

Freedom's Feast **THANKSGIVING**

resources to get the most out of your **THANKSGIVING** celebration.

The CMOM-Freedom's Feast Dinner Plate Collection

The Children's Museum of Manhattan partnered with Freedom's Feast in 2009 and invited artists and children's book illustrators to create original artworks to reflect what they cherished about Thanksgiving and their American freedoms. CMOM transferred the artworks onto dinner plates for this unique installation.

These plates were created as part of "Raising Citizens," a partnership between CMOM and Freedom's Feast, a year-round public program to inspire families to explore our democratic tradition and their family stories through celebrations of major American holidays. We hope these images and the artists' messages spark conversations about your Thanksgiving memories and what freedom means to you. Then we hope you will make your own [plates!](#)



Carlos N. Molina

Color is Freedom

As a migrant to mainland USA, I experience freedom in the diversity of our people, cultures, food, art, music, theater, and in our aspirations to be a more peaceful and tolerant society.



Tracy Dockray

I am grateful that I have a warm, safe home for my family. That I can peacefully walk my children to a school that provides an education to any race, sex or economic level.



Sloane Tanen

This image is a light-hearted celebration of my favorite holiday. Above all, it honors inclusion and the fact everyone has a seat at the Thanksgiving table... even the oddest of birds.



Faith Ringgold

It is Thanksgiving 2009 in America and I am thankful we have yet another year of freedom, if not peace – which I hope will come soon with our first black president, Barack Obama.



Justin Roth

In this country you have the freedom, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity, to follow your dreams and grow up to be whatever you want.



David Rios Ferreira

From the drawing *Ibong Adarna: Genesis*

On Thanksgiving, it is not only important to be thankful for what you have, but to be thankful for the journeys you have taken in life and the ones you will soon have.



Nick Bruel

Freedom From Hunger can go a long way.



David Ezra Stein

Wild Foods of New York

This Thanksgiving, at harvest time, I would like to express gratitude for the bounty that is all around us.



Nina Meledandri

The diversity of colors and shapes beautifully represent the different cultures and races that make up our country.



Susan L. Roth

In America, land of the free, EVERY DAY IS THANKSGIVING DAY.



Paulette Bogan

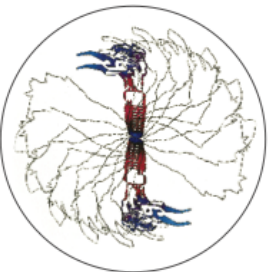
Freedom of Expression!

To dream.
To be different.
To be anything I want to be.



Dr. Bob Hieronimus

America's Founding Fathers believed that humans could govern themselves without a king, and should have the freedom to go to any church they wanted.



Marjorie Van Cura

I cherish my American freedom to rent an art studio and develop a body of work that is truly my own. I cherish my American freedom to choose to live and work in such an amazing city as New York!



Matt Nolen

Living life on your own terms is a precious gift of America, so rich with the diversity of viewpoints, opinions and the creative vision of its citizens.



R. Gregory Christie

This is a tribute to the next generation of this country, and the ideals that are there for them to know and understand as a guide for the future.



Michael Albert

MAKING ART is one way I like to practice my freedom.



Philomena Marano

Liberty Rings: 1776 Liberty, 1915 Equality

I am thankful for the liberties that are the rights of all Americans today – and particularly thankful for the courage of the suffragettes.



Louise Sagalyn

No matter how much we hold to our separate opinions, when it becomes important, we find a way to come together without resorting to force. I am grateful that, in our country, we believe in the Rule of Law.