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KSMoCA

A contemporary art museum in a
public school in NE Portland, OR.

KSMoCA

5/27/18 3:00 p.m.
Portland, OR

SUNDAY PAINTINGS

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King School Museum of Contemporary Art (KSMoCA) is a museum-as-artwork project within the walls of a functioning Pre K–8th Grade public school in NE Portland, OR. It is founded by Lisa Jarrett and Harrell Fletcher who work alongside students, teachers and administration from Dr. MLK Jr. School and Portland State University’s College of the Arts. The project reimagines how museums, public schools and universities shape people, culture and perspectives by cultivating space for art to educate within and beyond the classroom through mutual exchange. Internationally renowned artists collaborate with students on site-specific projects, exhibitions and workshops. In turn, students learn about museum careers as they practice the roles of curator, preparator, publicist, artist, copywriter, registrar and docent.

KSMoCA’s program includes quarterly rotating exhibitions with visiting artists, Creative Research Centers with local arts institutions, a 1-on-1 mentorship program with local artists, a public artist lecture series, site-specific commissions, community and neighborhood events, and more. The public is welcome to experience the museum by appointment and during selected open hours. For more information, visit www.ksmoca.com or check out @ksmoca on Instagram for the latest updates.

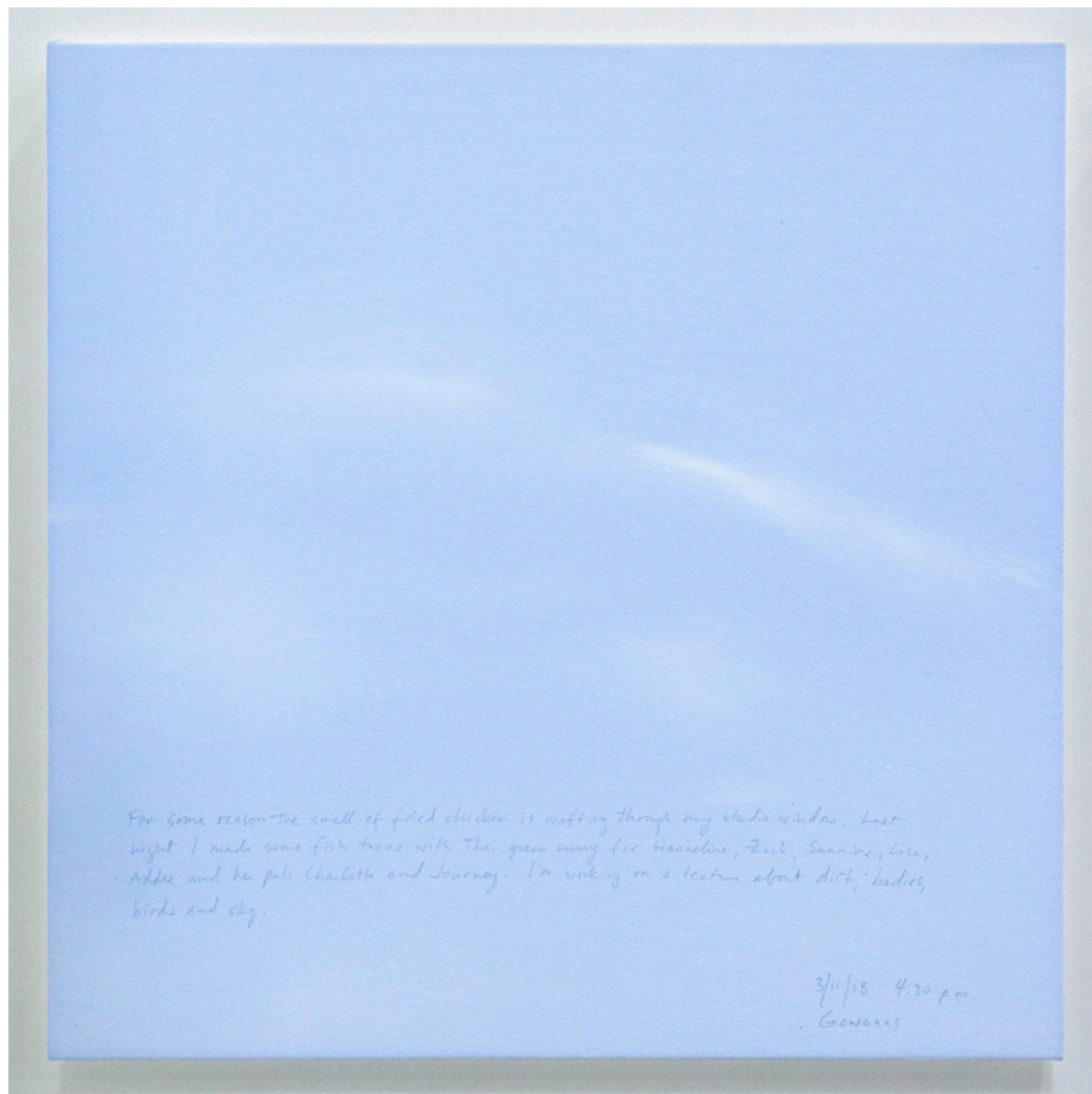
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School is a Pre K–8th Grade public school located in the King neighborhood of NE Portland, OR. This year (2018) we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our legacy and our name change, a student-led initiative directed by middle school students who worked with district administration to change the school's name just days after the death of Dr. King. At Dr. MLK Jr. School we believe in the unlimited potential of everyone in our diverse community. We believe that a caring well-balanced student will be motivated to become a global citizen who is inspired to take action.

Dr. MLK Jr. School is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and Middle Years Programme, a program that helps students develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn, and work in a rapidly globalizing world. We are also proud to be a Mandarin Immersion School. Students in the immersion program receive Mandarin instruction for half the day and English instruction the other half of the day. We welcome all families to come find out more about what Dr. MLK Jr. School has to offer both in our Mandarin Immersion and our English only programs.

