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Matthew Daus, commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission helps students get on the creative track. Photos by Jennifer MacFarlane



A student helps paint a floral panel, which will grace a yellow icon when the Big Apple's first metered cab celebrates its 100th anniversary next year.

## I.S. 291 Students Celebrate a Very 'Checkered' Past

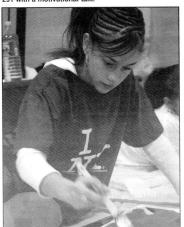
Traveling masterpieces...
Inspired Intermediate
School 291 students plied
their creativity by helping
kick-off a year-long painting
project in honor of the
upcoming 100th anniversary of the Big Apple's first
metered taxi cab.
The budding artists
joined forces with volunteers from Garden in Transit
for a paint-in at the
Bushwick school, 231
Palmetto Street, crafting

large, colorful panels, which will be applied to iconic city yellow cabs alongside the ones created by thousand of school-aged children from all five boroughs when the project culminates with a traveling exhibition in September 2007.

Garden in Transit is a citywide youth service volunteer and public art project in development for children coping with medical, physical, emotional and socioeconomic challenges.



Garden in Transit creators Ed (left) and Bernie Massey inspire youngsters at Intermediate School 291 with a motivational talk.



Budding Rembrandt Megan Hernandez plies her artsy side.