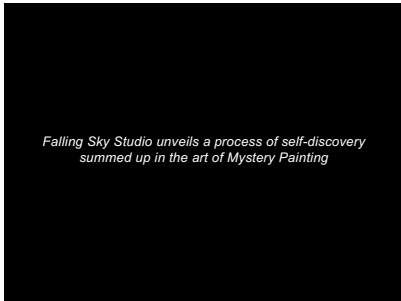
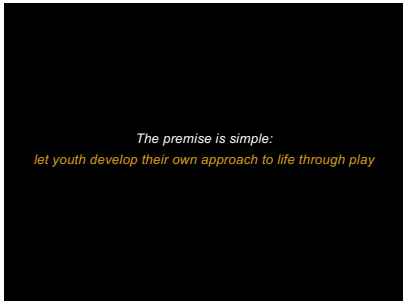


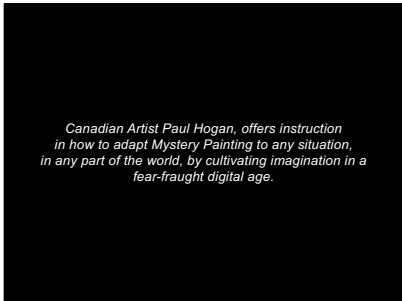
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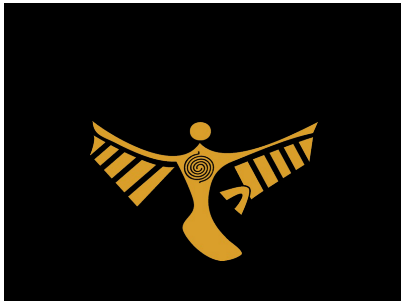
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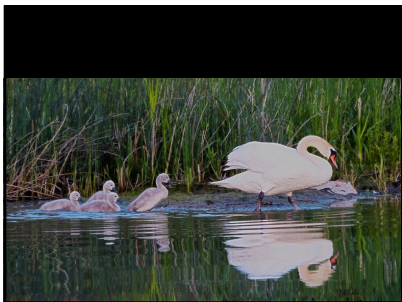
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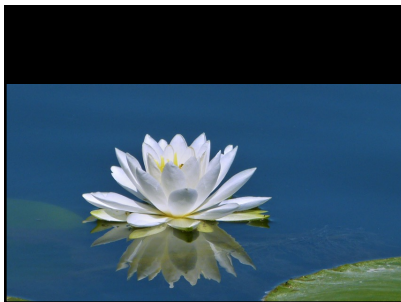
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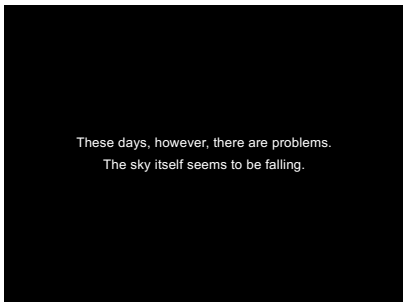
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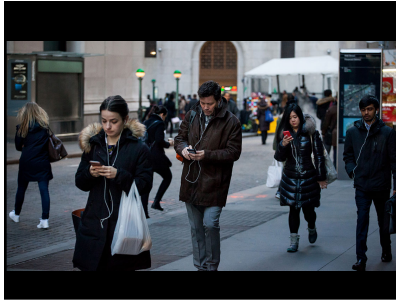
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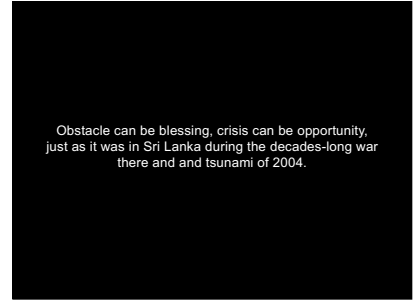
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Obstacle can be blessing, crisis can be opportunity,
just as it was in Sri Lanka during the decades-long war
there and the tsunami of 2004.