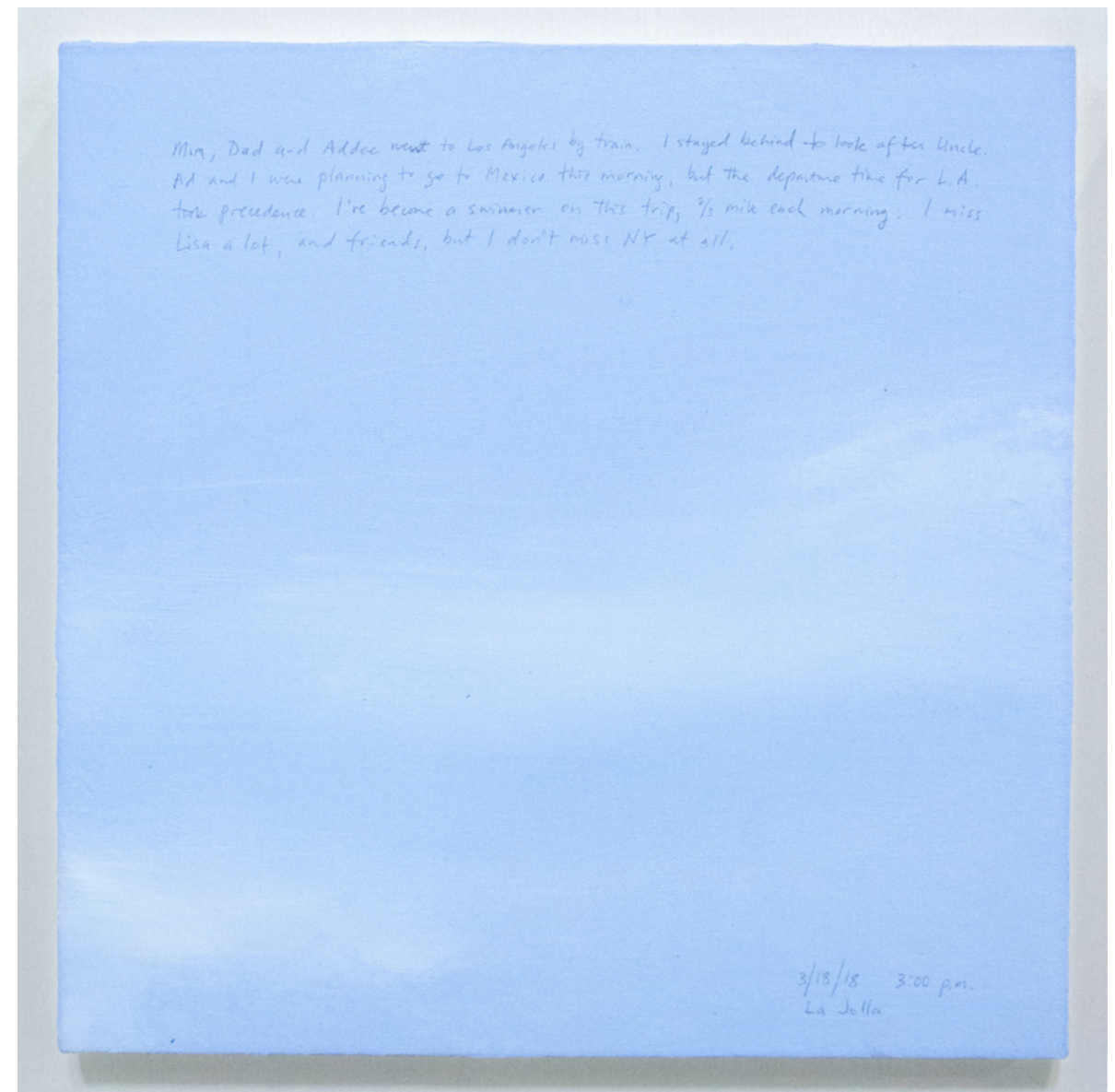
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Work by

