

Andrew Katz & Natalie Belkov

Andrew Katz, Teacher

I believe that in teaching the visual arts, one must model the artistic behaviors that they'd like to see in their students. Whenever I make a piece of art, I take on the persona of a student, as well as that of an investigator of the subject. I try to choose dynamic compositions that are discovered when I move in closer on an otherwise mundane subject. I am particularly interested in overlapping textures and unique negative shapes. Cropping down to the point of abstraction has enabled me to generate interesting, and somewhat enigmatic, compositions. Most



of my subjects—birds, crabs, and boat parts—are inspired by my life on and around the Chesapeake Bay.

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Natalie Belkov, Student

My biggest motto as an artist is "I believe that my journey through the art world will never end."

I think that the inspiration and motivation for my artwork come from a multitude of different places. When I start an art project, it's as if I am influenced by some unknown force to not only produce my best work, but to create something that my peers will enjoy, and hopefully inspire others later down the road.

My journey through the endless and fascinating world of art this year has been nothing short of wonderful. While this is my last year as a student in Mr. Katz's



artroom, I am sure that our travels together through the art world have only begun.

Natalie Belkov is an eighth-grade student at the Key School in Annapolis, Maryland. She is an athlete, musician, student leader, and visual artist.



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