

Michelle Surrena & David Shonk

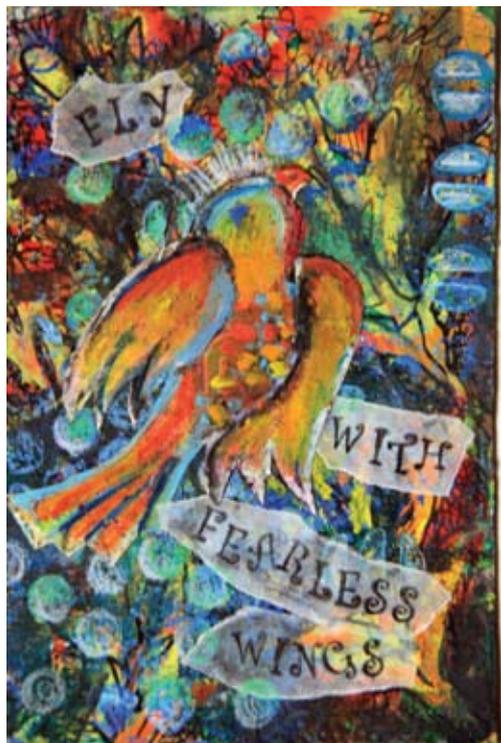
Michelle Surrena, Teacher

Mixed-media collage consumes my artistic endeavors. The combination of various materials with different textures, surfaces, and energies compels me to create. The constant metamorphosis that my artwork undergoes as I add and subtract various materials helps me see how different elements work together, the limits of various media, and how experimentation leads to discovery.

Inspiration for my artwork comes from patterns and cycles, especially those I encounter in nature and in my daily life. I explore these cycles and patterns through layering various media and repetition of elements. My art-

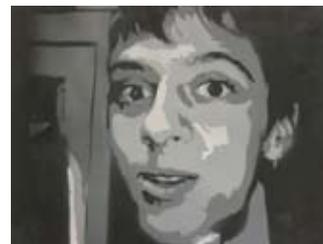
work shows extreme detail and an overabundance of layers; a personification of me and my everyday life.

Michelle Surrena is an art teacher at Stow-Munroe Falls High School in Stow, Ohio.



David Shonk, Student

I have been creating art my entire life. As an advanced-placement art student, my focus is on large spray-painted stencils. My work evolved into elaborate stencil designs through my interest in graffiti art. A majority of my art has a darker undertone, which stems from my interest in haunted houses. In fact, for the past five years I have built a haunted house in my garage. I constantly strive to push the limits of my style; it is constantly evolving. My work often incorporates monochromatic color that incorporates one or two contrasting accent colors. Overall, my



artwork comments on my observations from everyday life.

David Shonk is student at Stow-Munroe Falls High School in Stow, Ohio.



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