



Macy's Day Parade by Joseph Delaney



Yayoi Kusama
1929-

Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese contemporary artist best known for her sculpture and installations. Kusama's work also includes painting, performance, film, fashion, poetry, fiction, and more. She has been called "the princess of polka dots," because it is the common theme in her work. Her repetitive dots and marks allow her to feel as if everything is melting and melding into the bigger universe.

Kusama was approached to create a float for the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Her float, Love Flies Up to the Sky, is a character drawn from her most recent "My Eternal Soul" series of works.

Questions:

- Can a Macy's day float be considered art. Why or why not?
- Macy's has invited other renowned contemporary artists to contribute to the parade in the past. Does this make contemporary art more accessible or does it simply commercialize art?