Discover your inner genius through art and science — at home or in person
As a community art organization in Philadelphia, Da Vinci Art Alliance (DVAA) contributes to shaping the narrative of our neighborhood and our city. DVAA was founded by 9 Italian immigrants, in 1931, as a space of creative refuge at a time and place in our history where immigrants were barred from major artistic, academic, and scientific institutions. Today, Da Vinci Art Alliance continues our mission of building community through art. Based in South Philadelphia, we provide resources, exhibition space, education, and community for our artist members and surrounding neighborhoods. Presenter of the annual Da Vinci Fest, we inspire all who walk through our doors (or virtual portals) to explore their inner genius.

DVAA membership provides visual artists with a platform to share their work, build community and connect with thousands of annual visitors. Artist memberships are for adult artists, creatives and makers working in any medium. Supporting Memberships provide an opportunity for art-appreciators and art patrons to get involved and support DVAA’s mission.

Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci’s unquenchable curiosity, Da Vinci Fest Live is a partly virtual and totally entertaining festival that celebrates how creativity flourishes at the intersection of disciplines. Through programs for adults and youth, installed exhibitions, a competitive Derby race, an art market, and a brand new mural, Da Vinci Fest Live showcases the innovation, diversity, and artistry that makes Philadelphia so vibrant. Originally planned as an in-person festival and then upgraded to include interactive virtual experiences, everyone can participate in the festival safely and at their leisure.

▷ Da Vinci Fest Live will kick-off with a live-stream broadcast at 6:30pm on Oct. 22 at www.DaVinciFest.org

All experiences are both free and virtual unless otherwise noted
Five exhibitions exploring the impact of innovation on the city of Philadelphia. All Exhibits will include artist-talks, 3D experiences, photos, and audio descriptions for people who are blind or low-vision – all in English and some in Spanish.

▶ PHILADELPHIA FORTHCOMING: THE ENDLESS URBAN PORTRAIT
Da Vinci Art Alliance, Gallery 1
An investigation of Philadelphia’s architectural past and present through this collaborative exhibition by DVAA members, Jefferson University’s College of Architecture and the Built Environment students, faculty, and alumni, and PEW Fellow, Lisa Marie Patzer. Through a tabletop cityscape, a video installation exploring machine intelligence, and a historical wallpaper installation, a common vision of Philadelphia’s future is found.

▶ THE INQUISITIVES: AT THE INTERSECTION OF ART & SCIENCE
Da Vinci Art Alliance, Gallery 2
Six artists with a background in science come together to exhibit new work that reveals the interconnectedness of their scientific and artistic processes. As artists and scientists, Barbara Bix MD, Bennett Lorber MD, Christine Stoughton PhD, Joellyn Ross PhD, Linda Dubin Garfield EdD, and Pia De Girolamo MD prove that science and art aren’t all that different after all.

▶ EXQUISITE COPSE
Philadelphia Sculptors at Palumbo Park
A temporary exhibition of sculptures, where twelve artworks will pop out from the bushes, hang from the trees, and creep along the walkways. True to the spirit of both Leonardo da Vinci and the Surrealists, the artworks by Clifford Bailey, Ken Beidler, Patrick Cabry, David Deakin, Karen Izzi, Leslie Kaufman, Gregory Laut, Carole Loeffler, Rebecca Schultz, Bina Shah, Naomi Teppich, and Nina Valdera will delight, engage, and mystify.

▶ EVERYDAY GENIUS
Da Vinci Art Alliance, Gallery X
This exhibition of portraiture by the drawing robot Henri celebrates the unsung acts of leadership and creativity that make Philadelphia so vibrant. Just like walking through a video game, you can explore Everyday Genius in Gallery X from your desktop computer or smart device.