Byron Kim



Sunday Painting 3/11/18



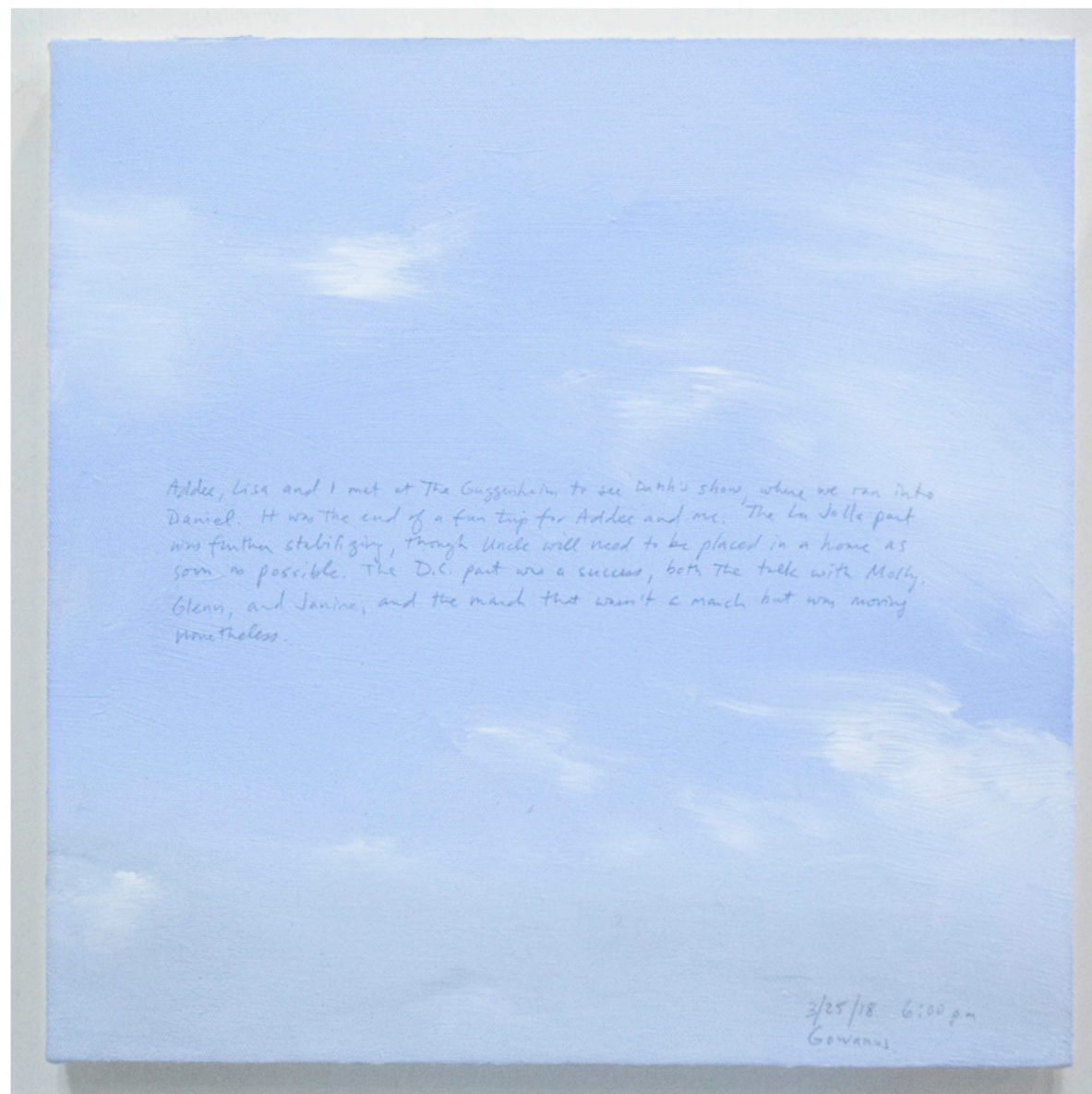
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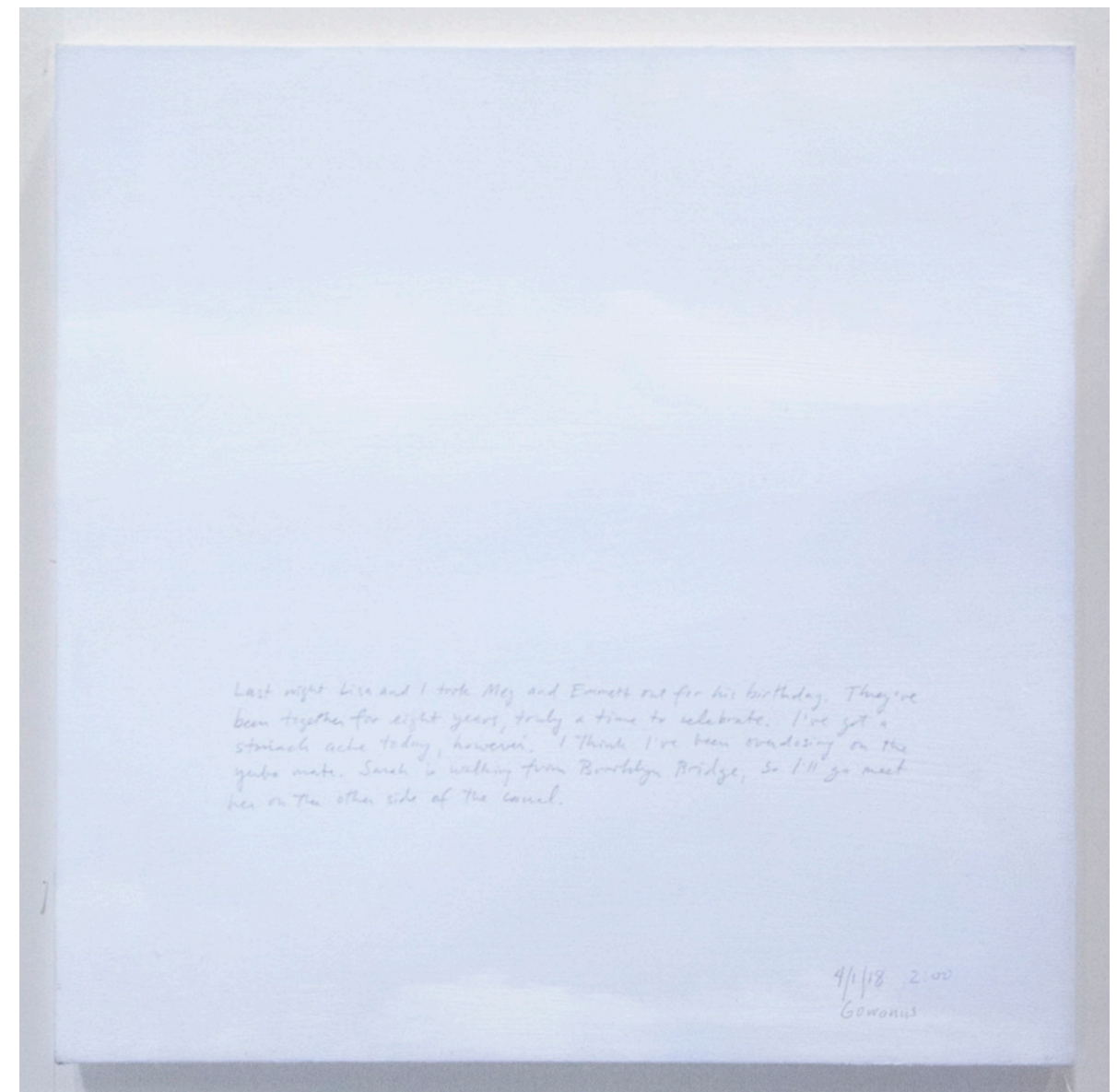
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Byron Kim, 2018, 14" x 14"

Acrylic and pencil on canvas
on panel



Sunday Painting 3/25/18



Sunday Painting 4/1/18

I just returned yesterday from three days at Yale. I love the teaching, but I wonder if I need to insulate myself from the academic politics. Why do I always get called on for committee work? Perhaps I am simply a sucker. Meanwhile, Piko texted me that Uncle has gone missing in L.A. Mom is really stressed. I need to tell Sharon.

4/8/18 10 a.m.
Gowanus

Sunday Painting 4/8/18

It's drizzling and just barely light enough to make the painting. Amy's installation at the Tang looks all the right notes. I drove from Brooklyn then started off the day with an interesting meeting in Norfolk, CT. Then raced north to The Tang and am happy now to hang out with Frank and Amy for a few days. I hope Mom and Dad are staying put with Uncle until Sharon or I can help again.

4/15/18 7 p.m.
Williamstown, MA

Sunday Painting 4/15/18

Just got back from a strenuous, invigorating hike up Stowe
Pinnacle with Andy and Nathalie. So good to connect with
them. And then more studio visits at The Studio Center here.
Yesterday, I talked to Mom and Dad en route to L.A. and convinced
them against staying overnight, leaving Uncle in La Jolla. Whew.
Now, going to have dinner in Stowe with a new friend, Rachel.

4/22/18 5:30 p.m.
Johnson, VT

Sunday Painting 4/22/18

Lisa and I are here visiting Ella. Today was an epic day.
We drove the 110 mile length of this skinny island, crossing
the Glass Window Bridge from which you can see, simultaneously,
the calm azure Caribbean and the roiling gray blue Atlantic.
Right now, Ella and Lisa are sitting way out in ankle deep
water on a sand bank. There's a cloud, low in the sky,
that looks like a mahi mahi.

4/29/18 4:15 p.m.
North Eleuthera, Bahamas

Sunday Painting 4/29/18

Last night Lisa and I treated Kevin and Maile to dinner at Insa.
Before that I went to Ruanne and Basel's screening at Lincoln Center.
I loved the connection between a 9000 year old mask and Adrienne Rich's "Diving into the Wreck." Paul Bloodgood died on Friday.
It hasn't settled in yet. I feel both sadness and relief. He had
been dying for so long, but I best remember his vital sensibility.
Also, I'm trying to figure out when I need to go back to La Jolla
to help out with Uncle.

5/6/18 12:30 p.m.
Gowanus

Sunday Painting 5/6/18

Yesterday was a difficult day all around. Paul Bloodgood's funeral was in
a fittingly New England-like church uptown. I heard it was really moving.
I'm so sad I couldn't be there. I'm in La Jolla taking care of Uncle, and last
night I got some scary news. Mom basically went straight from JFK
to Methodist Hospital E.R. She had atrial fibrillation, and they had
to check her to set it straight. She's better today. I hope she's
discharged tomorrow. Mother's Day has been rough for us.

