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2021 ALBANY CENTER GALLERY YOUTH ART PROGRAMMING SERIES LOOK!



Above: Summer Youth Employment Program 2020 (partnership with the City of Albany, as well as the Tony Clement Center for Education and Arbor Hill Development Corp) painting the chess tables outside of the Gallery in the first week of their program.

What is LOOK! ACG's Youth Art Program Series?

LOOK! is a year-round workshop series for youth interested in the arts with organizations and young creative professionals of the Capital Region. Through collaboration with local artist mentors and their personal creative voices, the youth produce artwork of a myriad of mediums and varieties. Each youth has the opportunity to come up with their own concept and together, we help make their visions come to life. Each year the program grows to meet the art needs of the community. In 2021, we have already exponentially expanded our LOOK! Program, with several more projects under way.

All the partnerships for LOOK! are held with women-, Black-, or women of color- led organizations. ACG wants to also ensure that underserved communities and individuals (for example, youth of color, as this is a population often overlooked by most arts institutions) are receiving opportunities for thoughtful, free art activities. LOOK! adds vibrant color and activates spaces while creating sustainable lessons in teamwork, professionalism, literacy, and creativity. Art uplifts and inspires. The more art that is everywhere, the more demand and acceptance for an artfully vibrant Albany and beyond there will be.



Above: Part of the Connect Center Cohoes Mural 2021 Crew

Some of the organizations we work with include: RISSE (Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus, Inc.), the RED Bookshelf, Grand Street Arts, Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Amplified Voices, as well as independent local artists with backgrounds in arts education, movement arts, and mural making.



Two finished paintings



Left: Art Street Youth Art Workshop 2021 (partnership with Grand Street Community Arts) where participants worked with Artist Mentor Drew Herrera-Suarez to create their own unique paintings with a subject of their choice, which were later shown at the Albany Capital Center.

Right: Frank Chapman Memorial Institute Youth Art Program 2021 (partnership with FCMI with support by the RED Bookshelf) students working together and having fun while painting a mural.



Left: RISSE Summer Program 2021 (partnership with RISSE Albany) participants working with artist mentors to create murals that they designed with ideas to represent themselves and RISSE.

Right: RED Bookshelf Essay Contest Winners 2021
(partnership with The RED Bookshelf as well as the Albany Barn). Several kids entered the contest, and wrote about a Capital Walls mural that inspired them and why.



Three of several completed murals

Left: Summer Youth Employment Program 2020
(partnership with the City of Albany, as well as the Tony Clement Center for Education and Arbor Hill Development Corp). One of the students in progress mural "Diversity is Vibrant" during four weeks of work (4'x8').

Right: Summer Youth Employment Program 2020
(partnership with the City of Albany, as well as the Tony Clement Center for Education and Arbor Hill Development Corp). Two students posing with Artist Mentor Eugene O'Neill as they collaborate with another fellow youth artist on their mural.





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Left: **Corner Canvas 2019**
(partnership with Albany County
Land Bank and 4th Family Inc),
other community partners on
project include: South End
Improvement Corp., Arbor Hill
Development Corp., Tech Valley
Transportation, AVillage Inc.

Right: **Corner Canvas 2019**
youth working on Dare 2
Dream mural, installed at
325 S Pearl St vacant lot.



Left: Part of the **Corner
Canvas 2019** team.

Right: LOOK! 2018 youth working together with mentors to create upcycled robot statues in the DiNapoli Park downtown.



Left: LOOK! 2017 crew posing for a photo before taking photos of their own to paste to the plywood boarding up a building under construction next door.

Right: youth of LOOK! 2016 excited to be creating art together.

