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FLASH MOB? NO. FLASH BOB....ROSS? YES.

MADISON ART STUDENTS COMBINE TALENTS FOR FUN LANDSCAPE PAINTING PROJECT

We've all seen the videos of flash mobs where people join together for a surprise synchronized dance or song. At Madison Middle School, about 50 Pre-AP Art students will combine to create a mob painting using the techniques of Bob Ross, the late painter and television host of *The Joy of Painting*.

It's a "Flash Bob...Ross," the creation of Madison art teacher Brady Sloane, who wanted to reward her advanced art students for their hard work with a fun and enriching educational assignment. The one-day painting workshop on Thursday, Feb. 7 will have sessions throughout the day starting at 10 a.m. in the Madison auditorium.

Together on the auditorium stage, the students will watch an episode of a Bob Ross show, painting along with the program in the style of the artist. All of this will be done while dressed like the host, complete with wigs to match the distinctive hairstyle of the American painter whose instructional program aired on PBS from 1983-1994.

The students will learn landscape painting techniques with sponge and detail brushes while standing at an easel in an "alla prima" style. With time for drying and glazing between sessions, their creations will be finished by the end of the school day.

