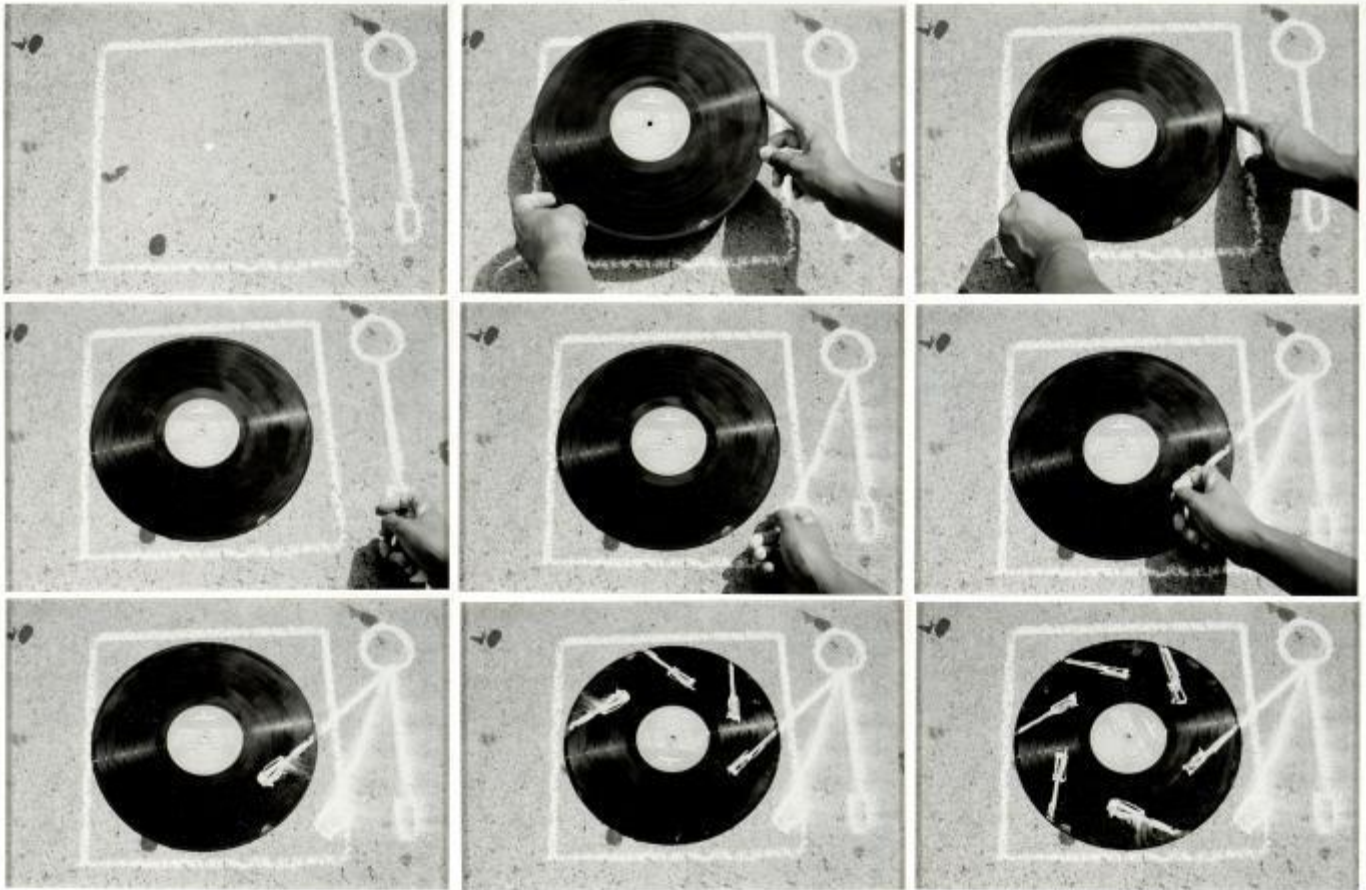


FAMILY ART ACTIVITY – Sequential Sidewalk Art

Sequential art is a term for a visual art style that tells a story through a sequence of images – like comics or graphic novels. The contemporary artist Robin Rhode playfully uses the idea of sequential art in his work, *Wheel of Steel*, pictured below:



Robin Rhode, *Wheel of Steel*, 2006. Digital pigment prints mounted on four-ply museum board, 49.5 x 68 inches. Collection of the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA. Museum purchase, 2007.3.1 © Robin Rhode

Robin Rhode combined a real object, a vinyl album, with a chalk drawing on a sidewalk. By making a series of photographs of the drawing in different stages, he created a story about playing music with a record player.

Activity:

First, find a “real” 3-dimensional object in your home that you will use to tell a story. This could be a toy, sports equipment, pair of shoes, cooking utensils, or objects from nature – whatever you find interesting! Work with your family to come up with a simple story to tell using this object. Then, find a safe place to spend some time drawing on a sidewalk or driveway. Create a series of drawings around this object. Robin Rhode created all of his drawings on top of one another, but you could also create a new drawing for each sequence. Make sure to document each sequence with a photograph.

Don't have sidewalk chalk? You can make your own sidewalk paint by combining 1 part cornstarch with 1 part water and adding a drop of food coloring. You could also do this activity inside with markers and paper.