

MAKING AN ART MANIFESTO

Manifesto definition: *a written statement declaring publicly the intentions, motives, or views of what you believe concerning making and appreciating.*

In Class today we will begin crafting our very own art manifestos. These will simply be declarations as to why you make art and what you think about art. Simple enough, right? Before we get started, take time to answer these questions that will help you put your final manifesto together...

What are your core values in art?

Why do you make art?

How do you plan to make art? In a studio? Outside? Anywhere possible?

Why should we make art?

Why should we appreciate art?

What does appreciating art do for us?

Nate's Personal Art Manifesto:

I believe that art is for everyone. Art is a level playing field that anyone can enjoy. For too long the practice and appreciation of art has been locked up in the universities and stuffy galleries throughout the cities of the western world but thanks to new communications art is being released from its cage and set free! Art is to be made in the streets, on the playground, on your break at work and on your kitchen table after dinner. Like your favorite songs on your phone, art needs to be available fast and affordably.

I make art about regular people because I believe art is for regular people. I use whatever materials are in front of me: Fine oil paints and canvases? Great! Scraps of paper and a leaky sharpie? No problem! I'll try any kind of art making at least once. I treat art making and art appreciation like a carnival or concert or a night at the movies: it's something fun to check out and enjoy, learn from and marvel at. We need to look at art in this everyday context or it will be lost like some many other cultural gemstones. In life there will always be a cool new pop song to listen to, a new pair of sneakers to check out and a new painting to enjoy and appreciate.