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Call for Young Artists: Art Exhibit at Glazer Children's Museum to Feature Works by Local Kids

TAMPA, FLA. (JUNE 9, 2021) – The Glazer Children's Museum is proud to partner with renowned artist Maxwell Emcays on a new exhibit featuring works by child artists in Tampa Bay. The *Flag Series* exhibit is rooted in representation and identity and aims to show how Tampa's aspiring young artists see and express themselves.

"Art not only provides children with an outlet for creativity, but also a tool for self-exploration and expression," said Sarah Cole, President and CEO of the Glazer Children's Museum. "We are so excited to partner with Maxwell to give children in Tampa Bay a chance to showcase their creativity and celebrate their uniqueness."

Young artists can submit samples of their work in hopes to be featured in the *Flag Series* exhibit this July. Selected artists will receive mentorship from Maxwell Emcays to create an original work for the final exhibit. The Make Your Mark! Contest is open to ages 8-16. All featured artists will have the chance to win a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place prize, ranging from \$300-500 for art supplies. Artists can enter the contest at GlazerMuseum.org/makeyourmark. The contest is open through June 15.



Maxwell Emcays is a Chicago-based artist, but Tampa is like a second home where he enjoys family, good weather, and great people. Emcays is eager to use his ability to connect art with community in order to help tell the story of Tampa's young talent as they see it. "Both Glazer Children's Museum and I share a passion for providing needed tools for young people to express themselves" said Emcays.

The contest is open for submissions through June 15. The *Flag Series* exhibit will be on display at the Glazer Children's Museum for select dates in July. Learn more at GlazerMuseum.org/makeyourmark.

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About the Artist

Maxwell Emcays is an accomplished award-winning artist that has used art activism to visualize the struggles of the suppressed and amplify the voices of the unheard. His work has been seen in Gallery Guichard, The DuSable Museum, and Miami Art Basel as well as private collections and highlighted on NBC's "Making a Difference". Learn more at maxwell.emcays.com

About the Glazer Children's Museum

The mission of the Glazer Children's Museum is to create a learning laboratory where children play, discover, and connect with the world around them to develop as lifelong learners and leaders. The Glazer Children's Museum encourages children to play with purpose in 35,000 square feet of interactive exhibits. The Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serving as an innovative educational, cultural, and accessible resource for Tampa Bay and Central Florida. Learn more at GlazerMuseum.org