though I had no way of knowing if that was the case as my view was half severed by the unassuming beige wall in front. At once noxious fumes pervaded my senses and I glanced left to see a towering ink factory with thick, viscous tendrils seeping heavenwards from sulphurous barrels, once beige now almost black, patches of a lighter hue poisoned and distorted by the gas. I looked down at my hands to see the string of sausages I was carrying had become greasy and mould flourished on its exterior. I had traveled all this way seeking for a place

to cook them and now they were ruined. My face was creased with anger as I heard a rumbling groan in front of me. A convoy of police cars crossed ahead, parallel to the wall, slowly as if from a funeral. Their gleaming metal outsides mocked the gross decay the ink factory was committing. Emotionless they proceeded. "How dare you come in white and red!" I desperately cried, but what I said next was forgotten.



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JACOB'S PILLOW





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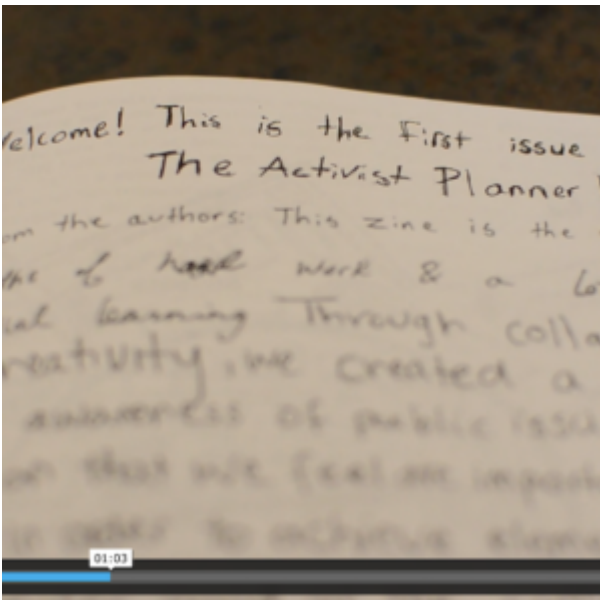


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Using a well loved children's book as a starter for creating a beautiful and varied collage using different inking techniques.

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## **Inspired! Re-Creating Cupid and Psyche in Mixed Media by Year Fives at Linton Heights**

Year Five teacher, Kirsty Webb, shares her pupils' Inspire journey and their response to the Renaissance painting of Cupid and Psyche by Jacopo Del Sellaio at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge and the benefits of having a full immersion into materials and working together as a class on a shared project.

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## **Unesco: Celebrating the Power of Making!**

Inspired by Paula's recent rousing film, 'It's in Our Hands', artist Jan Miller pulled images together from her own teaching to illustrate the things the children in her classroom do with their hands

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# **Cupid and Psyche: How a Fifteenth-Century Renaissance Panel Became the Most Loved Painting in Cambridgeshire**

Sheila Ceccarelli tells the story of how Cupid and Psyche, painted by Jacopo Del Sellaio, an Italian Renaissance artist, came to become the most loved painting in Cambridgeshire. Inspire is an exhibition of art made by primary school children and celebrates the creativity of our local schools. It champions the on-going importance of cultural learning and the visual arts for children and young people. A chance also to see Del Sellaio's Cupid and Psyche on display next to the children's work.

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## **Thinking Silhouettes**

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## **Mini World Light Boxes**

Teacher Anna Campbell shares this beautiful resource which shares how children aged between 4 and 7 years old, made 'Light' boxes. This project could easily be adapted for an older class and is brilliant for SEN children/adults.

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# Wall Drawings with Tape

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## Abstract Face – Relief Sculptures

In this construction and painting resource, students make an abstract face, relief sculpture from cardboard, adding colour, texture and metal findings. This resource was inspired by the work of Kimmy Cantrell, a self-taught contemporary artist who uses asymmetry to question long-established views around beauty.

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## Anthropomorphic Animal Paintings

This painting activity looks at giving human characteristics to animals. Anthropomorphism is making something which is not human, more human like for e.g Miss Piggy, Mickey Mouse and the characters created by Beatrix Potter. This activity was inspired by the paintings of two contemporary artists who use anthropomorphism in their work, Ken Hoffman and Svjetlan Junakovic.

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# **'Painting' with Plasticine**

In this resource, students create an A4 plasticine painting on mountboard, in a theme of their choice. The artwork is completed with a painted border using water based paints. This project took six, one hour sessions to complete but if you can't allocate that amount of time, reduce the size of the mountboard to A5 or smaller.