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The Puzzle Project consists of thousands of 24"x 24" artistic puzzle pieces created in more than 20 states and 10 countries.

The puzzle pieces are assembled together into a massive jigsaw puzzle art installation.

Artists, young & old, have contributed their individual voice collectively with other artists from around the world, to form this historic puzzle art project. It is a simple way for each of us to express ourselves or tell a story with art.

Like each of us, every puzzle piece is different. Together they create a large meaningful piece of art that is like nothing ever seen or exhibited.



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# The Puzzle Project offers each artist a mult-level creative experience...

## Express Yourself:

Each artist has their own individual creative experience and expresses themselves with meaningful puzzle art.



## Collaboration is a Beautiful Thing:

Artists work together and enjoy a shared creative experience.



## Be a Part of Something Big:

Artists become part of something big by sending their jigsaw art to NYC to join the thousands of puzzle pieces from around the world.





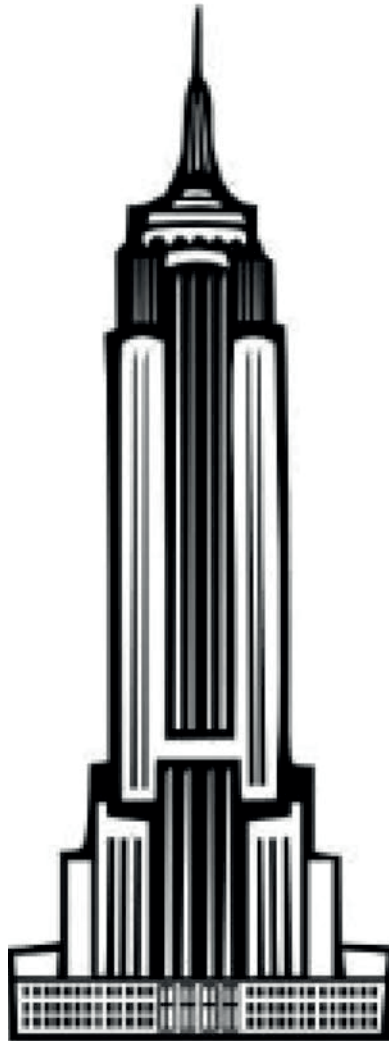
### Our Goal:

Assemble the thousands of artistic puzzle pieces, created in more than 20 states & 10 countries, into a massive jigsaw puzzle art installation in New York City.



5,000 PUZZLE PIECES

1,250 feet



THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

### How Massive?:

If we assembled 5,000 pieces 9 feet wide (six puzzle pieces across), stacked up, the installation would stand 1,250 feet high. For context, the Empire State Building stands 1,250 feet tall... we have more than 6,000 unique artistic puzzle pieces.





THE UNIVERSE IS LIMITLESS  
THE EARTH IS NOT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

EVERYONE IS DOWN ON AN ARTIST  
THE HARD PART IS STAYING ONE

MAKE  
THE  
LIFE  
LIVES  
IN  
FLOWER

EXPRESS YOURSELF  
THROUGH ART.  
IT'S EASY.

What you know  
what you love  
and the plan

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and the plan

What you know  
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and the plan

PEACE

Know  
to  
Succeed



ART  
IS  
GOOD



ARGENTINA  
MY  
ARGENTINA



PEACE

The Trojan Horse  
could is should  
should is would  
would is wood  
of course  
What started with an apple  
must en  
with a  
horse

Shoot for the  
Moon  
If you miss you'll  
Land



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All We Ask is, Don't Just Make  
**SOMETHING**  
on Your Puzzle Piece...

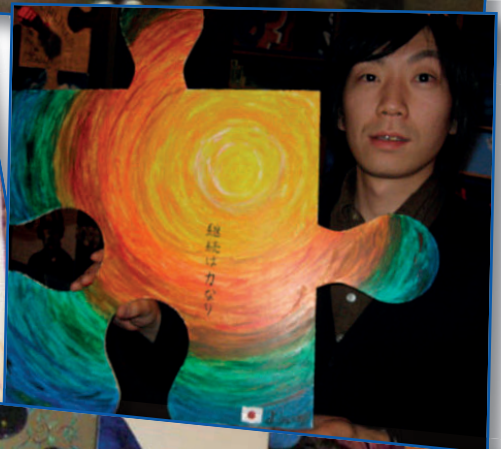
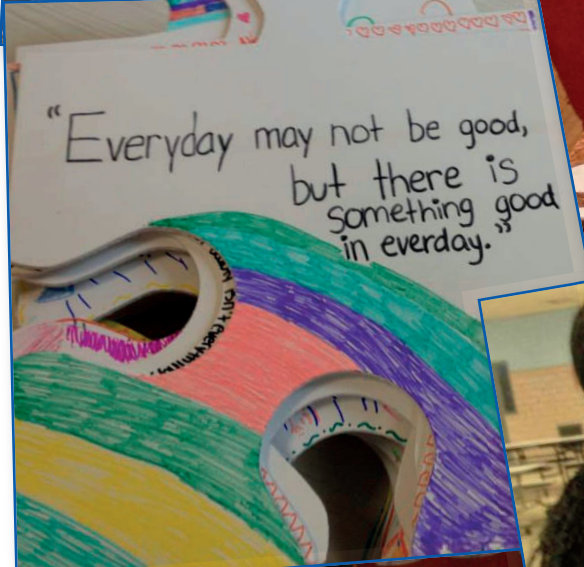
Make Something  
**MEANINGFUL TO YOU.**

