

Grades 1 to 5 / Ages 6 to 11

10 programs / 4 minutes

Year of Production: 2004

Children learn about key elements and kinds of art in these short, engaging programs featuring a robot character named “ArtBot” — who is created and programmed “ to learn about all things art.” Along with ArtBot, who is guided by an affable *TVOKids* host in each program, young students discover the importance of aspects, and gain an introduction to the various avenues of artistic expression. Each program also presents a special, uploaded “art file” on the related topic, featuring on site visits with professional artists, who discuss their love of art and demonstrate their related techniques and approach. Youngsters, too, talk about their works of art, and share their views on the value and rewards of creating art.

Resource Materials: A teacher's guide, with program descriptions, learning objectives, and pre- and post-viewing activities, is available.

Programs

Line

BPN 895201

Line — its importance to art, and various uses such as creating patterns and rhythms, and expressing movements and emotions. (3:11)

Shape

BPN 895202

The types of shapes in art: geometric and organic; what various shapes represent; and the creative possibilities by combining shapes. (3:14)

Texture

BPN 895203

The meaning of texture; examples of materials and objects that an artist can use to give texture; and the appeal of incorporating things that “you like to touch” — or not — into artmaking. (3:08)

Space

BPN 895204

The importance of space in art; how artists create space; and the uses of “foreground” and “background” to create a sense of closeness or distance. (3:28)

Color

BPN 895205

An explanation of primary and secondary colors; how artists use color to convey their emotions; color's potential to bring definition, depth, and brightness to a work of art, and how an artist blends colors. (2:58)

Painting

BPN 895206

The origins and techniques of painting, from prehistoric times, to today's infinite options for artists who paint; the important role of painting, such as recording our history or expanding our imaginations; and artists' revelations on why they paint. (3:34)

Photography

BPN 895207

The origins of photography, sometimes described as “painting with light;” why photography is such a powerful medium; and the appeal of digital cameras, including ease and immediacy. (2:52)

Drawing

BPN 895208

The meaning and value of drawing; how it is a process of discovery; and the freedom of expression, flexibility, and convenience it provides the artist. (3:47)

Sculpture

BPN 895209

The definition of sculpture, and its tactile appeal — both to the artist and the “audience;” and the pleasures of sculpting with different kinds of materials, such as glass, wood, and clay —as we meet artists who work in each of these media. (3:20)

Mixed Media

BPN 895210

An explanation of mixed media or “collage,” which involves using two or more media; the wide range of media available, including paints, photographs, newspaper, or found objects; and the rewards of being a mixed media artist. (3:03)



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8 programs / 4 minutes

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Found Art

BPN 895211

All junk is potential art, but all art is not potential junk. (3:25)

Landscape

BPN 895212

Landscape paintings can be a snapshot of another time and place. (3:25)

Careers in Art

BPN 895213

Almost every object, building and media in the modern world is designed by someone with a background in the arts. (3:25)

Portraiture

BPN 895214

Portraits are an exciting window into our past and a model for our future. (3:25)

Print Making

BPN 895215

Print making can be a colourful and creative way to make multiple works of art. (3:25)

Computers in Art

BPN 895216

We explore the power as an artistic tool. (3:25)

Pottery

BPN 895217

Pottery can be a great tactile way to express yourself in three dimensions. (3:25)

Public Art

BPN 895218

The whole world can be an art gallery if you know where to look. (3:25)

