

## **Shana PearlMutter**

Artist & Healing Centered Arts Educator

Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School

Classroom Blogs: <https://bellschoolart.wordpress.com/>

<https://sites.google.com/cps.edu/art-rocks-bell-2020-2021/teaching-resources>

Fund For Teachers Fellowship Blog: <https://salaamchicagohellomarrakech.wordpress.com/>

Art Practice: [www.shanapearlmutter.org](http://www.shanapearlmutter.org)

Artsonia Student Gallery: <https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=10847>

### **Education**

2017 National Board Re-Certification, Art Education

2007 National Board Certification, Art Education

2004 MAAE, Art Education, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

1994 BFA with honors, Printmaking and Painting, University of Kansas

2018-Present: Ongoing Mindfulness/Contemplative Studies

### **Grants/Professional Endeavors**

2022 SEL Everyday Mindfulness Certificate

2022 Ongoing Circle Ways Council Facilitator's training with Joe Provisor

2022 Ongoing Healing Centered Education Coursework with Dr. Angel Acosta

2021 Ingenuity Grant: Students & Teachers Thrive: PlayMakers Lab SEL Residency (K-2nd grades)

2018 Published Essay: "Letter to My Son" in *Makers, Crafters, Educators: Working for Cultural Change* edited by Elizabeth Garber, Lisa Hochtritt, Manisha Sharma

2017--Present "Nour/Light" Cross-cultural collaborative painting Collaboration with Artists in Morocco

2016 Oriental Institute Educator Advisory Board

2016-Present Facing History and Ourselves Teacher Leadership Team

2017 Ingenuity Grant: Creative Schools Fund: CirEsteem Residency (Knd-2 grades)

2016 Intuit: The Center for Outsider and Intuitive Art Teacher Fellowship

2015 Intuit: The Center for Outsider and Intuitive Art Teacher Fellowship

2015 Fund For Teachers Fellowship- Marrakech World Unesco Heritage Research

2014 Ingenuity Grant: Creative Schools Fund: Hubbard Street Dance (Knd-2 grade)

2014 Dialogue Chicago/Sarah Krepp Critique Seminar

2012 "Got Water" Bell Student Gallery exhibition funded two wells in Somalia

2011 Margot Stern Strom Award-Facing History and Ourselves

2009 Chicago Foundation for Education: Teaching Artistic Behavior Research Group

2007 Oppenheimer Family Foundation Arts Grant

2005 Community Arts Assistance Program (CAAP) Grant

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2003 Chicago Foundation for Education Arts Grant

## **Personal Awards**

- 2018 Obama Foundation: Leadership in Civic Education  
2016 Oriental Institute Griffin Award for Teacher Excellence  
2006 Chicago Public Schools Innovative Teaching: Drive Award

## **School-Based Teaching**

- 2001-22 Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School- Visual Arts Educator in Chicago Public School with 1000+ students, Kindergarten through 8th grade. Students include Hearing-Impaired/Deaf, Gifted, and others with special educational needs.  
2016 After School All Stars, Art Club: History of Islamic Geometric Design  
2012 After School All Stars, Art Club: Social Agency and the role of Art in Activism  
2005-08 Co-Instructed After School Matters, Connections Program at Bell School, Inclusion, Deaf/Hearing Arts classes, facilitated quilt-making for AIDS orphans in Tanzania, Africa and Pop Art ceramic city sculpture installation.

