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Ruth Asawa

Japanese American
Artist

Ruth Asawa (1926-2013) lived in a prison camp for a few years when she was a teenager. It was war time and Japanese Americans were sent to prison unfairly. Instead of feeling sad, Ruth learned how to draw and paint with whatever she could find at the prison. When she grew up, Ruth became a famous artist and a good teacher. Ruth helped students to think and create by using simple art materials like paper, clay, wire, and fabric. In 2010 a school in San Francisco was named the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts to honor her.