

## GEOS NYC Teachers: Meet Brian!

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Brian Leo is originally from Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. Aside from having been an EFL/ESL instructor in Korea and the U.S., he is also an artist who keeps busy in his studio and has many shows, including an upcoming exhibit in Miami, Florida. Brian joined GEOS NYC in June and is a level 3 instructor. Alessandra spoke with Brian about his work and visited his studio recently.

It's not simple to talk about Brian art, he follows a characteristic contemporary artistic current calling Pop Surrealism. If we want to investigate the origins we should look the roots of the Pop Art: eccentric form, but with added value.

Brian Art talk with strong images, and speck through colours, but describe the reality in silence.

We can move from politics to current tragic reality, lead to more "banal" interpretation of historic movie. The image speck about "the didn't tell".

Where is the meaning in all this?

It's not just a flat aesthetic expression, wants to be a "contribution" on the knowledge, the help for a historical awareness.

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## Winter in New York City

It's cold outside, the leaves have gone, and you're wondering what to do. Better get yourself a really warm hat, pair of gloves and a scarf. *OK, you ask, but where should I go?*

**Greg:** Rockefeller Center's the bomb!

**Nobuko:** I like the Christmas tree and ice skating at Rockefeller Plaza.

**Briana:** Shoe shopping at Macy's or DSW is my favorite activity all year round!!!!!!

**Josh:** I recommend the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Last year it was free on winter weekdays. You can escape from the cold by visiting the exotic plants in the Steinhardt Conservatory. These plants are really cool and help me forget I am living in New York in the winter.



## GEOS NYC Staff: Meet Our Regional Marketing Coordinator!

Hi everyone! I'm Rita Chen, and I'm the newest addition to GEOS New York! My parents are Taiwanese but I was born and raised in Canada. I can speak Chinese, Japanese, and some French. I graduated from the University of Toronto in East Asian Studies. After university, I worked in GEOS Japan for 3.5 years. I transferred to GEOS New York this past August. Besides student care, I am mainly responsible for working with our 12 GEOS schools in North America. In my spare time, I volunteer, take Spanish classes, and hang out with my friends. GEOS New York is very different from GEOS Japan but I love being here. It's a fantastic place! ☺

## Important Dates/Activities NOV & DEC at GEOS NYC

Check out our [Activities Calendar](http://geosnyc.com/student-services-new-york/) at <http://geosnyc.com/student-services-new-york/>!

### End of November:

**18th:** Movie & Popcorn; **20th:** Free Lesson; **21st:** Trip to Battery Park; **24th:** Coffee Talk at Junior's Famous Cheesecake; **26th:** Trip Greenwich Village; **27th & 28th:** School closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### December:

**3rd:** Rockefeller Xmas Tree; **5th:** Salsa Dancing; **8th:** Intake Day; **9th:** Greenwich Village; **11th:** Free Lesson; **16th:** Bowling; **19th:** Xmas Party; **23rd:** Ice Skating; **25th:** School closed for Xmas; **30th:** Movie & Popcorn