Art A Day  CHALLENGE: Fame and Form

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Stuff you’ll need: Materials are up to you! Read through the challenge and make your decision based on your idea!

Words to know:

Kabuki: A classical form of Japanese dance-drama theater.

Tachiyaku (立役, alt. tateyaku) is a term used in the Japanese theatrical form kabuki to refer to young adult male roles, and to the actors who play those roles.

LOOK at this woodblock print. Notice the repeated patterns in the robe and the way the person is standing, the body even kind of makes an “S” [a sneaky way that artists sometimes draw people to make us see movement]. The figure takes up most of the page leaving little negative space.

The person in this picture was a famous actor in Japanese the Tachiyaku. The actor was Bando Mitsugoro III and he usually played the main character in theater. In Japan these traditional actors are called Kabuki.

This kind of print was really popular. Everyday people used to pin these prints on their walls just like some people tape posters of movies or actors on their walls today!

THINK of an actor/actress, athlete, singer, or another type of artist that you look up to or are entertained by. What about them gets your attention or interest?

MAKE a poster that shows this person singing your favorite song, acting in a favorite part of a movie, playing a sport, etc. Highlight the best part of their talent or skills as an artist. Try to make sure you are using most of the space on your paper, no matter what size you have to work with! How can you make the person interesting to look at? Will you have the person shaped slightly like an “S” or have them looking directly at the viewer like the example above? Will there be movement or interesting details? Use whatever materials you’d like (paper, pencil, markers, color pencils, paint, photography, digital media...ANYTHING).

Writing Extension: What is a role model? Explain why you selected this person. Is this person a role model outside of what they are known best for?

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