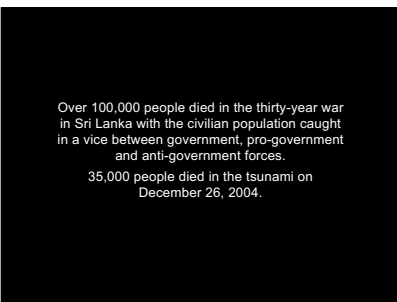
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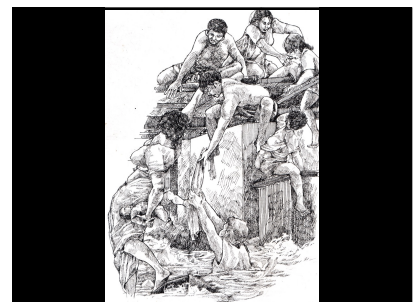


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Over 100,000 people died in the thirty-year war
in Sri Lanka with the civilian population caught
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35,000 people died in the tsunami on
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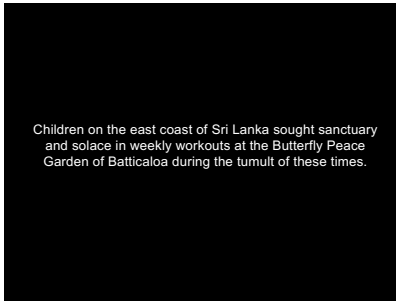
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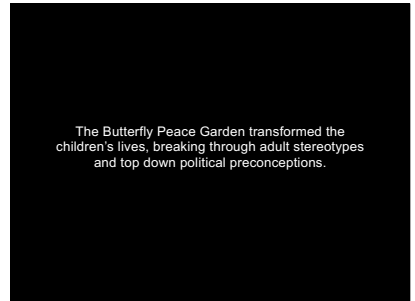
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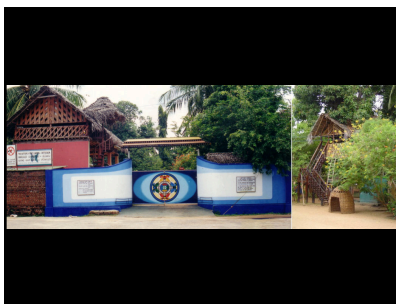
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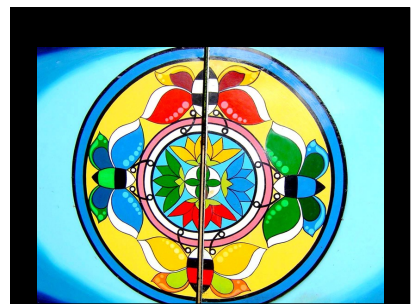
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Through the inspired animation of local and international artists the inner resources of children were brought to bear on the outer emergency of war.

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Play is the default setting for human learning. The spontaneity of improvised comedy and artistic creation helped restore the children's courage, laughter and love for one another.

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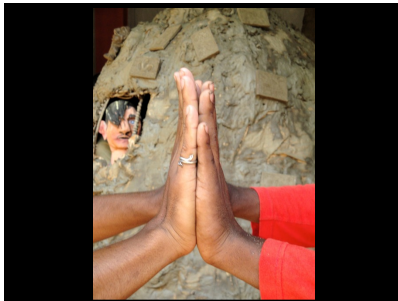
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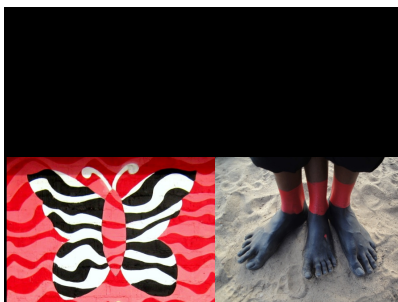
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Within their images, stories and theatre the children discover the magic lightning rod of free, unrestricted imagination. The Earthwork, Artwork and Heartwork practices of the Garden Path help heal broken hearts.

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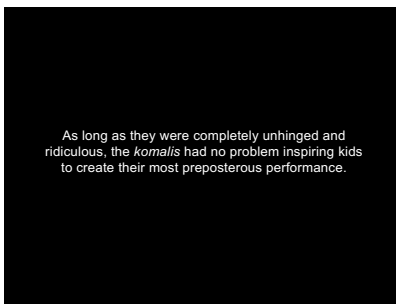
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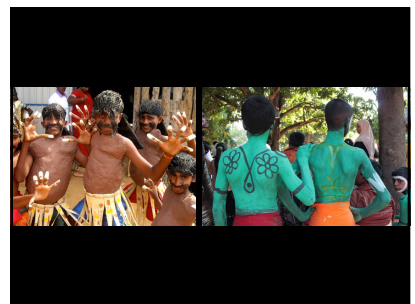
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Following the success of the Butterfly Peace Garden, the Monkey's Tale Centre for Contemplative Art and Narration was established to teach art students and social animators enhanced imagination techniques and communication skills through the practice of Mystery Painting.