5/13/18 noon
La Jolla

Sunday Painting 5/13/18

I am exhausted and barely able to paint. I'm on the fire escape
wondering about the clouds' shadows. Addie's conked out on
the studio floor. Maybe it's the heat? Or maybe our family
has been through too many scary health issues recently. So
glad that Mom's better, but now Dad has the flu. Just ran
into Glenn. Happy to see him with his good news of Naples and
of honorary degrees.

5/20/18 5:00 pm
Gowanus

Sunday Painting 5/20/18

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pistachio shell bird feeder target game. I'm staying at Harrell's house. He invited
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5/27/18 3:00 p.m.
Portland, OR

Sunday Painting 5/27/18

Workshop

**Byron Kim with K–8
students at Dr. MLK
Jr. School**

For the collaborative component of this exhibition, Byron Kim used his Sunday Paintings as inspiration for a sky painting workshop with two students from each grade at Dr. MLK Jr. School. Every student explored Kim's process by making their own Sunday Painting.







**Work by
Dr. MLK Jr.**

**School
Students**

Karmyn Chandradas
(Kindergarten)

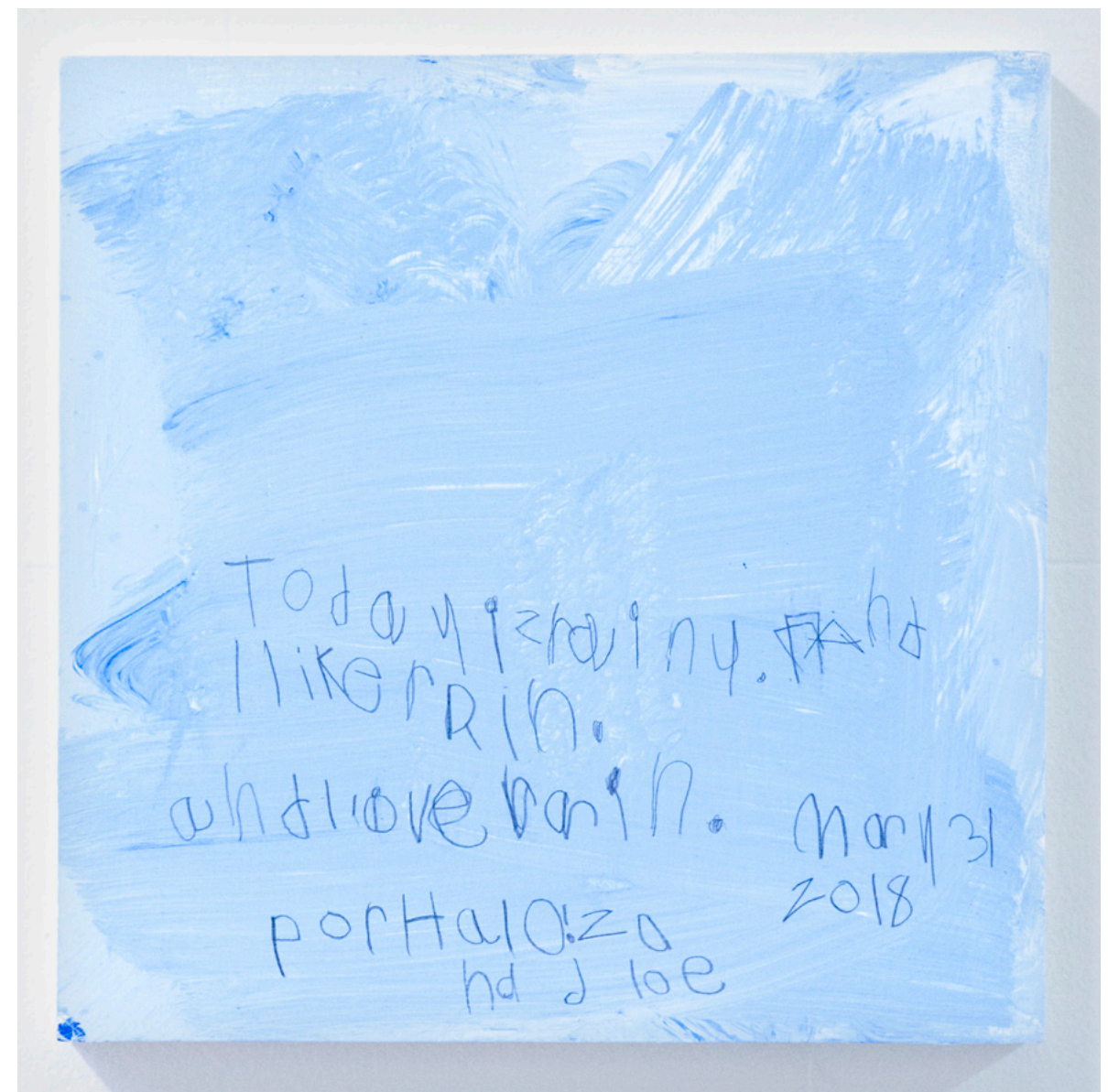


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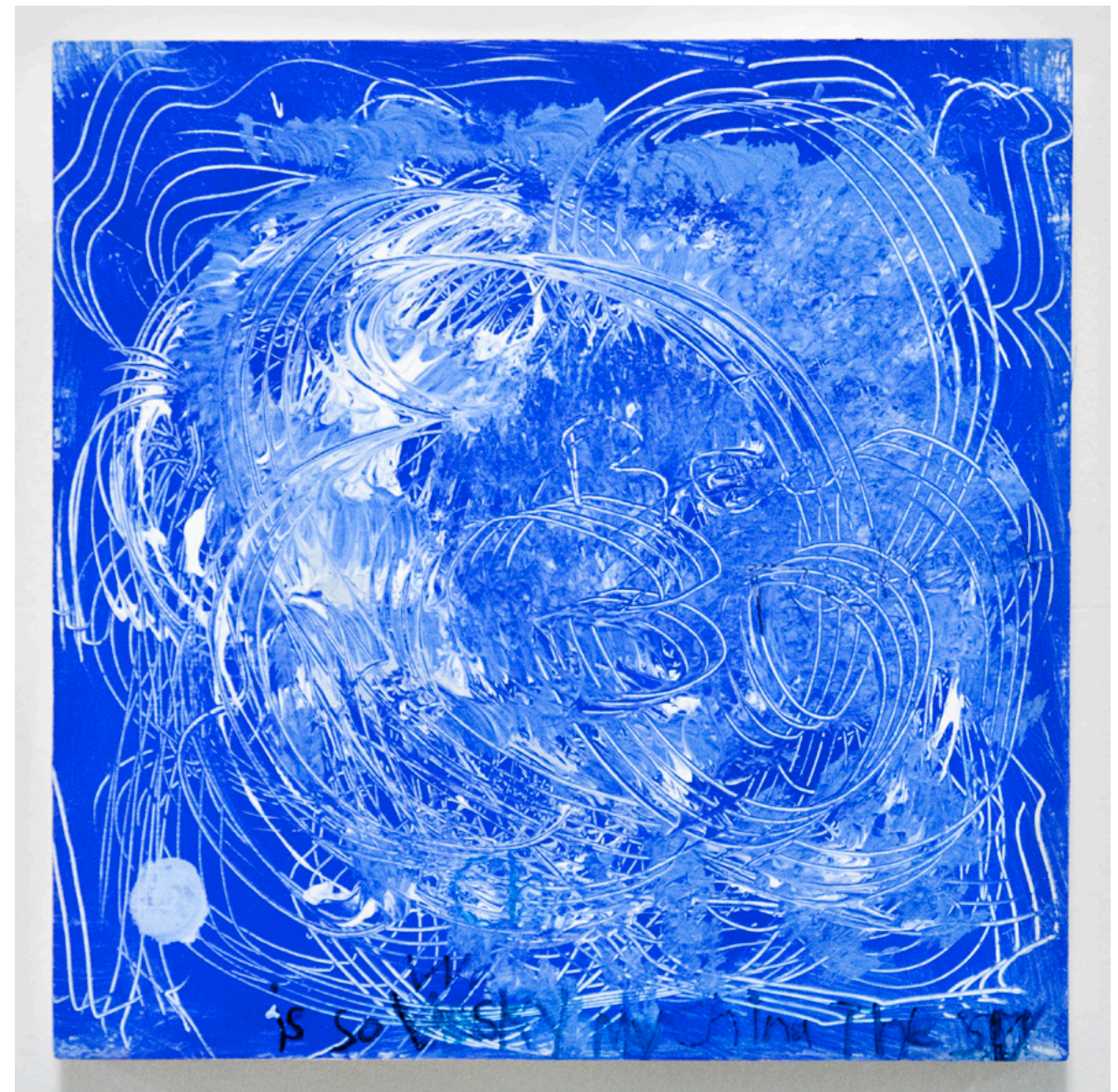
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K–8 Dr. MLK Jr. School Students,
2018, 10" x 10"
Acrylic and pen or pencil on panel

Valerie Zamora Galvez
(Kindergarten)



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Rehema Zawdi
(1st Grade)



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Juan Lazoro
(1st Grade)



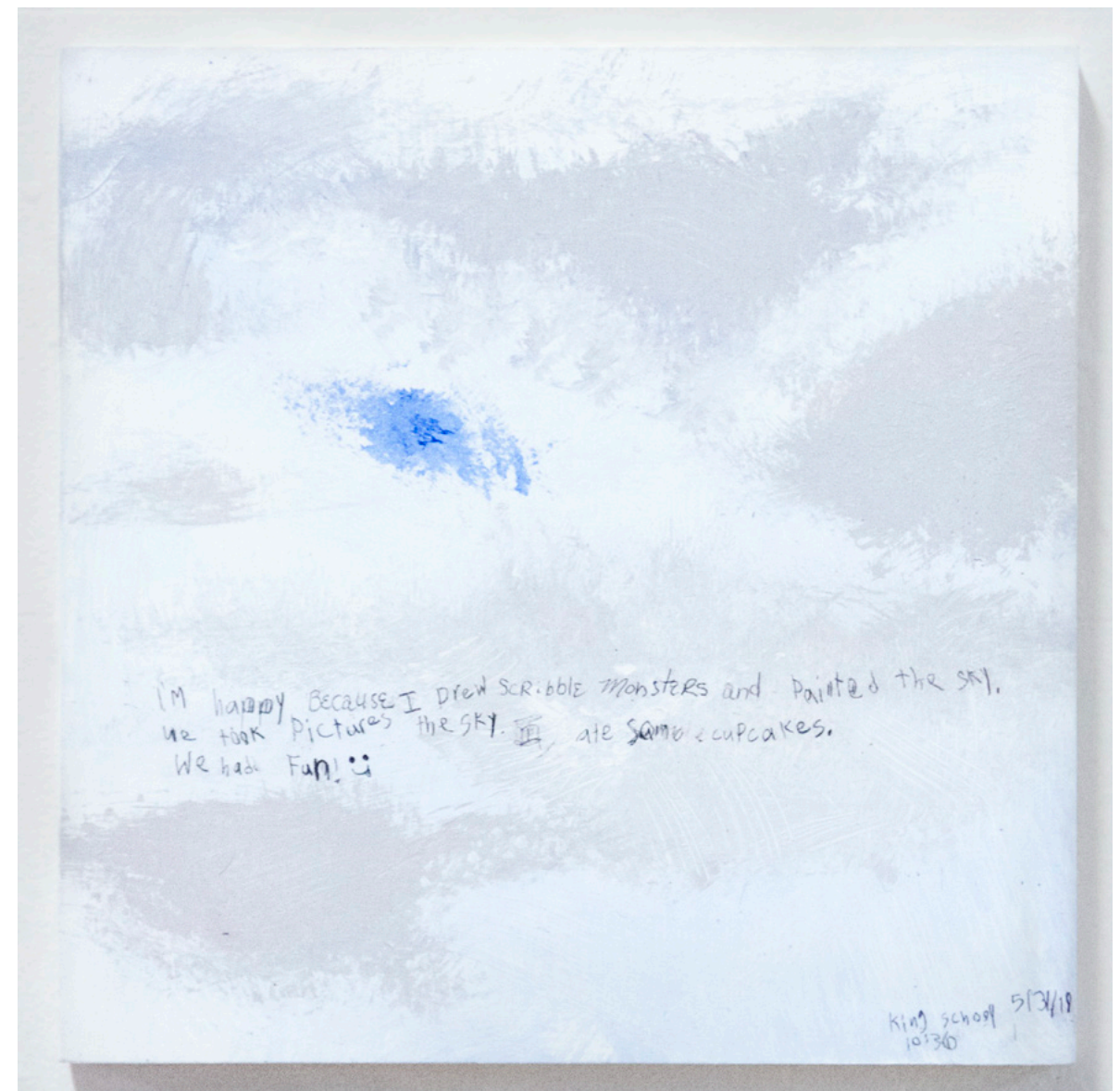
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Elijah Turner Nelson
(2nd Grade)



