

PS 8 Enrichment Program: BRIC Rotunda Gallery



After highly successful programs in years past with the 2nd grade, among others, the BRIC Rotunda Gallery will be emphasizing work with the Pre-K classes in the Winter and Spring of 2008.

For the Pre-K, Rotunda Gallery Artist Teacher Monique Ford has been brainstorming with classroom teachers Mariann Levkulic and Ann Barretta to create an exciting curriculum they call "The Great Masters." This program, leading the students to discover the styles and artistic methods of a number of influential artists, will take place on Mondays from January 7 through the end of the school year. As the Artist/Classroom Teaching Team plans this curriculum, the "Great Master" artists and art media may include: Matisse- collage, painting or textile design; Picasso- painting, and or ceramics; Van Gogh- painting on stretched canvas; Degas- large oil pastels; Nevelson- sculpture, styrofoam, cardboard boxes; Paul Klee- basic printmaking techniques; Romaine Bearden- collage- photo montage; Chuck Close- large finger printing portraits from photographs; and Joan Mitchell- Abstract Expressionist paintings! The residency will conclude with the student art being installed at the Rotunda Gallery in Brooklyn Heights, with an opening reception planned.

About The BRIC Rotunda Gallery and the "In Residence" program

Founded in 1981, BRIC Rotunda Gallery presents contemporary art, public events and an innovative arts education program. The Gallery's aim is to increase the visibility and accessibility of contemporary art while bridging the gap between the art

world and global culture in Brooklyn and the world beyond. BRIC Rotunda Gallery is the visual arts program of BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn, a multi-disciplinary arts and media non-profit, dedicated to presenting visual, performing and media arts programs that are reflective of Brooklyn's diverse communities and to supporting the creative process.

BRIC Rotunda Gallery In Residence! introduces Brooklyn students to contemporary art through in-school residencies and professional development opportunities for parents, teachers and administrators. The Gallery's professional development initiatives increase the capacity of teachers to be a part of a collaborative team, to integrate the visual arts into the core curriculum, to engage in meaningful planning and assessment, and to more effectively use the resources of the New York City cultural community. BRIC Rotunda Gallery's Artist Educators and classroom teachers engage in detailed planning that in turn empowers students to engage, explore, and produce their personal best. During BRIC Rotunda Gallery's annual KidsArt exhibition, the Gallery celebrates the work created throughout the year by participating students. In the words of renowned arts educator Maxine Greene, "Imagination opens up intellectual possibility!"



For more information about the Rotunda Gallery, visit their website:

www.briconline.org/rotunda/. Or, visit the gallery in person: they are located at 33 Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, right in PS 8's neighborhood.