



LARGER THAN LIFE PORTRAIT PROJECT VISUAL ARTS RESIDENCY



Barbara Bailey Hutchison Close Up Close Workshop - Art and Music

Lesson Objectives

- Students will create their own larger than life self-portrait.

- Students will learn the grid system for producing accurate drawings. They will gain confidence in their ability to draw while improving their hand eye coordination.

- Demonstrate that if you have a large task and you break it down into smaller pieces, you can accomplish the job successfully

- Encourage the students to learn more about the life and work of artist Chuck Close, a man who became a great artist while overcoming many obstacles throughout his life. His story will help them realize they too can overcome anything on their way to success.



Chuck Close was a big, clumsy, non-athletic child. Because he was Dyslexic, everyone considered him dumb and lazy. His father died when he was eleven. His mother had breast cancer and they lost their home because of medical bills. An only child, he spent most of one year in bed with nephritis, a nasty kidney infection. He found joy in art. He graduated not only from the University of Washington in 1962 (magna cum laude) but from Yale as well. Close was at the height of his career as a portrait painter when he was stricken with a spinal blood clot that left him a quadriplegic. Many thought his career was over, but he learned to paint with a brush strapped to his hand and continues to be a true superstar in the world of art.

Class size: Up to 20, depending on the space available. Each student needs tabletop workspace at least 36 in. wide. (2 students per 6 ft by 30 in. table)

Age requirement: 12 and up (adults are welcome, especially if accompanied by a child! If they are drawing too, they'll need their own space and materials.)

There is a small materials fee of \$4 per student

For this fee, Barbara will supply:

- Oil pastels
- Poster board (already printed with grid)
- One 5"x7" transparency printed with grid
- One correctly sized printed photograph of student



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One Week (5 Day) Residency
(Five - 1 hour & 20 minute classes)

This residency includes a group mural (4'x4') of a surprise celebrity along with students' individual 20" x 28" self portraits.

Fee: \$2500

Materials Fee: \$4 per student

(Shorter residencies are possible. Let us know what your time frame is and we'll discuss the possibilities.)

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