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The Magic Paintbrush Project helps autistic children

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According to Jen O'Brien, life is washable. And with a little help from the Binghamton Senators, The Magic Paintbrush Project is letting the Southern Tier know.



"They say: This is going to be so much fun! And they're right," said Paige O'Brien.

The Magic Paintbrush Project encourages kids to use their whole bodies to create paintings during supervised sessions. By letting special-needs kids get a little messy, Jen O'Brien says it helps them think outside of the box.

"The more senses you involve in a process the easier it is to learn. If you can capture a visual, they can feel it, they can smell it. We don't like them to taste it, but we try and involve as many sensory skills as we can in each movement, so not only do they have a sight memory, they have a sight memory and a visual memory," O'Brien said.

While many of these pieces have sold for over \$1,000, O'Brien says you can't put a value on the art work.

"We don't paint to create master pieces and the value of what we do isn't in the dollar figure behind the painting, the true value is in the family experience and celebration of abilities," O'Brien stated.

The Magic Paintbrush Project studio is in the Oak Dale Mall and O'Brien is encouraging people to stop by.



Jen O'Brien

Jumping in is free to every child with special needs, and they only ask a donation to cover the cost of materials.

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