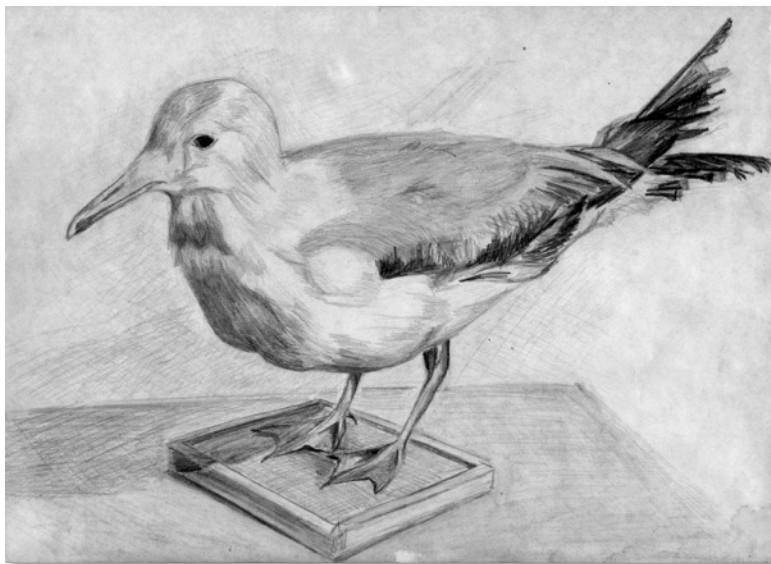


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I founded Young Masters when I could not find anywhere for my then seven-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son do out-of-school art. While teaching my own children art at home I was thinking that there must be many other gifted and talented and artistically-able children who have little or no opportunity to receive professional tuition. So Young Masters were born, providing visual arts to mostly primary school age children. I believe that providing young children with access to music, dance and visual arts is essential to serve those children's primary basic needs.

The way I was brought up and the circumstances of my own family made me a socially conscious person. I am aware of the problems that our modern economic society faces and I am compassionate to those who have little or nothing to spare especially where children's education is concerned. For me being a human first of all means being humanitarian. If I can do something to encourage young children to realise their abilities in painting, drawing and sculpting, I will do so.

I am a Doctor of Biomedical Science, who has worked on different cancer-related research projects throughout Europe, but mainly in Germany and the United Kingdom, and I am a voluntary independent advisor for one of the Yorkshire Adoption Agencies. At different stages of my academic studies and career I attended Visual Art Schools in Vilnius and London. To provide young children with an easy access to Visual Arts became my life's ambition. I am determined to make it work and I volunteered for the cause.



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