

**Hello!**

**I'm an Activity Guide that will help  
you explore Ryan Gander's *Make  
every show like it's your last***

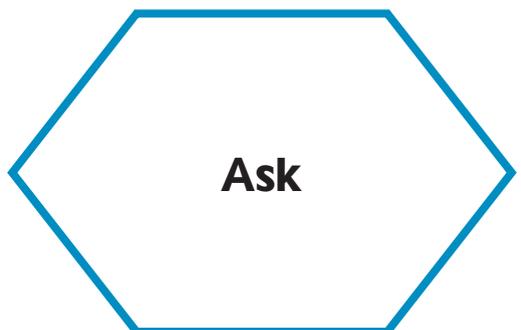
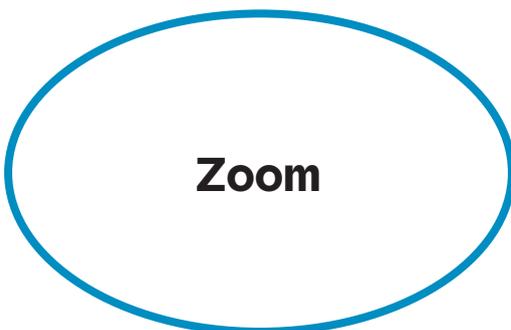
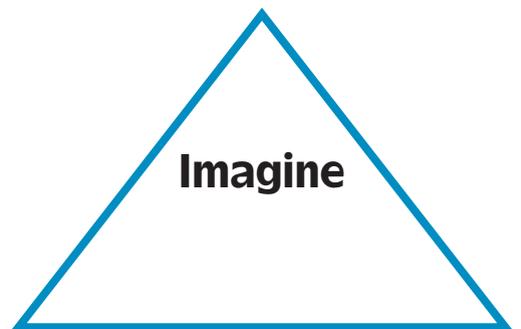


## About the artist

Ryan Gander is an artist who playfully and thoughtfully creates paintings, sculptures, films, photographs, and installations. He often places familiar and unfamiliar objects together, which makes us think about how we experience them.

He was born in 1976, in Chester, England, and currently lives and works in London and Suffolk, England.

Let's look at his work in four different ways...



## Sketch

Let's start in Gallery 6 looking at  
*And what if no one believes this truth?*

Ryan Gander made a calendar that includes notes, images, and photographs from his notebooks.

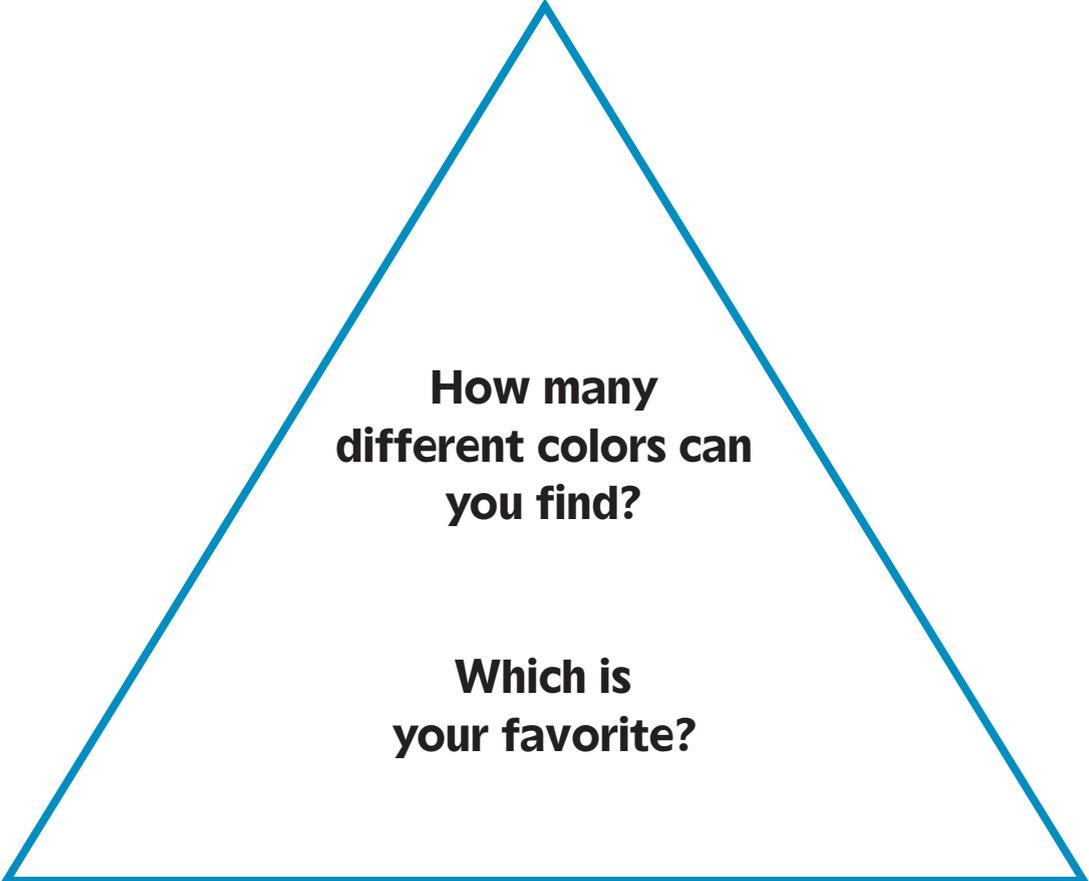
In the space below, write the date today and make your own design for today's calendar.



## Imagine

Now, let's go into Gallery 5 and find the work called *C++*.

These are paint palettes that Ryan used to paint portraits (from memory) of people that are important to him. But instead of showing us the portraits, he shows us the paint he used!



**How many  
different colors can  
you find?**

**Which is  
your favorite?**

Below, draw someone important to you from memory.

When you get home, try to re-create your favorite  
paint palette colors in your portrait.

# Zoom

Also in Gallery 5, find three sculptures with the title *I is...*

**Zoom Out**  
**What**  
**are they?**

**Zoom In**  
**What is the**  
**material?**

Ryan's four-year-old daughter likes to make forts! He makes a mold of her creations and then pours marble resin into the mold to create a sturdy, hard object.

What do you notice about the texture?

What other words would you use to describe this sculpture?

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## Ask

Now, let's go into Gallery 4 and find *Magnus Opus*.

Ask someone with you these questions:

**What is this artwork doing?**

**What do these eyes see?**

**How do they make you feel?**

**Why do you think the artist made this?**

**Take Home** In Gallery 5, find sculptures with the title *A lamp made by the artist for his wife*.

In response to a request from his wife for a new lamp, the artist regularly makes lamps from unexpected, found objects.

**Can you make a lamp  
with materials that you find  
in your home?**

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