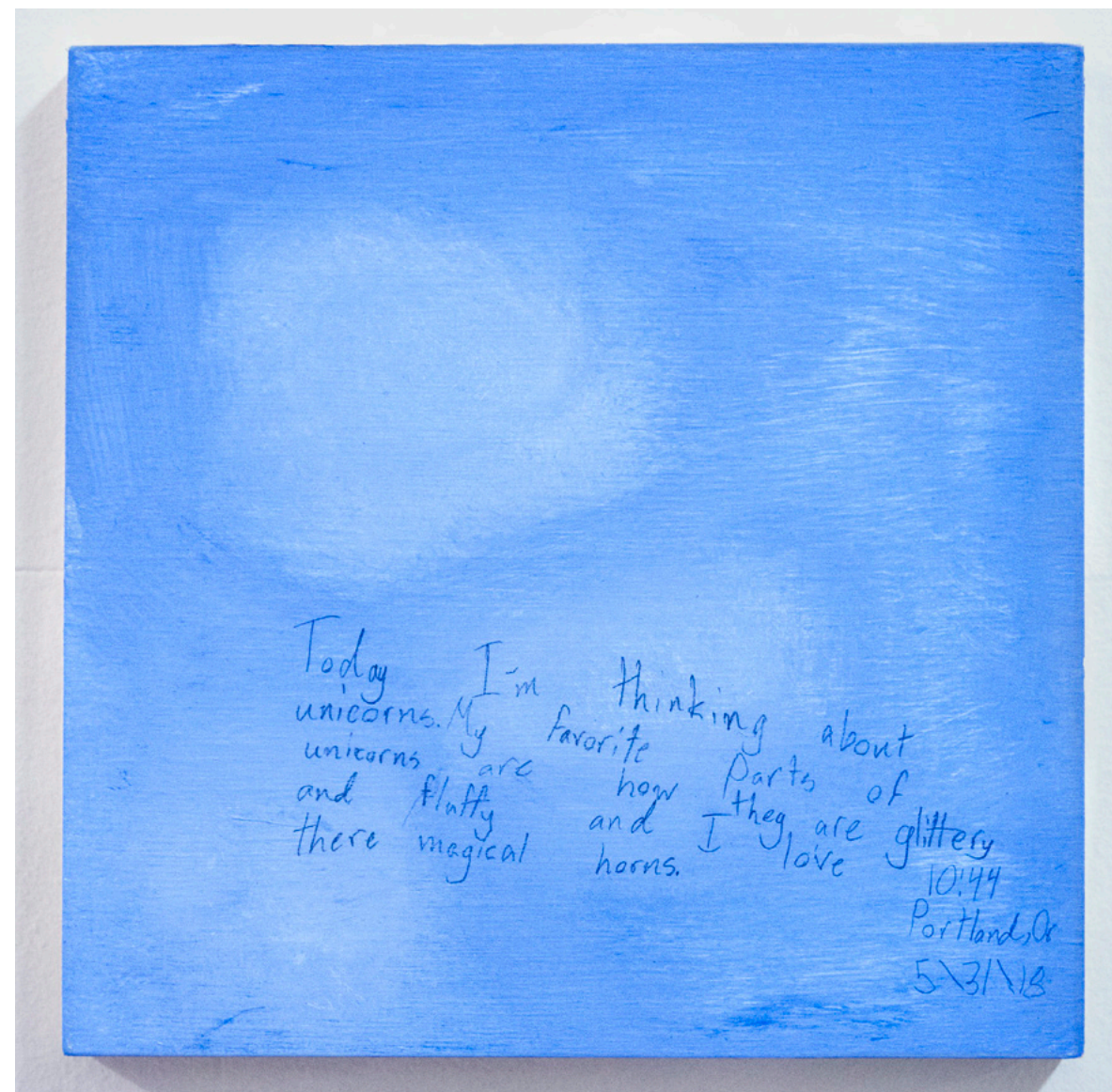
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Daynna Chandradas
(2nd Grade)



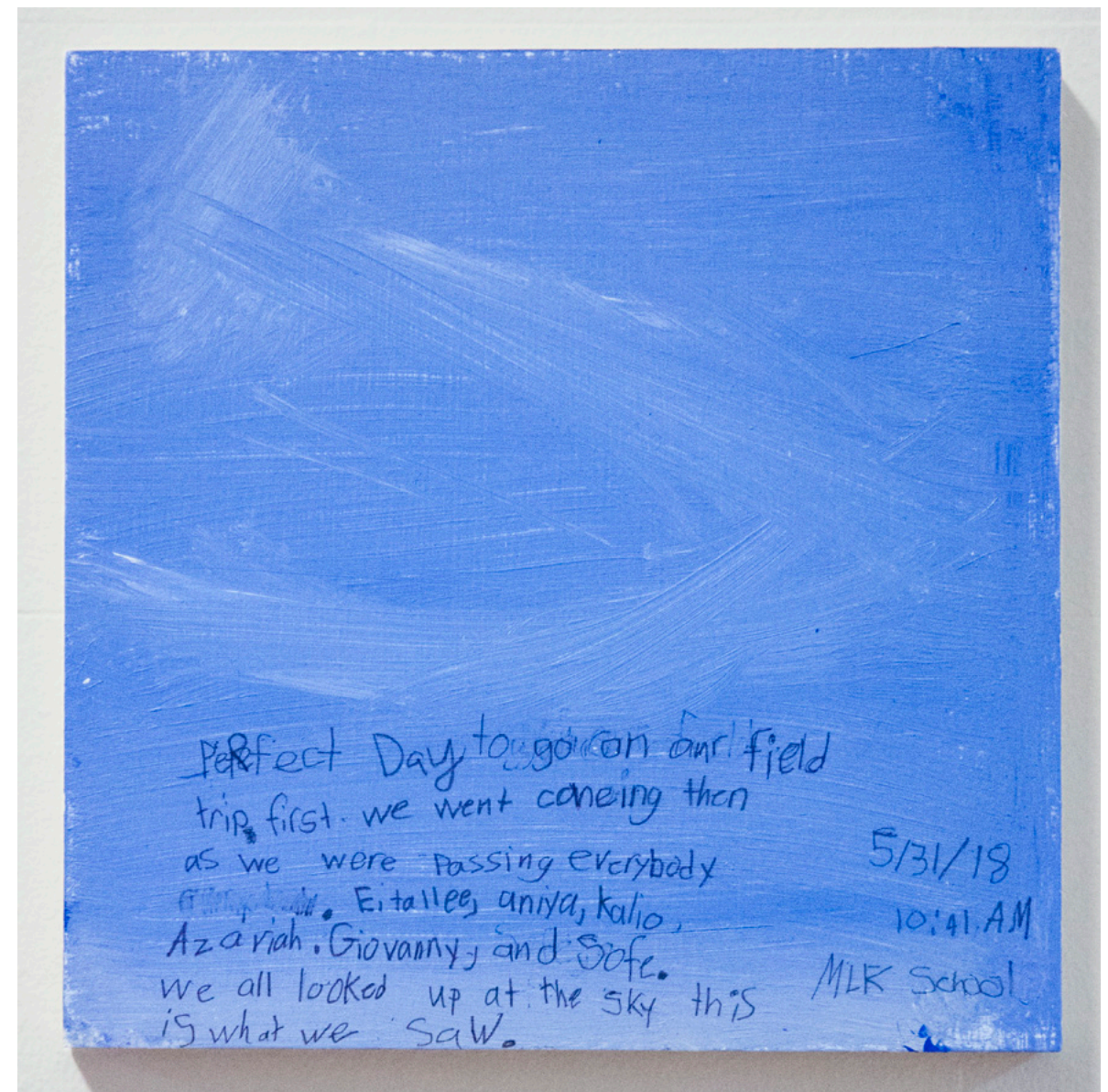
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Jaysin Sims
(3rd Grade)



