



Who is Melvin?

Melvin the Sad...(ish) Robot is a story about one robot's longing for love and happiness. Melvin wakes up each morning with a familiar sense of sadness and loneliness. He goes to school each day to learn how to be a fixer bot, but as much as he loves what he is learning, he is failing all his classes. He has friends that ask him to join in on fun activities, but he has trouble accepting their offers for fear of new experiences. What happens one day when he gathers the courage to confront those obstacle? Will he succeed? Will he fail? Fall in love with Melvin and find out.



Who or what is Joshua Margolis?

Joshua Margolis is an artist, educator, and creator of the much loved picture book, *Melvin the Sad...(ish) Robot*. By day, he spends his time teaching ceramics to the children and adults of San Francisco, and by night, he works on creating monsters and robots out of clay for his next book. His work has been shown in many galleries throughout the country, and can be seen each First Friday at his studio FM in Oakland, California.

FM Oakland

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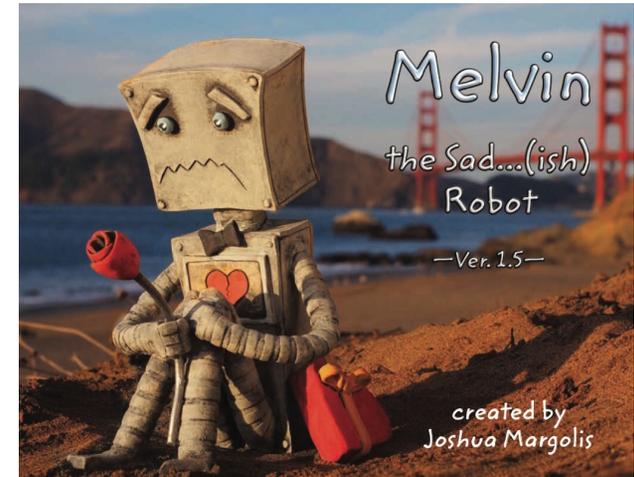
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School Visits

with Author, sculptor, and
photographer Joshua Margolis



Half Day Visit: 3-4, 30-60 min sessions with groups of up to 50 students.

Full Day Visits: 5-8, 30-60 min session with groups of up to 50 students...Or, mini workshops with specific groups, where the emphasis is on working hands on with materials and sculpting and creating their own characters.

What to expect from each half or full day presentation:

Slide presentation: Students learn about Joshua's creative path. From his love of making monsters out of clay, to his Artist in Residency at the de Young Fine Arts Museum where he brought his Monsters and Robots project to its conclusion, and how he then came up with the idea for his Melvin book and story.

Clay Robot Demo: Joshua shows students how to create a simple robot out of clay that they can then create on their own or in class.

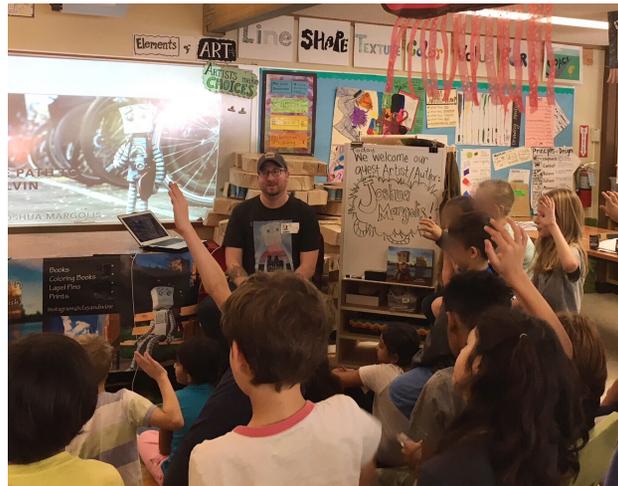
See the actual sculptures from the book: Students will have a chance to get up close with some of the actual characters used in Joshua's books.

Q&A: Find out the answers to any questions you might have about Melvin, Marilyn, B.T., and Joshua.

Multi Day Workshops:

Dig in deep with a fun multi session workshop. Weekly or bi-weekly sessions where students are walked through the creative process of both designing characters on paper and in clay, but also about crafting narratives and stories for their characters. If time permits, photography session in the real world will help bring the students stories to life.

ideal for 3rd-5th grade classes



What does a multi day workshop look like:

Along with everything that is included in the half and full day presentation, the multi day workshop can be tailored to your schools needs.

Joshua is available to work along with a school art or classroom teacher to design a curriculum that engages the students in a more long term creative project. From creating their own characters, to developing backstories around them, and then photographing the pieces in outdoor environments.

Half Day Rates: \$400*

Full Day Rates: \$800*

Multi day Workshops: Contact for price

* rates are for sites within a 45 mile radius of Oakland, Ca., and with the ability to send a sales sheet home to families for special pricing on the book combo.

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