"Ordinary to Extraordinary Self-Portrait Collages" A 4-Day Workshop with illustrator and educator Jacqueline Alcántara.

Objective: Students will create mixed media self-portraits inspired by "Ordinary Days: The Sounds, Seeds and City That Grew Prince Rogers Nelson" (written by Angela Joy, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara published by Roaring Brook Press 2023)



Why is a workshop better than a one-off visit??! Well, the art teacher in me absolutely loves getting out the chance to boost creative confidence one classroom at a time. In a workshop environment, I spend the whole time doing demos, helping students, sharing tidbits of knowledge, advice, and enthusiasm for writing, reading and making art. Well throw on some Prince music, get out the glue, paint and brushes and have a great time exploring the practical and personal sides of making art.

Students will :

- Get to know the legendary musician Prince Rogers Nelson.
- See the original artwork from "Ordinary Days" and materials I used to create each page.
- Learn basics of color theory and color mixing. Each students will create their own unique color. (like Prince's very own Pantone Purple!)
- Explore the sights and sounds of our "Ordinary Day" and discuss how memories can be inspiration for art and music.
- Explore symbols and how they can represent us artistically, as Prince used many symbols in his music and art from Doves, Peace Signs, and even created his very own "Love Symbol".
- Learn foundational watercolor skills. Creating a wash, a gradient wash, layering and color mixing.
- Use collage techniques to add layers of meaning to the self-portraits.
- Have 4 (45min 60 min sessions) days to talk, paint and bond with an artist.

*Workshops are designed best for 4th and 5th grade students.



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