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**The Art Effect Takes Over As New Conductor of The Poughkeepsie Trolley Barn Gallery**

**POUGHKEEPSIE, NY** - The Art Effect is excited to announce its newest location at the historic Trolley Barn Gallery on Main Street in Poughkeepsie, New York. The Art Effect invites students, artists, families, and community members to visit the first of many exhibits, Teen Visions 2020 this month at the newly renovated Trolley Barn from September 16th through September 26th.

Re-activating the iconic Poughkeepsie Trolley Barn through an innovative approach to youth empowerment through the arts, The Art Effect is putting youth in the driver seat of this incredible space, empowering them to engage community members and visitors in transformative arts experiences that they curate. The community can expect a future calendar full of youth-led exhibitions and performances at the Trolley Barn, designed to strengthen our community and showcase the positive impacts of arts and arts education.

This month's exhibition Teen Visions 2020, celebrates the incredible work of young artists from The Art Effect's 2020 summer programs. Experience art through the eyes of talented teens who created an impressive collection of over 70 paintings, videos, photographs, sculptures and more. Witness expressive artwork that touches on themes including justice, the pandemic, and family while enjoying the creativity of local youth.

**Exhibition Dates and Gallery Hours**

September 16, 2020 - September 26, 2020

Wednesdays - Fridays, 12-3pm and Saturdays 12-4pm

**The Trolley Barn | 489 Main Street, Poughkeepsie**

**Free** and open to the public.

**About The Art Effect:** The Art Effect empowers youth to develop their creative voice to shape their futures and bring about positive social change. The organization facilitates educational programming for youth in the Hudson Valley to explore, experience and excel in the arts. The programs provide introductions to visual arts and media, giving participants the opportunity to develop real skills in these fields and guiding them towards achieving their academic and career goals. The Art Effect is anchored by the belief that the arts have the power to create a more vibrant, caring and sustainable world led by a generation of youth who value creative thinking, diverse voices and stronger connections between all people.

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