

MAY: A MONTH OF THE ARTS AT PS 89

At PS 89 the arts are regularly integrated into the curriculum, but at the end of the year, they stand alone in a series of performances and exhibits. PS 89 families enjoyed the annual spring concert with performances by the fourth and fifth grade band playing several pieces, including Louis Armstrong's *When the Saints Come Marching in* and the ever popular *Pink Panther*, directed by music teacher Mary Cherney.

Under the guidance of dance teacher Catherine Gallant, the PS 89 Dance Group performed a variety of work, including *Eyes on the Prize*, choreography by the dancers and music, a traditional African-American gospel song sung by Bruce Springsteen. The dance group will be performing this piece at the Apollo Theater in the *Manhattan Borough Arts Festival*.

In the middle of the month, PS 89 second graders were included in the District 2 *Downtown Art Show*. Art teacher Alissa McKendrick featured self-portraits, inspired by the classes' study of Karen Katz's book *The Colors of Us*.

Rounding off this month of arts, PS 89 fourth and fifth grade chorus sang with other choruses from around the city at the 92nd Street Y, in the Young People's Chorus annual school concert. PS 89ers sang "Animal Imagination" on stage as a chorus, then joined the other choruses in a rousing performance of *This is Hope*. Hearing hundreds of NYC school children singing together truly does inspire hope.



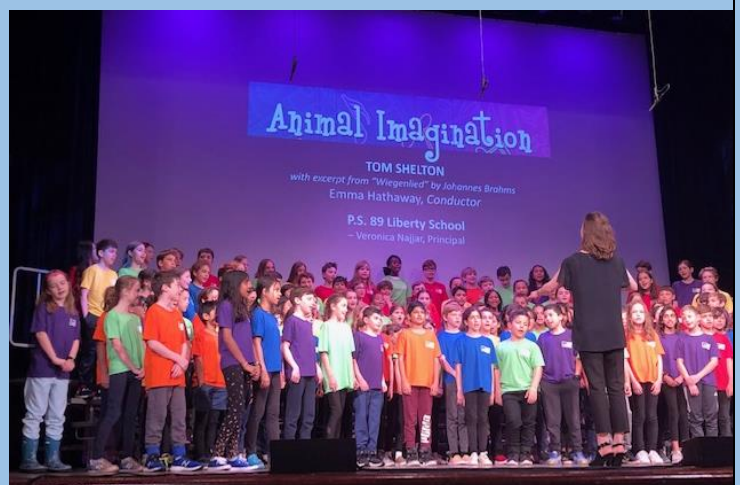
PS 89 Band, directed by Mary Cherney



PS 89 Dance Group,
featuring dance teacher Catherine Gallant



Second Grade self-portraits



PS 89 Chorus, directed by YPC's Emma Hathaway