▶ THE ASTRONOMY OF DAVID RITTENHOUSE
The Library Company Of Philadelphia
A selection of historical books shedding light on the life and ideas of David Rittenhouse. Curated by Bill Green of the Philly Moon Men, this virtual exhibit showcases Rittenhouse as a prominent astronomer, clockmaker, mathematician, and scientific instrument craftsman.
Through a partnership with Mural Arts Philadelphia, Friends of Palumbo Park, Fleisher Art Memorial, and Bella Vista Neighbors Association, and the City of Philadelphia, the new mural is on the side of the DVAA’s building at 704 Catharine Street.

**INNOVATION LIGHTS THE WAY!**

**BY SAMMY KOVNAT & MARIA ROMAN**

Watch the official mural dedication with Mural Arts Executive Director, Jane Golden and artists Maria Roman and Sammy Kovnat at www.DaVinciFest.org starting on October 22 at 6:30pm.

“This mural was as much of a journey for us to create as we hope you will have when viewing it. We aimed to honor the community in all its forms: past, present, and future, as well as its influences. In a way, this mural is just a page in a story, the story of a community coming together to look to the future for good health, happiness, and creative and scientific innovation.”

- Sammy Kovnat & Maria Roman

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**THE MURAL**

Da Vinci Fest Live will feature several online opportunities where you can: collect art objects for under $500, virtually bid on services and experiences, and support local artists and businesses.

**ART BAZAAR**

The Art Bazaar features work for sale from local artists on our virtual Market platform. The artwork will be in multiple mediums and themes, but will all be available for under $500.

**SILENT AUCTION**

The Silent Auction houses deals from local restaurants and neighborhood businesses, plus unique goods and services provided by DVAA Members such as portrait photography and art management consulting.
Countless artists, scientists, teachers, and organizations make Philadelphia a hub for interdisciplinary innovation. The Hive is a curated collection of videos, art activities, artist talks, self-guided experiences, and more. All experiences are free unless otherwise noted and are available from Oct. 22 - 29.

Explore THE HIVE at www.DaVinciFest.org

In-person: 🗓️ Time specific: 🕒 Virtual: 📀

**When Science is Art: Philadelphia Insectarium & Butterfly Pavilion**

See a variety of the coolest critters up close with a tour led by John from the Philadelphia Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion. Boasting one of the most diverse living arthropod collections in the United States, the Philadelphia Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion will take you on a journey into the insect kingdom and local ecology.

**Virtual StorySlam: Mother of Invention:** First Person Arts

We will push the boundaries and create an event where storytelling and visual art installation converge. Listen to personal stories inspired by the theme Mother of Invention alongside a selected artwork by Patricia Moss-Vreeland.

**Crafting Paper Lanterns: Juan Tang Hon**

Craft a colorful paper lantern while learning about traditions and cultures practiced throughout South Philadelphia, including Harvest festivals and papel picado. Visual artist and educator Juan Tang Hon will help you make your very own paper lantern using colored paper, scissors, glue, and a ruler.

**Reimagining Movement in Our City: Indego Bike Share**

How has cycling shaped our relationship to Philadelphia and each other? Meet Iresha Picot, an avid Indego Passholder who utilizes bike share for transportation, recreation, self-care, and community-building. Learn how bike share works and tips to get you confidently cruising!

**Philly Planet Watch: Philly Moon Men**

Blast off into space for a journey around the solar system as we identify planets that can be observed with or without optics. Observe the phase transition of the waxing gibbous Moon. Use the downloadable Sky Map to orient yourself and your position in the Universe. Learn more about our celestial neighbors in the solar system.

**Scope and Sketch: Philly Moon Men & DVAA**

In this outdoor, socially-distanced astronomy and art course, you will learn about our Earth’s Moon and participate in a shading study to render its shadows and craters, with video feed from a telescope into a television. (Oct. 23 and 25, 6:30-8:30pm, $20 per person)
Belquer’s Kabinet of Curiosities: Daniel Belquer
Discover the intricacies of Daniel Belquer’s artistic practice where he creates technology that enables the deaf to interact with music through vibrations and more!

