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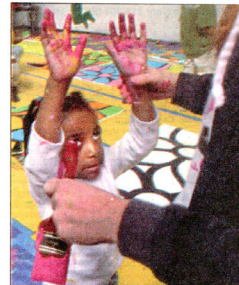
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From W. Phila. to the streets of New York



Shaw student Patricia Parker, 13, works on a panel that will be installed on a New York City taxicab. The program coincides with the 100th anniversary of the first metered cab in New York City.



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Fatimah El-Mekki, 4, shows her hands after painting panels for New York City taxis, part of yesterday's program at Shaw Middle School, where her father, Sharif El-Mekki, is principal. **B6.**

A New York public art project that involves more than 150 schools, hospitals and thousands of volunteers made a one-day visit to Philadelphia yesterday, stopping at Shaw Middle School. Students came to school ready to paint and sign their names to panels that will adorn New York City taxicabs from September to December. Operated by the nonprofit Garden in Transit, the program involves an estimated 400,000 youngsters and volunteers nationwide who are aiming to paint up to 800,000 square feet of vinyl to brighten up New York's fleet of mostly yellow cabs.

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