There are no rules to how you make your puzzle piece.  
You can write, draw, paint, collage or do mixed media.



Would you like to create your own puzzle piece?









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# SOME THINGS YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW



### What?:

- > The project consists of thousands of unique artistic puzzle pieces.
- > Each piece is a uniform 24" x 24" standard puzzle shape.
- > The pieces are assembled together into a large art installation that travels & grows.
- > 5,000 puzzle pieces assembled stand 9"h x 1,250"w. We have more than 6,000 pieces.
- > It is a simple way for each of us to express ourselves and/or tell our own story with art.

### How?:

- > You can paint, draw, write, collage or mount things onto your puzzle piece(s).
- > There are NO RULES to how you make your puzzle piece(s).
- > Don't just make SOMETHING on your puzzle piece(s)... [make something MEANINGFUL TO YOU.](#)

### Who?:

- > Created by thousands of artists, young & old.
- > Created by artists from across the country and around the world.
- > Arts groups, organizations, support groups, libraries, schools, universities, corporations and individual artists have participated. New groups regularly join the project.

### Why?:

- > The Puzzle Art Installation & Collaborative Project exists as proof that art is essential to life.
- > Each piece starts out blank white, but in the end all the pieces are different... just like all of us. The installation is a powerful form of expression that we will continue to grow and share with others. All in the name of art as a form of expression for everyone.

### When?:

- > Started by MCAC at 2009 Teen Arts Festival at Brookdale. Seed funding by SurfTaco.
- > Our goal is to assemble all pieces from around the world into a super-massive exhibition.

### How can people get involved?:

- > Groups can contact Tim Kelly for an Art is Good workshop or blank puzzle pieces.
- > Individuals can pick up a piece at select locations.
- > We try to make it easy for everyone to get involved.

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**The Puzzle Project Offers a Multi-Phase Creative Opportunity for Schools, Arts Organizations, Non-Profits, Corporations and Healing Arts Support Groups.**



### **PHASE ONE- Puzzle Introduction**

Learn about the project, collaboration and expression through art. Examples of puzzle art made by others is shared and discussed. Tim Kelly is available for on-site or Skype puzzle project introductions.

### **PHASE TWO- What is “MEANINGFUL” to Me?**

Artists consider what they may create on their puzzle piece. Utilizing the “Puzzle Planning Sheet,” participants plan and scheme their ideas. Working out your message or what meaningful story you will tell often makes the “puzzle art making” phase more productive. Schools often make this phase an exercise and discussion about “what is meaningful?”

### **PHASE THREE- Puzzle Art Making**

You can paint, draw, write, collage or mount things onto your puzzle piece. Tim Kelly and The Puzzle Team are available for on-site workshops. We recommend live music during puzzle art making. Participants can bring meaningful personal items from home.

### **PHASE FOUR- Assemble Your Own Jigsaw Puzzle Art Installation**

Assemble your groups dozens or hundreds of puzzle pieces locally into a big jigsaw art installation and have a reception to celebrate it. Artists get to discuss their own piece or simply feel proud as others marvel at the exhibit and individual puzzle artwork.

### **PHASE FIVE- Help Us Grow the Super-Massive Jigsaw Puzzle Art Installation**

Once you have dis-assembled your artistic puzzle pieces, send them to Tim to be included with the thousands of unique pieces created around the world. Each individual piece helps the super-massive jigsaw puzzle art installation become even more meaningful and massive.

### **PHASE SIX- Attend the Reception for the Super-Massive Installation**

The puzzle installation is dynamic and constantly growing. We are continuously finding new and unique locations to exhibit this mammoth collaboration. You can attend one of our exhibits and find your piece among the many on display. Be a part of art history.