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A'shirah Spencer
(3rd Grade)



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Barry Williams
(4th Grade)



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Amelie Sparrow
(4th Grade)



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Antrell Tillis
(5th Grade)



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Michael Esperanza
(5th Grade)



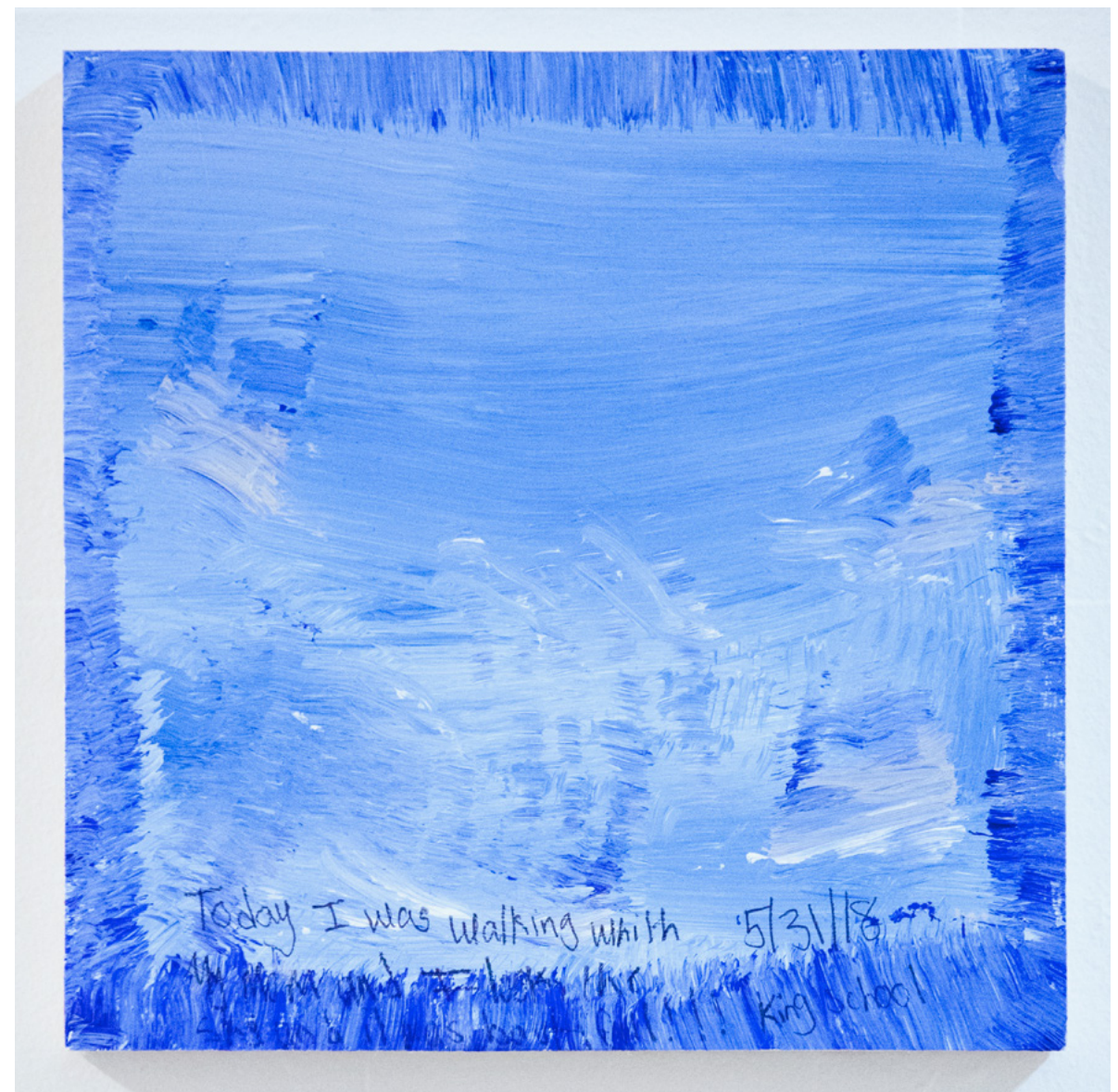
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Zaryn Irving
(6th Grade)



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Aswan Ibrahim
(6th Grade)



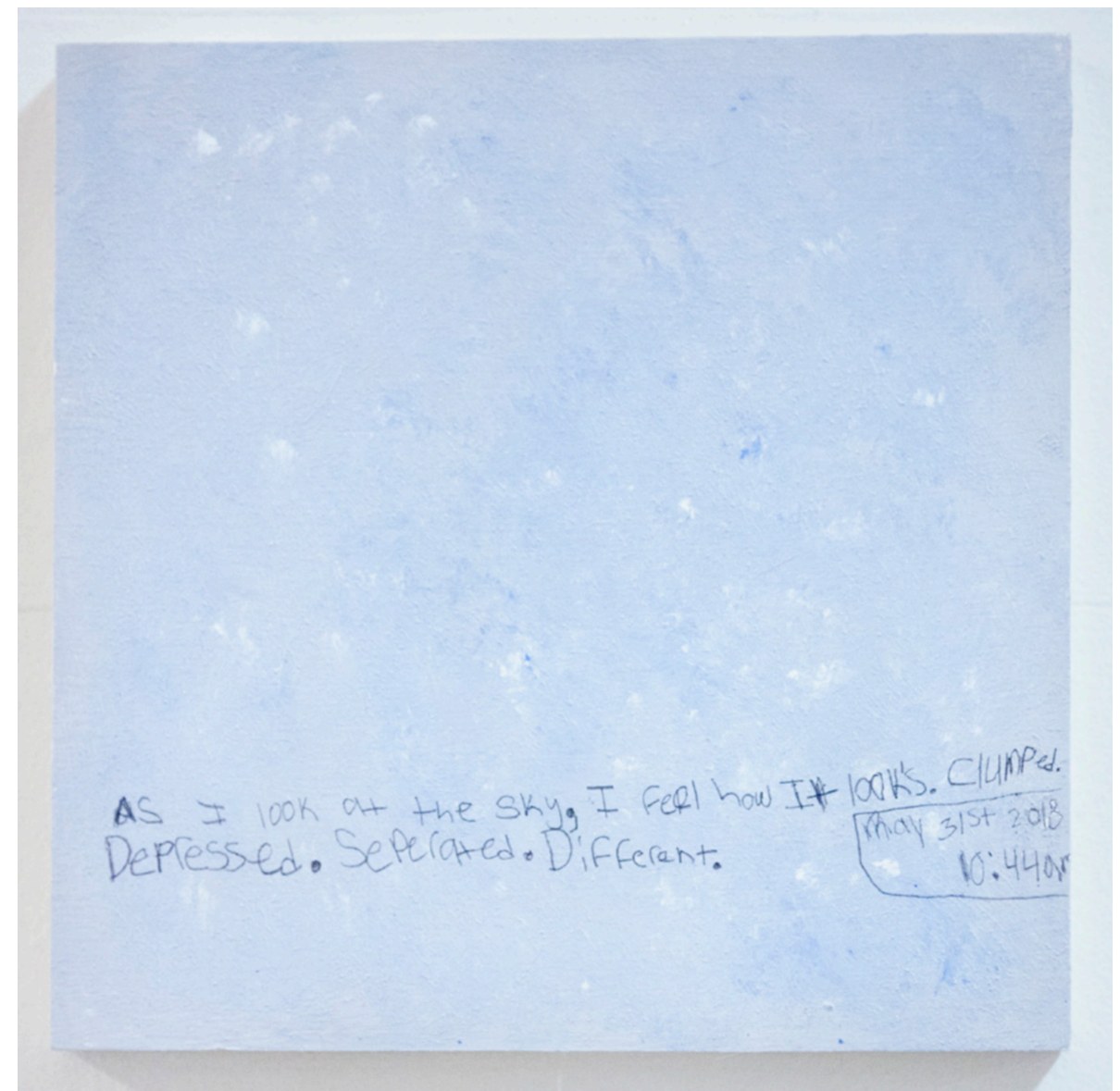
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DeAndre Allen
(6th Grade)



