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**Art by Erica, AMP Middle**

# SEEN HEARD AMPLIFIED

**Celebrating RAW Artists + Filmmakers**

Our newest exhibit, Seen • Heard • AMPLIFIED, turns up the volume on youth voices. This year's Art Week theme asked young artists to explore what must be seen, what must be heard, and how their creativity can amplify truth, challenge injustice, and imagine new possibilities.

At RAW, we believe art doesn't just reflect the world, it shapes it. This show is a powerful reminder of what happens when young people use their voices and their art to lead.



Local youth playing with bubbles at the 2025 Exhibit Opening + Block Party. Photo by John Andrews, Creative Collective.



## Art Week 2025: A Celebration of Youth Voice and Creative Power



Real to Reel Wellness Lead Christianna, youth filmmaker Danian, and Program Manager Sid pose at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual R2R Film Screening at The Cabot.

Every spring, RAW's Art Week offers a powerful look at what happens when young people are given the space to express themselves fully and fearlessly. Across RAW's studios and events, our youth turned up the volume on the issues, ideas, and identities that matter most to them. Their art spoke—boldly, bravely, and beautifully to this year's theme, **Seen • Heard • AMPLIFIED**.

### Real to Reel Film Screening | Tuesday, May 21, The Cabot

Art Week opened with the 25th Annual Real to Reel (R2R) Film Screening, where RAW's young filmmakers took the stage and the screen to share their stories. From short narratives to documentaries and experimental pieces, each film was a window into the minds and hearts of our youth. The screening was a powerful showcase of creativity, courage, and voice, and a testament to the importance of platforms where youth can speak for themselves.

### Fecteau-Leary Art Show | Wednesday, May 22

RAW's long-standing partnership with Fecteau-Leary Jr./Sr. High School continued to thrive this year, culminating in a powerful student art show during Art Week. Led by RAW's on-site Expressive Arts Therapist, Sam Adams, the program provides ongoing opportunities for students to process, explore, and express themselves through art. Sam's work at Fecteau is rooted in trust, consistency, and the belief that creativity is a vital part of emotional growth.



**Keyla**  
RAW Stars



**David**  
Kickstart Middle



Artist in Action Seniors receiving their RAW sweatshirts at the Exhibit Opening + Block Party



Expressive Arts Therapist Sam Adams and 10<sup>th</sup> grader Bryant at the Fecteau-Leary Art Show



## Annual Exhibit Opening + Block Party | Thursday, May 23, Central Square, Lynn

We wrapped up Art Week with our biggest celebration of the year—the Annual Exhibit Opening and Block Party. Central Square was filled with music, movement, and connection, as hundreds gathered to experience the Seen • Heard • AMPLIFIED gallery show and celebrate the artists behind the work. The exhibit featured powerful pieces exploring identity, justice, and self-expression.

We were also thrilled to welcome back our partners from the Lynn Education District, who added to the energy with information tables, food, and activities for families and visitors. More than just a party, this event was a celebration of community, creativity, and the unshakable power of youth voice.



Community members at RAW viewing the Seen • Heard • AMPLIFIED exhibit.



Jason Cruz and Scott Sullivan embrace after Sullivan made a record-breaking bid on Cruz's piece "400th Round #2 'We Rest'"

## BASH 2025: Magnify

This year's BASH was both a celebration and a powerful response to the growing impact of federal cuts to youth mental health and arts funding. Our community showed up with generosity and resolve, raising vital funds through art purchases, sponsorships, and heartfelt giving. In a moment of national pullback, BASH 2025 magnified the strength of local support and affirmed our shared belief that every young person deserves to be seen, heard, and celebrated.



## Welcome to Team RAW!

As we build on the incredible momentum from BASH 2025, we're excited to welcome two new members to our Development team: Elliott Tranter, our new Grants Manager, and Judy Bowe, our new Development Director. Their passion and expertise will help ensure that the generosity we witnessed at BASH continues to grow into lasting, sustainable support for RAW's mission. We're thrilled to have them on board as we move boldly into our next chapter.



Judy Bowe, Director of Development



Elliott Tranter, Grants Manager



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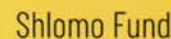
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