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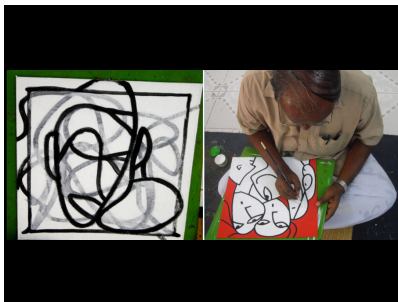
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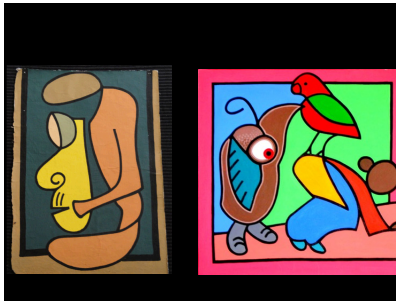
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Mystery Painting is a contemplative practice that combines silent meditation with art, story creation and dialogue.

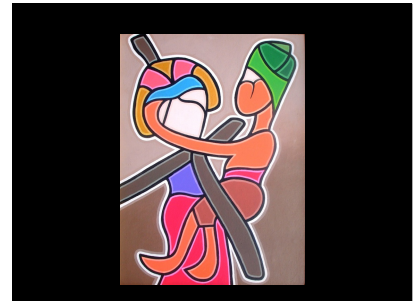
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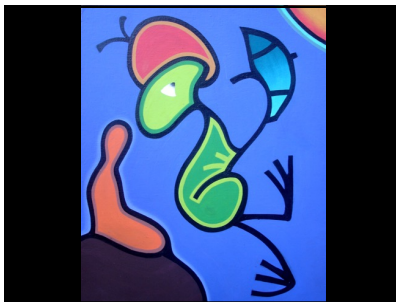
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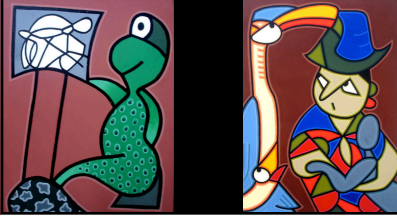


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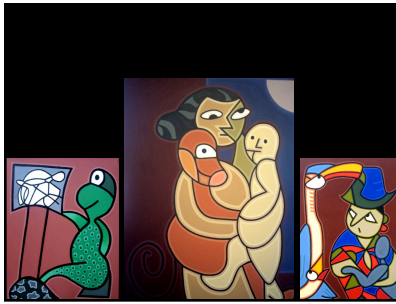


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Mystery Painting allows us to give form to the unconscious energies and impulses that direct, or misdirect, our lives.



