



Artist Instructor Profile – Jeanne Bootz Brown

Please meet Jeanne Bootz Browne. Jeanne is excited to be working as Camp Director for Summer Art Experience and as a youth instructor. She taught 9- to 11-year-olds at the Amory last summer and is an enthusiastic teacher of the BAK School of the Arts Audition Prep class taught here at the Armory Art Center.

The first art project that Jeanne remembers is from when she was 6-years old. She desperately wanted to paint a picture of a bowl of fruit. The paint colors didn't come out as bright as she had imagined. This became a puzzle that she just had to solve. How did she make the colors come out brighter?

Jeanne studied at The University of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN. She first earned a B.A. in Studio Art and later returned for a second major in Art Education. Her favorite thing about this program was that the extremely low teacher to student ratio combined with work study allowed her to have a close relationship with her professors and accessibility to all the studios and galleries. The dedicated studios at the Armory Art Center plus the camaraderie of the instructors and small class sizes remind her of her college years.

The class that Jeanne teaches most often is Classical Drawing Techniques. It's important for her to teach her students the skills of using different tools for the desired effect. Jeanne feels that artists are storytellers, and it is essential for artists to be able to express ideas or feelings through their work. For those who have never tried a class before, Jeanne would like them to know that "You can do it! It may take practice, or you may not know how yet but if you want to, you can!"

Jeanne loves to see art in museums and in galleries. She particularly enjoys it when she can speak with the artist or knowledgeable docents. Her current favorite artist is Faith Ringgold. She is an American painter, writer, mixed media sculptor, and performance artist, best known for her narrative quilts. Jeanne was delighted to be able to meet her and still gets goosebumps talking about the experience.

Jeanne has been an art teacher in public and private schools and in private settings. She currently teaches at U.B. Kinsey/Palmview Elementary School of the Arts in West Palm Beach. She believes that creating art is one thing, but she only truly considers herself an artist when she displays her artwork.

To view or purchase Jeanne's art, you can direct message her through Instagram (@bootzculturecampinc) or Facebook (Jeanne Bootz Brown).

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