

MĀPURA MASKS

At the moment we are surrounded by people wearing masks which are mainly 3 or 4 types of mask. What would your mask look like if you could make or draw your own? We would love to see your version of personal protection!

You could make an actual physical mask you can wear (use the materials you have around you, what is nearby that could be used as a mask?) or an image of a mask (draw/design a character who is wearing a mask, draw yourself wearing a mask, re-design a fantastic multipurpose mask extension!)

some questions to consider when creating your mask:

*who do you imagine wears your mask? (super heroes, super villians, health workers, surgeons, burglars... people shopping!)

*where do you wear your mask?

*what can masks be made of? is there any material a mask can't be made of?

when you have finished your mask:

*where can you take a photo of your mask, and who do you imagine should be wearing it?

*is there a story behind your mask?

*does your mask have special qualities or abilities?

*how does your mask help the person wearing it?

*how do people act when wearing your mask?



when you have created your version of a mask, we would love to hear any of the stories around your mask, or how you feel about everyone wearing masks at the moment.

This is an invitation to the Māpura community of artists, support workers, volunteers, staff and the wider world to create beautiful, fantastical, over the top, simple, bizarre, magical, mythical masks, gloves and/or costumes with whatever medium you like using any materials you can find.

Many in the special needs community especially those living in supported group homes or needing support in their homes are feeling vulnerable at present due to Covid 19. The needs of our community should be seen and heard. The safety and emotional wellbeing of our community is crucial and this is a creative way to express yourself or show your support for others in the community.

Drawing from the visually powerful history of masks and costume, create an artwork we can share on social media. Your artwork can be as simple or elaborate as you like! Tell your story, express yourself and be visible!

Create your mask/costume inspired artwork through drawing, photograph, sculpture, video performance, animation, sound, music, dance, movement, poetry, assemblage, collaboration, any way at all!

Email image/video/sound to: alex@mapurastudios.org.nz or post it to social media with the hashtag #mapuramasks

We're really looking forward to seeing what you come up with and we'll share your images too!