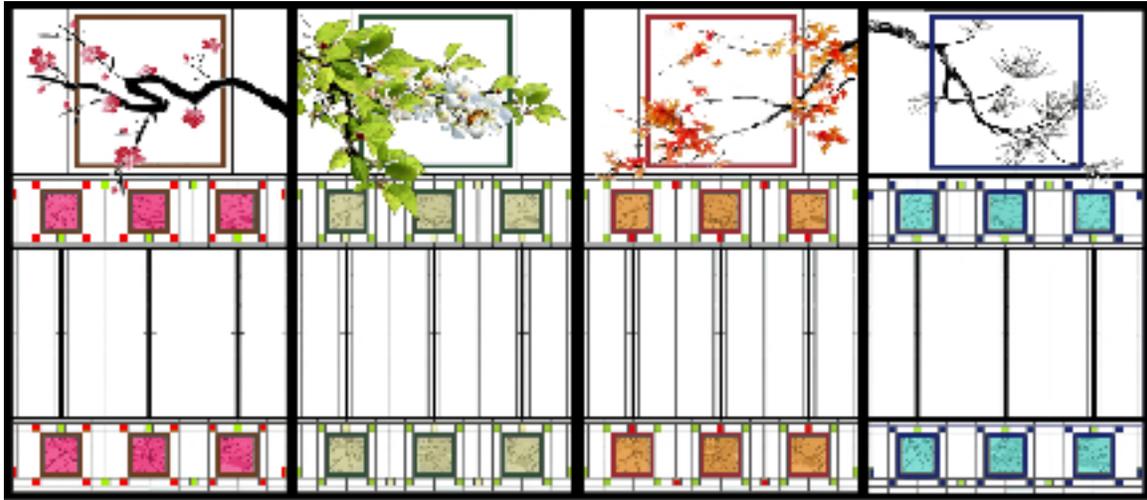


Chute Middle School 14th Annual Artist in
Residence Program Presents
50th Anniversary Project



Chute Middle School's Artist in Residence program began in 2003 by a group of engaged parents who were passionate about bringing in depth arts enrichment opportunities to the students. Since its inception, the program has seen a variety of artists in many genres work with both large and small groups of students at all grade levels in order to provide curriculum based enrichment programming in creative writing, performance, fine arts, music, and storytelling with such artists as Lookingglass, Piven Theatre Workshop, Manga, and Young Chicago Authors (Louder Than a Bomb).

This year we are excited to offer our first ever visual artist in residence by partnering with Rita Shimelfarb, an Evanston stained glass artist with over 20 years experience to commission a beautiful stained glass piece that will hang in the school for many years to come. Ms. Shimelfarb's design (above) is inspired by the work by Chicago artist Frank Lloyd Wright.

Ms. Shimelfarb began the project by working with the 8th grade students during their science classes to teach and demonstrate the detailed science behind the beautiful art that is stained glass allowing each student the opportunity to be a part of this historic project. The students were introduced to the chemistry and physics of glass, how it behaves at different temperatures, they learned about the glass coefficient of thermal expansion, got to work on glass cutting to be used in the final project and also had the opportunity to work with soldering the materials to be used in the final project. Ms. Shimelfarb then worked along side the advanced art students to bring the design to fruition.

We are very excited to present this beautiful final project that will hang in the school for many years to come to celebrate Chute's 50th Anniversary. For more information on Ms. Shimelfarb and her work, please visit her website at RitaShimelfarb.com