### **PHASE SEVEN- Feel Proud and Tell People**

Being part of a world-wide collaborative art project is a pretty unique experience. Cherish it. Feel proud. Tell people.

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# Some Puzzle Project Participants (in no particular order)

- Art Connects New York in Soho, NYC (non-pofit arts group)
- The Middletown Art Center in Middletown NJ (3,000+ on display)
- The Queens Museum of Art (QMA Partnership Program and a community event in the QMA galleries)
- Keegan Theatre in Washington, DC
- 20 high schools at the 2009 Monmouth Teen Arts Festival at Brookdale College in NJ
- The YMCA in Williamsburg & Greenpoint, Brooklyn (Strong Kids campaign)
- Hofstra University (Anti-bullying campaign)
- The Reaves Gallery in Chelsea, NYC (2 open workshops)
- The Monroe Center for the Arts in Hoboken, NJ
- Figment Art Fair on Governors Island & Northside Festival in Williamsburg, Brooklyn
- Americorp, NCCC in Mississippi
- PS16 in Williamsburg, Brooklyn- three years in a row. Part of 2013 "Leadership" campaign
- PS84 & The Harry Van Arsdale H.S. in Brooklyn
- PS177, PS144, PS161, IS25 and Seaview Academy in NYC (The Project has a NY DOE vendor number)
- Icahn Charter School 4, Bronx, New York
- The Monmouth County Arts Council & The Belmar Arts Council
- The David S. Zocchi Brain Tumor Center & Camp Jinka Camp Jinka (brain tumor support camp)
- The Monmouth & Ocean County Brain Tumor Support Group
- 8 branches of the Monmouth Library System
- The School of Creative & Performing Arts in San Diego
- Anatolia College (an American affiliated high school) in Thessaloniki, Greece
- InRivers Art Space in Greenpoint, Brooklyn (interviewed live by NY1)
- Monmouth University in NJ (autism fundraiser)The Valerie Cancer Center
- Compassionatefriends.org
- The Secondary School of Applied Arts in Kosice in Slovakia and in Ostrava in the Czech Republic, Brigshaw High School and Language College in Leeds in Great Britain, Papsst-Johannes XXIII Gesamtschule in Stommeln-Pulheim in Germany and Istituto Tecnico Commerciale e per Geometri in Pescara in Italy (<http://www.sus-ostrava.cz/sos/>)
- The University of Illinio Chicago (and the Mathers High School in Chicago)
- The Fusion Academy in L.A., Mission Veijo, Pasadena, Westchester, NYC & Long Island
- The Navy Wives Club in Coronado, California (with GI's with PTSD)
- Rabbi Pressman Academy in Beerly Hills, California
- Christ Community Church in St. Louis, MO
- Esther Element (girls tween mentoring group)
- etsy.com ("artsy" workshop at etsy labs in Brooklyn, plus featured on blog)
- The New School in Holmdel, The Bayhead School, and Lavalette Elementary in NJ
- InWood House in the Bronx (pregnant at-risk teens)
- Island Heights Grade School and Deal Elementary School in Deal (the schools eliminated their art programs)
- Customers and employees of SurfTaco Corporation
- The Corlears School in Manhattan, NY
- The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens in Jacksonville, Florida
- One Life Student Ministries Youth Group in Pekin Indiana
- Project Ability at Arc of St. John's in St. Augustine , Florida
- The International College in Beirut, Lebanon
- South River Public Library in NJ and a Brownie Troop in Navesink, NJ
- Hoboken High School and The Connors School in Hoboken, NJ (outreach with Monroe Center for the Arts)
- JSAS in Asbury Park, NJ (methadone clinic)
- Fine Arts Blount in Maryville, TN with the local art community
- The Woodlin School, in Silver Spring Maryland and The Oxford School in Detroit Michigan
- Rotary Club of West Chester/Liberty, Ohio and an alternative school in Norman, OK
- First Night Monterey, Monterey, California
- Chelsea Market- Artists & Fleas (Indie art market)
- Happy Time in the Lower East-side, NYC)
- Early Head Start/Head Start of York County in Pennsylvania
- Millenium Development, NYC (after-school programs, seniors/community centers)
- Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School in Melrose MA (multiple 5th grade classes)
- Boy Scout troupe in Eatontown, NJ
- An art group of home-schooled students in Saskatchewan, Canada
- We may have forgotten some groups and there are many others in the process of making puzzle pieces.





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## Planning Sheet



A large, empty outline of a human figure, designed for participants to write their names or messages in. The outline is composed of several connected shapes: a head, a torso, and two legs, all defined by a simple black line.

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**Notes:**



DUPLICATE AND SHARE THIS PLANNING SHEET

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