Fusing Fields: Panel talk with The Inquisitives & Moderator Marianne Mitchell
Artists from the exhibition The Inquisitives will discuss the interconnection of their professional fields and the similarities of the scientific and creative processes.

The Dollar Store Derby: FunScienceDemos
Learn about the physics behind creating a derby car. Using everyday items, you too can create a competitive derby car with the help of energy, friction, and some scientific tips.

Chromatography Parachute for Toys: Chelsey Luster & PlayArts
Chelsey from PlayArts will demonstrate how colored pigment diffuses through water resulting in beautiful designs. Using washable markers, coffee filters, and Chromatography, Chelsey will show you how to make a colorful parachute from home. Once your parachute is complete you can try attaching different toys and objects to it to see how it affects the fall.

Cultural Symbolism in Public Art: Fleisher Art Memorial, Mural Arts & DVAA
Join a live conversation led by Magda Martinez (Mural Arts) and Gerard Silva (Fleisher) with muralists Sammy Kovnat and Maria Roman to discuss the symbolism in the new mural “Innovation Lights the Way”. (Oct. 27, 7pm)

Art, Nature, Technology and Storytelling: TrailOff
TrailOff is a free mobile app that brings users into a cutting edge artistic experience. Literally walk a mile in another’s shoes through 10 original audio dramas, written specifically for trails throughout the region by local authors who bring new and diverse perspectives to nature.

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In-person:  Virtual:
Time specific:  
Even more experiences waiting to be discovered at www.DaVinciFest.org
The Da Vinci Derby brings together artists, engineers, and inventors who transformed a 7” block of wood into a Derby Car to compete for awards in speed and creativity. Using Derby Starter Kits participants engineered, assembled, and personalized a Derby Car that will race on a custom track, broadcast at Da Vinci Fest Live.

Leslie Gudel, veteran Philadelphia sportscaster, and Bresslergroup engineer, Leroy Sibanda, will give a play-by-play narration of the Da Vinci Derby where Philadelphians of all ages will race their derby car creations for awards in speed and creativity. The Da Vinci Derby brings together artists, engineers, and inventors of all ages to a televised race unlike any other. Throughout the live-stream, viewers will be able to preview content from the artists, designers, teachers, scientists, astronomers, and inventors from the Da Vinci Fest Live HIVE, browse the items in the MARKET, and see the brand new MURAL on our building.

Everyday Genius is our way of recognizing the dedication and accomplishments of Philadelphia’s essential workers, community leaders, artists, activists, and local heroes. See why these Everyday Geniuses were nominated by our community in the Everyday Genius exhibition in Gallery X.

“Our leaders represent our belief that the process of art-making is an accessible unifier that, when paired with the sciences, creates an environment of unbridled possibility.”

- Jarrod Markman, DVAA Executive Director

Our robotic arm Henri, named after Henri Maillardet who built the first spring-activated automaton that draws pictures, is helping to honor these Geniuses by drawing custom portraits of each Everyday Genius.

See the virtual exhibition of Everyday Geniuses at www.DaVinciFest.org
**DA VINCI FEST LIVE IS VIRTUALLY EVERYWHERE**

The term polymath describes an individual whose knowledge spans a significant number of subjects, known to draw on complex bodies of knowledge to better solve problems. Da Vinci Fest Live embodies this multidisciplinary approach to programming by creating a platform for diverse ideas, subjects, and people to mingle, knowing that diverse perspectives are better suited to spark innovation.

► Our collaboratively designed Festival brings together organizations from all over Philadelphia and beyond.

Rich with science museums, arts organizations, and leaders in STEAM, Philadelphia is the place to discover your inner genius. The map below displays the locations of Da Vinci Fest Live programming partners, where attendees can explore their curiosity beyond our virtual festival. More details on all the Da Vinci Fest Live partners can be found at DaVinciFest.org.

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JOIN US FOR THE LIVE-STREAM:
OCTOBER 22ND, 6:30PM

EXPLORE THE WHOLE FESTIVAL:
ONLINE OCTOBER 22ND-29TH

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