## **8th grade Student Civics/Social Justice inspired murals called The Legacy Project**

- 2020 "Community Thrive Pandemic Response Works"  
2019 "Wisdom Messages: Hear our Call"  
2018 "We Can Change the World"-Outside Mural and "Logos to Save the World"  
2017 "We Can Change the World"-Inside Mural #18  
2016 "Aesop Ethics Animal Forest" #17  
2015 "Pledge Against Hate" #16  
2014 "What do we Sustain and Preserve?" #15  
2013 "Where, After All, Do Human Rights Begin?" #14  
2012 "Stand Up, Upstanders" #13  
2011 "Americans Who Tell the Truth" #12 Hobert mural here  
2010 "Food Choices" #11  
2008 "Hear Our Voices in Our Stitches" Arpilleras #9  
2007 "Carbon Footprint," Outdoor Installation #8  
2006 "Universe of Obligation" Mural #7  
2005 "I am From..." Assemblage Mural #6  
2004 "Connections" Choosing to Participate Mosaic #5  
2003 "Sticks and Stones" Graphic Story Tiles #4  
2002 "U.S. Memorials & Thinkers, D.C." #3

## **6th grade, Ceramic and Mosaic Mural**

- 2005 "Illinois Native Prairie Stewards"

## **5th grade, Ceramic and Mosaic Mural**

- 2004 "Immigration: Our Passage, Our Arrival"

## **3rd grade, Lookingglass Theatre Residency Mural,**

- 2003 "Around the Corner"

## **Community-Based Teaching**

- 2001 Beacon Street Gallery and Chicago Youth Net Summer Arts Program  
Co-led Beacon Street's summer arts programming held at Clarendon Park  
2000 Gallery 37 Art Instructor/hosted by Chicago Public Art Group

- Assisted Mirtes Zwierzynski with a mural at the Ray Graham Training Center
- 1999 Sarah's Circle, "*Herstory*" Mural, Drop-in Center for Homeless/Transient Women
- 1997-99 Chicago Park District-Art Instructor
- At Adams Playground: taught preschool, youth art classes and summer camp.
- At Seward Park: Ran the senior citizen program, involving exercise, arts and crafts and social outings. Led a mosaic mural collaboration with teens based on the changes in Cabrini Green. The mural was hosted by Chicago Public Art Group and hangs in Seward Park. Taught art and developed a collaborative curriculum for the Park District's after school program, Park Kids, KidstArt and RAW. Taught outdoor art classes in Chicago Park District's North Region Parks out of a mobile art class minivan.
- 1996-97 Art Facilitator, Sarah's Circle, center for transient and homeless women, Chicago

### **Exhibitions and Public Art**

- 2019-2020 [Uncommon Ground/LakeView/Hideout-Collaborative Concurrence, Art With Many Hands art with 26+ artists from Morocco and the United States.](#)
- 2013 Uncommon Ground/Devon St, Chicago- Solo Show
- 2012 New Door Gallery-Group Show
- 2012 Café Finjan-Jewish/Muslim Artists, Group Show
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- 2007 Uncommon Ground/Clark St, Chicago- Solo Show
- 2007 Avram Eisen Gallery-*Masters of Art*, Group Show
- 2006 Chicago's Greektown, *A Celebration of the Grecian Urn*
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- 2004 Art House-Group Show, Chicago
- 2001 1926 Exhibition Studies Space, *Involuntary Action*
- Co-curated show and workshops examining roles of artists/educators in the public sphere.
- 2000 Muddy Waters House Refurbishment Mural Project, Muralist
- Co-created with the Chicago Historical Society, Neighborhood Services Co the Chicago Public Art Group
- 2000 "Our Home", Mosaic Mural, Seward Park
- 2000 Oscar Romero Jesuit Memorial Mural-Muralist, Loyola University Centennial Building. Collaborated with Mirtes Zwierzynski.

### **Affiliations-**

- The Acosta Institute
- Circle Ways
- NAEA Spiritual in Art Caucus
- Bell School Equity Teachers/Staff Committee
- Bell Equity Group (Parent/Caregiver Committee)
- Bell School Restorative Practices Cohort

Bell School Green Committee  
Bell School Fine Arts Committee  
Bell School Climate and Culture Committee  
CPS Arts Liaison  
Earth Guardians Curriculum Contributor  
Participate.com  
Amplifier.org  
Oriental Institute of Chicago, University of Chicago  
Facing History and Ourselves  
Project Soar Marrakech, NGO  
Whispers of The Moon: A Haven For Creative Expression