



2013 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ART, WRITING, & MULTIMEDIA CONTEST

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“Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in living a life centered upon equality for all. He was so committed to these things, that he describes for us to always act as “The Drum Major for Peace, Justice and Righteousness.”

I felt inspired to create artwork to honor Dr. King’s life and the work he did to build and strengthen the Civil Rights Movement in our country. What I think about the most when I read *The Drum Major Speech*, is that Dr. King makes it clear that each of us can be a positive force in the world and that every one of us has a place and a voice that matters.

I chose to draw silhouettes of kids as drum majors. To me this says that every person who acts to lead a life principled in Peace, focused upon Justice, rooted in Righteousness can also become a Drum Major. I think Martin Luther King, Jr. led by example; he wanted everyone to feel empowered. I drew portraits of Dr. King in my work to show that he used all of his gifts and talents to better the lives of every human being. I’ve drawn him speaking, reflecting and acting for others. Close to those drawings are illustrations of young people, showing a person doesn’t have to be an adult to be a leader or to make a difference.

Dr. King loved all people and showed the world it was ok to be who you are. It didn’t matter to him what a person looked like or what they had. What does matter is that each of us think, speak and act to help one another, so that we are a positive part of making the world the best place we can.

Even though Dr. King himself is no longer with us on earth, his memory and the spirit of the Drum Major lives on! My drawing illustrates how connected we are, thanks to Dr. King’s commitment. In honoring his legacy, we also further the cause of civil rights. As it was his intention, we honor one another.

Drum Major Instinct

