

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY COLORFUL!

Check out all the art RAW youth created in Lynn this summer.



Lynn youth posing with painted rocks they created for "Reflections of our City" (Page 3).

MEN 2 BE PARTICIPATE IN THE FLYING HORSE OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

RAW teens were invited to participate in Pingree School's 14th Annual Flying Horse Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit again this year!

We are grateful to the exhibit's curator, Judith Klein, for inviting artists from RAW's Men 2 Be group to participate. As you may recall, the partnership began three years ago when Jason Cruz, RAW's Director of Culture and Experience, led a group of RAW students to create "A Seat at the Table," a sculpture that went on to be displayed at the Peabody Essex Museum. This year, the teen artists' sculptures are the only ones featured on the grounds created by non-professional artists. She even invited two of the group members to curate RAW's portion of the exhibit. Jason Cruz remarked; "Judith not only wants us at the table, she makes space for us too."

This year while making their sculptures, members of Men 2 Be considered the question, "When was the last time you went outside and played?" Many shared that they hadn't in years, a result of the pandemic, safety concerns, or just growing up. *Keep reading on next page.*



Students created figurative sculptures that are playing, running, thinking, and laying in the grass, meant to inspire us all to reflect on our own relationship with play.

This is your reminder! Go play outside, with your kids and family, or just for yourself; go lay in the grass and find animals in the clouds or run through the park. Go and create some memories.

The exhibit will be up at Pingree School from September 2nd to November 26, 2023.



Men 2 Be teen working on a figurative sculpture running for the Pingree exhibit.



Alison Miller and RAW teen artists at the Brickett Elementary school yard. On the right is Tamara the Tiger painted at the school's entrance.

WAMX + ARTISTS IN ACTION REIMAGINE THE SCHOOL YARD

RAW Clinical Director Alison Miller and teens from WAMX + Artists in Action groups worked together to create interactive playground murals at Brickett Elementary for local kids to play with and enjoy. The team worked for two weeks in the summer heat to completely transform the space. Murals included are:

- "The Floor is Lava" game
- "I Am" solar system hopscotch
- An alphabet snail
- A multi-use four square court



To see more photos of the art created, check out RAW on Instagram @rawartworkslynn.

One artist designed and painted Tamara the Tiger, the school mascot, shown with a bucket of paint + paint splatters at the entrance of the school greeting students and visitors alike.

RAW's teen artists were so happy to present their completed work to the students and faculty and showed the little ones how to play some of the fun games they created.

"Growing up...there were days when we didn't have enough paper in the building and had to reuse the backsides of old lesson plans, never mind resources for recess. The new playground murals inspire play, curiosity, and connection among the children. It may seem simple, but this art will empower young people to use their imaginations, and it creates a safe space for the kids to play, learn, and have fun!"

-KAITLYN FARMER, RAW'S PROJECT LAUNCH SENIOR MANAGER AND ALUMNA WHO ALSO ATTENDED BRICKETT ELEMENTARY

G2G CREATES MURALS FOR THE ELIOT CENTER

RAW alum John Plunkett joined Good to Go (G2G), one of RAW's public art muralist teams, to create two murals for the Eliot Center, an outpatient mental health facility that serves all ages in Lynn. Over an 8 day period this summer, they designed and completed the murals for the kids room and the main entry way. The team wanted to provide happy, calming, and family friendly imagery to brighten up the center and make it welcoming to clients seeking support. They even included Lynn specific images in their design to honor the history of this vibrant community.



G2G student painting in the Eliot Center kid's room.

RAW PROGRAMS COLLABORATE TO CREATE "REFLECTIONS OF OUR CITY"



Lynn community member posing with his "City of Win" painted rock created during the "Reflections of our City" project this summer.

This summer, RAW Chiefs led a citywide collaborative art project called "Reflections of our City." The group invited Lynnners to create art using mirrors, rocks, and paint to inspire positive reflections and uplift our community. Participants decorated materials using words and imagery that evoke love, compassion, kindness, and positive vibes!

VanGo, RAW's summer outreach program, where we "jump in the van and go", was seen throughout Lynn's parks and open spaces to ensure all Lynn youth had an opportunity to participate and share their affirmations.

On July 27th, the RAW Chiefs who supported this project unveiled the community's collective art work which was then brought to GALA Lynn Arts where it was displayed in the main gallery window for all to enjoy.

From the Archives, RAW's VanGo on the move in the '90s. We are excited to be getting a new van soon!



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A Note from Rosario Ubiera-Minaya, Executive Director

We are so excited to have everybody back in the building. RAW's youth spent this past summer out in the community making space for art, conversation, and connections. We have lots of great accomplishments to celebrate! We hope you'll be able to check out some of their incredible murals seen throughout the city and come by Central Square for a visit this fall.

For ways to get involved, visit rawartworks.org. To see some of the art mentioned in the newsletter, follow RAW on Instagram @rawartworkslynn, and on Facebook @rawartworks.



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