Mas Vaner Street Artist in Bordeaux

By Eva Larsen, 10, June 2024

Mas is a French artist that has been painting for the last 25 years. Art has always been his passion, since childhood, he would draw in school everyday and now he has made it into a career as a street artist.

To get to where he is now he started off by painting in the streets but in order to obtain an academic base, he attended a graphic art school for three years. Mas confirmed that at the start of his career as an artist, it was impossible to live comfortably without having had many occupations, working in restaurants, coffee shops and other suchlike jobs to be able to financially support himself.

He is a well-known street artist in many cities in France such as Bordeaux, Paris and Nantes. When he started street art, he was about 17-18 years old and his artwork used to create problems for him with the police as graffiti was illegal. Whereas now, the police has asked him to do some artwork for them, which is such an amazing change for him.

One thing that Mas would recommend to anyone who is starting their career in this field, is to simply <u>never give up</u> as it will be worth it one day.





Street Art in Mauriac

By Eva. S June 2024

For our last week at school, we spent some time with the graffiti artist MAS who came to François Mauriac high school to present his work. MAS taught us how to paint «Mauriac» on one of the school's walls and to draw famous characters on cardboard. Our history teacher who also has a passion for art, gave us helpful advice and precise instructions.



During the week, we learned about very different things related to the work of a graffiti artist, like how to handle several spray cans, create lettering, make gradation with felt pens or cut stencils to decorate tote bags.

The project was very interesting thanks to multifaceted activities as well as Mas and students' motivation.

Eva, June 11 2024

Let's create a mural

By Charlotte. C, June 2024

From Monday June 3 to Friday June 7, MAS Vaner came to paint 2 school walls with us.

He taught us the different spray techniques, particularly with stencils. During the first part of the class we went to help MAS. The History and Arts teachers showed us how to make stickers and decorate tote bags with spray paint and stencils in the second part of the class. Throughout this project we spent time drawing, cutting stencils, painting and never got bored.

Moreover, painting the walls allowed us to make François Mauriac high school more beautiful for students, teachers and all the staff.



