**Kathleen McCarthy Udoff**

 I’m a visual artist and educator. Photography and mixed media have provided me an inner peace and allowed me to quiet myself and communicate in a new way in a digital age. My art is driven with a powerful force of curiosity filled with a synergy of freedom.

BIO: As a charismatic arts teacher known for my high- energy classes and interactive style; I deliver educational theater programs to schools throughout Westchester County, New York. I hold a Master of Arts from Manhattanville College and a Bachelor of Arts from SUNY Purchase. My recent community projects as an Outreach Arts Educator include design and implementation of effective after-school curriculum's.

“If I Were President” (Creative Writing): The Flag Art Project Honorable Mention at NWCA Museum

"Just Build It" (Bringing Children Together): Breaking Down Barriers thru Lego Building

“Welcome to New York City (Shining Stars Comedy Performance): Director- The Sleepy Hollow Middle School After-School Program.

In 2017, I took an “Art in The Garage” class which changed my life. I learned that I loved to draw and spend time immersing myself in nature and photography. These two elements soon became the creative springboard for my boundless artistic adventure leading me forward.

When photographing in the heated summer days I would wait for a breeze and then snap the picture to study the movement. I discovered then to appreciate the artistry of being present in the moment, as a witness, to let art unfold in and around me. As a burgeoning Artist, my transformation now encompasses a heightened level of gratitude in the beauty and simplicity that surrounds us.

My mixed media collages and photography have been selected for juried exhibits at various galleries: The Upstream Gallery, Riverfront Gallery, Blue Door Gallery, ROCA Gallery and OAC Gallery“and I participated in The River Arts Studio Tour, 2019, and 2020. My artistic residences include: International Women’s Writing Guild at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. and Space at Ryder Farm, Brewster, N.Y.

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