

75th Anniversary Block Party

Held in front of Skowhegan's New York space on October 9, 2021, the outdoor festival, organized by the Alumni Alliance and Skowhegan Council, celebrated Skowhegan's expansive artistic community. The afternoon-long event featured work by over 40 participating alumni artists.

Dear Block Party Artists,

I spend a lot of time at my job thinking about what it means to be part of "The Skowhegan Community": I've never attended Skowhegan as a participant, so fundamentally there is always going to be a disconnect between my experience with the school and each of yours. I like to think, though, that in a funny way, that disconnect is inherent to this collection of artists and humans we call "The Skowhegan Community"—each year is different, each experience is different, but everyone in some way is able to draw from Skowhegan and build upon it, beyond their time on campus.

This is to say, whatever the "The Skowhegan Community" is, it was certainly present at the Block Party. The performances, installations and even the pins provided a cadence for the event that fostered interactions for those present, and the flags, the photo backdrops, the poster and zine were critical in creating a visual atmosphere that spanned both alumni years and geography. Without exaggeration, I think I had at least one conversation about every single piece present.

Every part was crucial. Your work was integral to the celebration—I cannot thank you enough.

—Paige Laino, Alumni Coordinator



Opposite: Guests attending the Block Party on West 22nd Street in New York City; Guests playing with kg (A '17) *Badminton Set* installation.

Clockwise, top: Flag installation featuring artwork by (l-r) Birgit Rathsmann (A '04), Brian Alfred (A '99), Michelle Hauser (A '81), Perry Meigs (A '98), Jonathan Ehrenberg (A '11); Block Party on West 22nd Street in New York City; Michele Brody (A '96) and guest during *Reflections in Tea* performance; DJ set by Barrio Collective.

Photography by Gia Sergovich.

Participating Artists

Brian Alfred (A '99)
 Laylah Ali (A '93)
 Nobutaka Aozaki (A '15)
 Barrio Collective
 Black Lunch Table
 Michele Brody (A '96)
 Lauren Cohen (A '10)
 Jonathan Ehrenberg (A '11)
 Linda Ford (A '02)
 Rachel Frank (A '05)
 Helen Glazer (A '75)
 kg (A '17)
 Baris Gokturk (A '16)
 Michelle Hauser (A '81)
 Sarah Haviland (A '85)
 Maya Hayuk (A '11) and
 Joseph Choma
 Anthropussy (Eli Hill (A '19))
 Wayne Hodge (A '06, '21)
 Jack Hogan (A '19)
 Sarah Hotchkiss (A '10)
 Tim Hutchings (A '96)
 Frank Hyder (A '73)
 Gary Jameson (A '72)
 Jim Leach (A '15)
 Juliet Karelsen (A '96)
 Liu Kincheloe (A '13, '21)

Anna Kunz (A '09)
 Megan Marlatt (A '85, '21)
 Kabir Ahmed Masum
 Chisty (A '15)
 Jennifer McCandless (A '95)
 Perry Meigs (A '98)
 Tracy Miller (A '92)
 Paolo Morales (A '15)
 Simonetta Moro (A '03)
 Alicia Paz (A '98)
 Lily Prince (A '91)
 Birgit Rathsmann (A '04)
 Gabriela Salazar (A '11)
 Vabianna Santos (A '13)
 Finn Schult (A '17) and
 Tommy Coleman
 Jessica Segall (A '10)
 Pallavi Sen (A '17)
 Kuldeep Singh (A '14)
 Edra Soto (A '00)
 Fabian Tabibian (A '10)
 Tricia Townes (A '98)
 Xander Wrencher (A '18)
 Furong Zhang (A '98, '21)



Clockwise, top: Finn Schult (A '17) and Tommy Coleman during their *Doomba* performance; Flag installation featuring artwork by (l-r) Gary Jameson (A '72), Rachel Frank (A '05), Gabriela Salazar (A '11), Jennifer McCandless (A '95), Paolo Morales (A '15), Juliet Karelsen (A '96); Maya Hayuk (A '11) and Kyle Maxey in front of a photo backdrop by Maya Hayuk and Joseph Choma.

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Clockwise, top: Guests (top, l-r) Desmond Lewis (A '18), John Hulsey (A '18), Jack Wood (A '18), Rebecca Shippee (A '18), Monty Hardy, Abbey Williams (A '04), Dave Hardy (A '04, F '18), (bottom, l-r) Bradley Marshall (A '18), Adam Milner (A '18), Asif Mian (A '18) in front of a photo backdrop by Vabianna Santos (A '13); Anthropussy (Eli Hill (A '19)) performing *You Must Destroy It*; Co-Directors (l-r) Sarah Workneh and Katie Sonnenborn; (l-r) *Smiley Bag Portrait* by Nobutaka Aozaki (A '15) with Kay Hickman.

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