ARTISTIC NOISE

2023 IMPACT REPORT

A Year of Growth, Change & Care

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Artistic Noise is a Harlem-based nonprofit consisting of artists, educators, activists, licensed art therapists, and many gifted young people. Our mission is to build community with system-impacted youth to enhance lives through the empowering and therapeutic potential of art making.

Since our founding in 2001, we have connected the power of artistic practice with thousands of young people who are incarcerated, on probation, in foster care, unhoused, or otherwise impacted by the juvenile court system.

Though people affected by the juvenile court system have a great deal to say, they oftentimes have very few opportunities to be heard or seen by the public. At Artistic Noise, we believe it is a healing and empowering experience for artists in our community to tell their own stories rather than relying on others to tell their stories for them.

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Who We Are & What We Do

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OUR 2023 PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

ART & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Paid art-making workshops in Harlem

ART & CARE
Drop-in art therapy program at the School of Visual Arts

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
Weekly diversionary sessions with the Midtown Community Justice Center

ALUMNI ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE
Support and resources for alumni artists

MUSEUM & GALLERY PARTNERSHIPS
Connecting our community with the NYC art world to increase opportunities

YOUTH ART EXHIBITIONS
Showcasing and selling our youth-created artwork to the public
ART & ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2023

Our Art & Entrepreneurship (A&E) program works to develop the creative abilities of system-impacted young people ages 14-22 years old through an exploration of a variety of hands-on art making techniques.

Taught by a Teaching Artist and Art Therapist each week, A&E participants are paid a stipend for every hour they work with us in our storefront studio space and receive 100% of the proceeds for every artwork that they sell through our gallery shows and exhibitions.

Workshops run in 2023
124

Young people enrolled in A&E
19

Hours of paid studio programming
372

Total youth stipends paid out in FY23
$53,256

Additional artwork sales dispersed to youth
$5,575

Current hourly wage for A&E participants
$17.50/hour
A NEW PILOT PROGRAM CREATED WITH THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS
(STARTED OCT 23, 2023)

Workshops run in 2023
(October 23 - December 11)
7

Average weekly drop-in attendance
10-12

Total hours of 2023 drop-in programming
49

Value of gift cards and other resources distributed to participants
$1,750+

Individual one-on-one therapy sessions
15

Percentage of attendees who spend over one-hour in the drop in space
80%

ART & CARE 2023

Taking shape primarily as a healing, mutual-aid space for system-impacted youth, Art & Care also exists as a free, community-centered art making studio. Held every Monday on the School of Visual Arts’ campus, drop-in participants receive assistance with basic needs, individualized therapy, and other health-related services while increasing their visibility and impact within a supportive academic space. Free Metrocards, food, drinks, childcare supplies, art making materials, and gift cards are available for anyone who needs them.
Midtown Community Justice Center (MCJC) and the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI) have partnered with Artistic Noise to provide creative, therapeutic, alternatives-to-incarceration programming at their courthouse space every Thursday afternoon.

As part of NYC’s Project Reset, this arts-based initiative allows emerging adults aged 18-26 years old the choice of making art within a therapeutic framework with our team instead of receiving more punitive measures such as fines or probation.

Workshops run at MCJC in 2023

48

People whose records were expunged and cases dismissed through this program

250+

Average participants per workshop

5-6

Percentage who stated that the project exceeded their expectations of what they would be doing in court

84%

Percentage who stated that they felt cared for and safe to express themselves within our workshops

97%
MUSEUM AND GALLERY PARTNERSHIPS

Connecting the resources of NYC’s arts institutions to our community of system-impacted young people.

In 2023, Artistic Noise partnered with a variety of museums and galleries including:

The Studio Museum in Harlem
Kasmin Gallery
Hauser & Wirth
The Museum of Arts & Design

We exhibited youth artwork at a number of spaces such as:

The Whitney Museum of American Art
Pace Gallery
Hannah Traore Gallery
United Justice Coalition
YOUTH SUCCESSES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The young people who make up our community are continually showing growth and achieving new goals.

The following are just a few examples of what they have achieved in 2023:

Jasmine A. transitioned from A&E participant to alumni after working with us for over 3 years. She collaborated with Artistic Noise staff to secure independent housing through the voucher process and moved into a new apartment prior to the start of the year.

Lauren B. transitioned from A&E participant to alumni and is working with us to pilot a new partnership with the nonprofit Day One, co-facilitating art therapeutic sessions for young women experiencing intimate partner violence.

Tony M. has leaned into his role as a new father and demonstrated increased responsibility and leadership skills.

Skyy M. sold the largest amount of artwork in last year’s art exhibit at Hannah Traore Gallery.

Rosalie J. graduated from high school and is currently attending her 2nd semester of college.

Taylesha G. has been receiving mentorship opportunities from Samantha Cortez and just acquired a new job as a home health aid.

Shalai H. transitioned from A&E participant to alumni after being with us for over 2 years. She is now working as a para-professional aid for youth with diverse needs in school settings in the Bronx and Westchester County.

Imani M. has recently become reengaged with A&E programming after briefly stepping away. She has recently found employment with Amazon and Fresh Direct while simultaneously raising her two young children.

Larry B. has been prioritizing school more. He has been communicative with AN staff and has started to increase his engagement within A&E sessions.

Chris S. has recently begun a GED program and completed a mentorship with the support staff at Good Shepherd Services. He successfully exhibited and sold his first artwork at Pace Gallery.

Chelsea T. has a new paid internship on Mondays and has applied to colleges. She is awaiting word on a number of scholarships.

And so many more...
PROMOTING FROM WITHIN

Our vibrant community of past and present Art & Entrepreneurship participants are one of Artistic Noise’s greatest resources.

In 2023, we hired or promoted an incredible group of young people into a variety of new roles.

Ebony Walcott
Artistic Noise Board Member

Bishop McIndoe
2023 Alumni Artist in Residence

Joseph Goodwin
A&E Lead Teaching Artist

Samantha Cortez
2024 Alumni Artist in Residence
Art & Care Teaching Assistant

Savio Zigbi-Johnson
Art & Care Teaching Assistant

Lauren Brown & Jasmine Alford
Art & Entrepreneurship Studio Assistants
YOUTH-CREATED ARTWORK

Each year, Artistic Noise participants produce and exhibit an entirely new body of work. These are just a few examples of what was created in our studio space in 2023.

Artwork created by (clockwise from top right): Bishop, Imani, Skyy, Jasmine, Matthew, and Sha
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Artistic Noise is always looking for new organizations with whom to partner, collaborate together on programs, coordinate donations, apply for funding, and connect with one another across a variety of initiatives.

Please contact us at info@artisticnoise.org or 646-256-7296 for more information on how you can become a part of the Artistic Noise community.

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