James Rizzi

James Rizzi was born and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. He was a Pop Artist, Painter, Sculptor, Graphics artist and Designer. He usually created brightly colored and vivid images. He is quoted as saying that he did not like to draw from life, but liked to draw from his memory and imagination.
“As a pop artist, he liked to use strong bold lines, bright and vivid colors, and to let his imagination loose, not thinking too much into the form and outlines, which made him stand out” among other Pop Artists (Cuddy, 2014)
Rizzi works generally fall into the genre "Pop Art". Pop Art is an art movement which emerged in the 1950s. It uses images of mass media, advertising, comics and consumer products, often using bright and vibrant images."

(Sandle, 12/29/20100)

Among Rizzi’s Favorite Artists were:

**Keith Haring & Andy Warhol**

Andy Warhol Self-Portrait & Campbell’s Soup Cans (Left.) Keith Haring (right).

What is Pop Art?
Rizzi’s Theme

“The theme (James Rizzi) was working under was simply happiness, the joy of living, .....reminding everyone that happiness mustn’t be taken for granted and that love for life is all around us.” (Cuddy, 2014)
Rizzi’s favorite place in the whole world was New York City.
Rizzi’s Cities 3
James Rizzi’s Cities 4

My city doesn’t sleep but it will weep, smile, laugh and cry, and say goodbye to a changing sky.

James Rizzi
Rizzi’s Cities 5
1. Create a cityscape based on the work of James Rizzi.
2. Follow the directions in the next six pages.
3. Use white paper if you have any at home. Otherwise any paper will do.
4. Draw in Pencil.
5. If you have one at home, Outline in Permanent Marker.
6. Color.

This lesson includes handouts from Cassie Stephens’ Blog.

You may also follow along with this lesson through my YouTube Video Posted on My Website.
Draw Rectangles on white paper. Fill the paper from left to right.
Draw a second row of rectangles behind the first to make a Middle Ground.
Draw a James Rizzi City 3

Add roof shapes: Rectangles, squares, triangles, circles.
Draw a James Rizzi City 4

- Add Funny Faces: See next page for more examples of faces.
Add Funny Faces to Your Buildings
Draw a James Rizzi City 5

Draw Windows, Door and details.
I hope you enjoy this as much as I do. I miss your smiling faces.

Please send me a photo of your work.

Love, Mrs. Boyd

Color with Marker, Colored Pencil, Crayon Or Paint.
Follow the included links for enrichment.

1. **James Rizzi Collection of His works** (For children)
   
   [https://www.schooltube.com/media/James+Rizzi+collection+of+his+works/1_na8fk2i3](https://www.schooltube.com/media/James+Rizzi+collection+of+his+works/1_na8fk2i3)

2. **James Rizzi Video** to Music by Mrsdisalle
   
   [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGyuISZ0nP0&feature=emb_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGyuISZ0nP0&feature=emb_logo)

3. **Aliens in New York**
   
   [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itwFijlk7H4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itwFijlk7H4)

**Aliens in New York, Stop Motion Video.** Children narrate in German, but the images are easy to understand without knowing the language.
References