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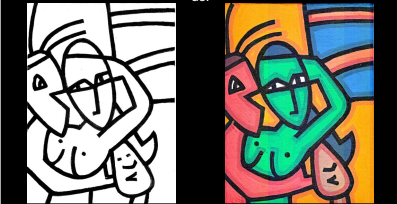
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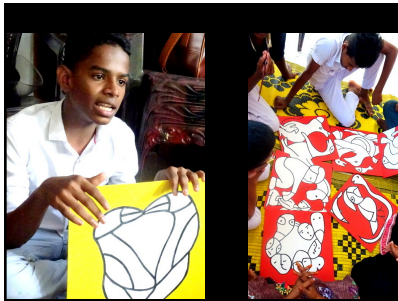
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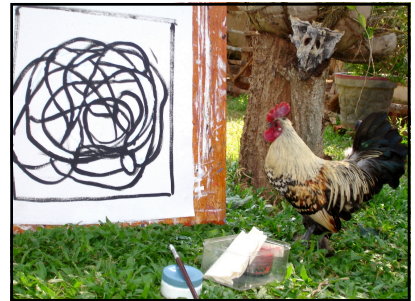
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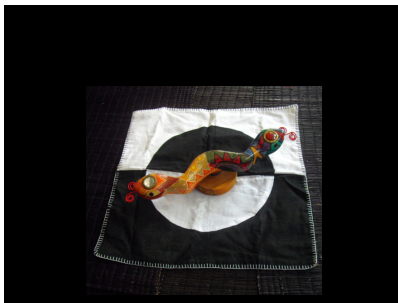
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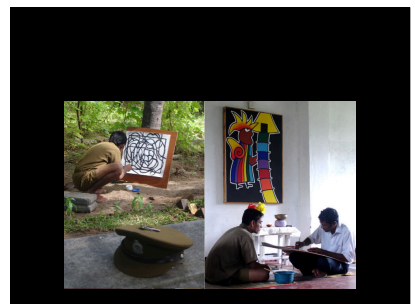
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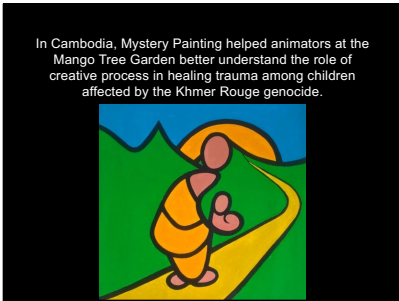
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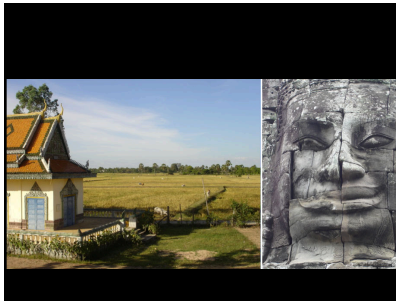
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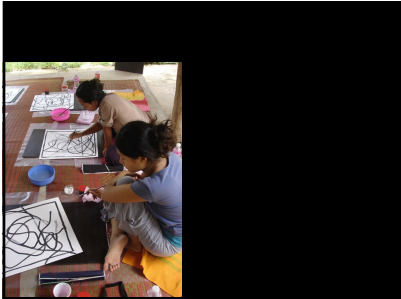
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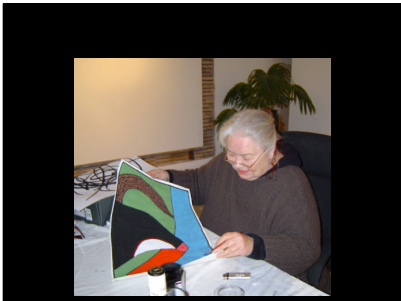
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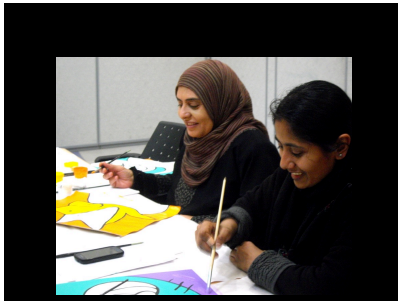
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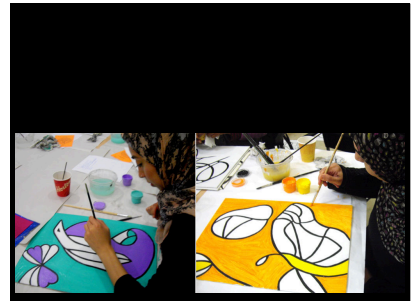
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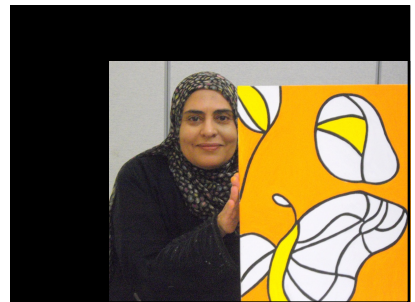
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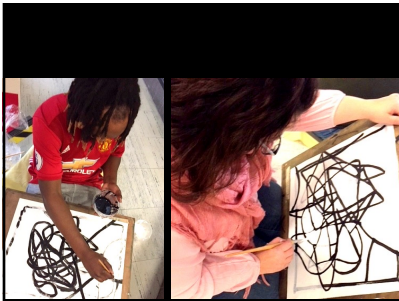
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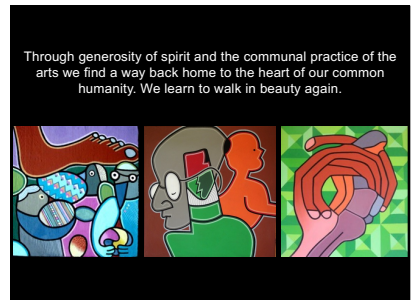
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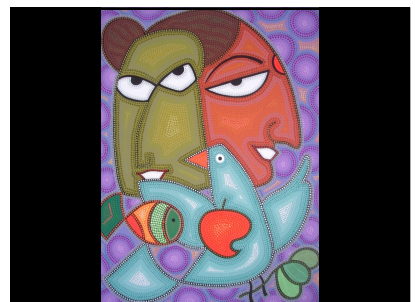
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