

# Activity Idea

## Paint with Tyrus Wong

*Recommended for Ages 12 – 18*



Chinese-American artist Tyrus Wong (1910-2016) is best known as the lead illustrator for Disney's *Bambi* (1942). A trained landscape painter, Wong impressed Walt Disney with his lyrical, atmospheric nature scenes done in lush watercolor and pastel. He continued to work as a concept and storyboard artist for Disney and Warner Bros until the late 1960s. Aside from his work in the film industry, Wong was also an accomplished painter, graphic designer, ceramicist, and kite-maker. A prolific and consummate artist, he continued working well into his 90s. Wong received little recognition for his work until the latter part of his life, eventually being named a "Disney Legend" in 2001. This honor was the catalyst for a reassessment of his work, leading to several retrospective solo exhibitions in California and

New York City. He died in 2016 at the age of 106. As an immigrant from Guangdong, China who overcame poverty, racism, and a chronic lack of recognition, Wong is renowned as an one of the most influential and celebrated Asian American artists of the 20th century.

### More Info:

Past Exhibition Information from the Walt Disney Family Museum: "Water to Paper, Paint to Sky: The Art of Tyrus Wong" <https://tinyurl.com/ybnpqvt>

Tyrus Wong's Profile at the Hammer Museum website <https://tinyurl.com/ya7vralm>

### Spark an Idea!

Now that you've learned about Tyrus Wong's inspiring life and art, flex your own creative muscles! Use Fluid Paint and an online open source painting app, to create your own colorful masterpiece. Here's a link to Fluid Paint: <https://david.li/paint/>