

“With art, you could do anything and make a masterpiece.”

April 2023



Dear Friend of ACG,

ACG’s youth programs are dreams turned reality. The quote above is by a young artist who participated this year. We started LOOK! youth art programs in 2016 as 1-2 day workshops hosted in March to celebrate National Youth Art Month. 7 years later, because of your support, we now offer consistent and monthly youth art workshops year-round. We are grateful and eager to sustain it. Fortunately, we have a couple large grants to cover overhead expenses. Unfortunately, they do not cover the full costs of these programs.

Will you consider donating to support creative youth with expressing themselves in healthy, proactive, and artful ways?

We aim to raise **\$10,000** through this campaign to help cover the costs of artist mentor stipends, art supplies, and necessary program expenses. *Last year, you gave to this cause, will you consider increasing your donation?* With YOUR HELP, we will meet the art needs requested by the community and provide more art accessibility to youth in the Capital Region. In the past year, we hosted 7 in-house workshops AND 8 programs throughout the region, serving over 200 youth.

Art inspires us, and especially youth, to appreciate and process life. **Your contribution flows directly to the local creative community, as ACG supports the artist mentors with generous stipends for teaching youth, as well as covers any costs associated with the arts programming.** Youth are the future, and with investment and support they can reach their potential-- adding vibrancy throughout the community as they go. These programs provide free books, free food, and free art supplies directly to youth in our community. Plus, local artists get compensated for their time and talent!

Supporting local and regional budding or established artists is what ACG does. *This past year, we paid \$70,000+ back to regional artists. The year before \$48,000+.* This is only possible because it is wholly supported by you and the foundational funds we receive. Without your contributions, Albany Center Gallery cannot sustain its valuable art programming and redistribute funds to compensate local artists for their time and talent. **Please make your donation by Sunday, June 11,** the anniversary of Art.Work.Space.’s first program-- see photo above!



Above: the first Art.Work.Space. program with artist mentor Drew from Fifth Place (2022)

For each program, ACG puts together art supplies packs for students to keep. **You can help us replenish the art supplies closet by donating to this campaign. Please assist by keeping our shelves stocked!** These packs supply each young artist with creative tools and needed nourishment to be creative in the world.

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Albany Center Gallery Art.Work.Space. Donation Response Form

*Thank you for supporting ACG’s youth art programs for 2023.
Your donation makes a HUGE impact.*

Please indicate your level of giving below:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other: \$_____

This is a One-time donation Monthly donation Please keep my donation anonymous

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

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For Art.Work.Space. youth workshops, our incredible partners supply the youth artists with essential resources. The RED Bookshelf provides books for them to take home at every workshop session. Honest Weight Food Co-op supplies healthy lunches and snacks. The Art.Work.Space. workshops have been a vibrant environment for artmaking, art-sharing, and dialogue. Youth share positive and exciting experiences they have and express wanting to do more with us - and so do their guardians! During these workshops, they learned screen printing, medicinal protective spirit dolls based on kachina, thoughtful mixed media with nature, graphic novel and cartoon illustrations, acting, fiber arts like weaving, and cyanography (printing with sunlight) and painting with natural materials.



Above: Art.Work.Space. program with artist mentor Marcus Kwame Anderson (2022)

Additionally, ACG provides artist mentors and youth art program support to several regional partners including: North Albany Middle School, Capital District YMCA, Connect Center for Youth, United Way of the Greater Capital Region, Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth, South End Children's Cafe, Grand Street Community Arts, and Young Futures. These programs happen all over the Region.

By supporting ACG's youth art programming, you play an important role in keeping the visual arts alive and educating through art. This programming teaches youth how to hone creative skills and use their voices. ACG works to foster a creative space for the youth in our community at no cost to them. We strive to create more of these programs and art opportunities as the demand only increases!

The more art that is everywhere, the more demand and acceptance for an artfully vibrant Capital Region there will be. These programs can only persist if our friends step forward with the shared belief in the importance of creativity. *On behalf of the young artists and local mentors you'd be aiding, thank you for considering this request.*

Sincerely,

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Tony Iadicicco
Executive Director



Donate here!

| Amount | Name of Level | An example of what it can do: | Your recognition: |
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| \$100 | Creative Connector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pays for food & art supplies for student(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed in LOOK! related virtual promotional materials |
| \$250 | Arts Ambassador | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pays for specific art supplies for workshops | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above benefits, as well as Recognition in Annual Report and listing on the Gallery thank you TV for an entire year |
| \$500 | Student Supporter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pays to replenish art supplies packs (includes sketchbooks, markers, colored pencils, pencil cases, erasers, drawstring bags, & more!) for 30 youth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed in LOOK! related promotional materials Recognition in Annual Report Listing on the Gallery thank you TV for the year Special thank you listing in Art.Work.Space. |
| \$1,000 | Artist Amplifier | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers artist mentor stipends for Art.Work.Space. programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above benefits, as well as 2 General admission tickets to ACG's Annual Fall Gala & listing in the Gala Program |
| \$2,000 | Program Provider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers cost one Art.Work.Space. workshop entirely including artist stipends, supplies, and materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits from \$500 level, as well as 2 General admission tickets to ACG's Annual Fall Gala ¼ page ad in ACG's Gala Program |

If you have any questions, please contact Karina at 518.462.4775 or kwojnar@albanycentergallery.org

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