



## Disney Artist Teaches and Enchants Middle School Art Students

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Ms. Loiseau's Middle School Art class got an opportunity to meet and learn from Legendary Disney artist, Al Baruch. Baruch is known for bringing to life all time favorite Disney cartoon characters such as; Captain Hook, Lady and the Tramp, the crocodile in Peter Pan and Pinocchio.

Students learned about Baruch's background and tricks of the trade from a true cartoon master as they watched him create characters on the spot, discuss his techniques and verbally portray cartoon character voices. Students even got their own cartoons critiqued and some were lucky enough to receive a signed copy of a Baruch cartoon.

Baruch was raised in Barcelona, Spain and began drawing at the age of 5. He began working for Disney in 1952. He's also developed characters for Terrytoons, the company behind Mighty Mouse and Casper the Friendly Ghost.

Since moving to Tamarac in 1996, Baruch, now 82, has been teaching children about cartooning and animation.

Baruch gives back to the community by holding classes for children with Down's syndrome and participates in the Florida Youth Orchestra's Painted Violin Project.



