

Melissa Walker & Ashley Farlow

Melissa Walker, Teacher

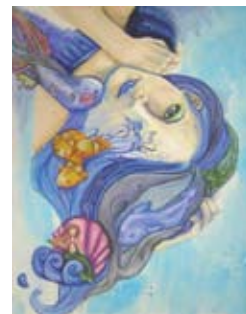
I find the intuitive experimentation and discovery involved in creating abstract art very challenging. Working with acrylic and collage allows me to work quickly and keeps my artwork fresh and loose. Building layers with collage and adding gestural lines, as well as journaling and stamping are just some of the techniques I incorporate into my art. I relish the interaction of colors and shapes on a surface, the tension between lights and darks, and the blended edge versus the hard line. I look forward to the process of creating paintings filled with energetic layers of varied textures and patterns and rich color.



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Ashley Farlow, Student

Everyday objects transform into something not seen by the normal eye, and the world's stories follow me home to eventually appear on a surface of my choosing. I never stop thinking about wanting to turn a thought or vision into a physical product for everyone to see because I always have the passion to create art. I guess you could call it "wearing your art on your sleeve." I feel like anyone who looks at my artwork and evaluates it, is looking into my life, soul, and heart.



Ashley Farlow is a student at Randleman High School in Randleman, North Carolina.



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