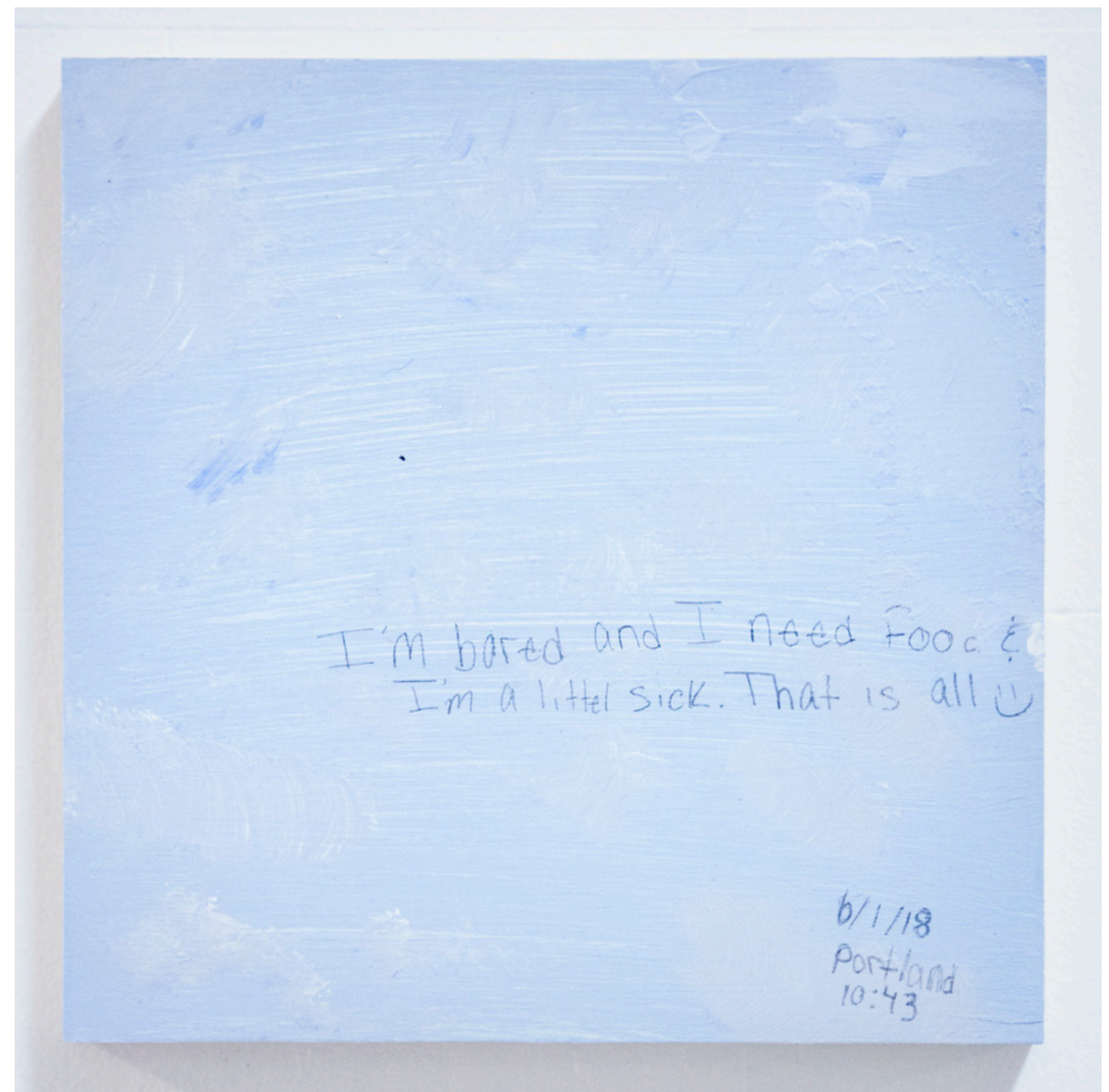
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Theysha Gordon
(7th Grade)



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Kaylina Salazar
(8th Grade)



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Ronaldo Saquic
(8th Grade)



Sunday Painting Thursday 5/31/18

Sunday Paintings

Exhibition

Works by Byron Kim
and K–8 students from
Dr. MLK Jr. School



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KSMoCA houses rotating exhibitions by internationally renowned artists, hosts community events, and provides unprecedented opportunities for participating students to learn how a museum operates through socially engaged art practice and programs.



















School Colors

**A project by Byron Kim
with Dr. MLK Jr. School**

School Colors is a large permanent installation featuring approximately 322 panels with photographs of every student's skin color from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School (2018–2019). The project is a collaboration between artist Byron Kim, KSMoCA, students from the school, and students from Portland State University, and it is based on Kim's project Synecdoche (1991–present).

To provide context for this project, teachers from the school held discussions about skin tone, race, and shadeism with their classes, and KSMoCA hosted a lecture by Byron Kim during a school-wide assembly along with workshops about mixing paint to recreate skin colors. Each student who consented to be part of the project had a section of their skin photographed by artist Anke Schüttler.

School Colors was funded by the Parent Teacher Association of Dr. MLK Jr. School and KSMoCA, and printing was generously supported by Pushdot Studio, in Portland, OR.

















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Aljanae Amirah Atherton
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