



THE **ART** EFFECT

2020 Annual Report

There's a fundamental truth that gives us hope:
together we can do extraordinary things.
Over the past year, the world has come together
to stand up, help out, give back, and heal.

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MISSION

The Art Effect empowers young people
to harness their creative voice in order
to shape their future and bring about
positive social change.



Food, clothing, shelter—we all need these. For our spirit, it's creativity that contributes to our well-being.

— Judy Elkin, Board Member

WELCOME

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD CHAIR, AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Expressive arts, arts for healing, arts for justice, and arts education — this year more than ever, we have seen how the arts act as a catalyst for change. Art promotes social skills, enhances a respect for others, and provides a greater understanding of culture and diversity. At the heart of these defining attributes, The Art Effect continues to play a crucial role as the motivator that promotes these changes among young people in our community.

2020 was all about YOU — our students, partners, families, alumni, and supporters. You allowed us to reach more than 8,500 individuals through programming and events as we tackled the challenges of providing virtual events and learning opportunities during this unprecedented time. **You trusted us with your children's health and safety and you supported us as a community.**

We partnered with 111 local agencies, leaders, and businesses to expand our reach and change even more lives through the arts. 19 colleges and universities from across the country visited our college-bound seniors who received an incredible \$1 million in merit-based college scholarship offers.

We launched The Art Effect's alumni network, moved into the Trolley Barn Gallery in downtown Poughkeepsie, and jumped mask-first into expanding Forge Media and creating a diverse range of virtual events both for ourselves through Reel Exposure International Teen Film and Photography Festival and Art After Dark and partners such as Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce.

It has been a challenging but incredibly rewarding year, and we couldn't have done it without your support! We are proud to share our 2020 annual report with you. In the following pages you will learn more about our diverse programming and the impact The Art Effect has had on our community this year. We hope that you take away a sense of pride in knowing that your continued support will launch us into a new year of endless possibilities.

Sincerely,

Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt
Executive Director

Gaye Mallet
Chair, Board of Directors

Dean Temple,
President, Board of Directors

2020 NUMBERS

The Art Effect empowers young people to develop their creative voice to shape their futures and bring about positive social change.

8,500
people reached

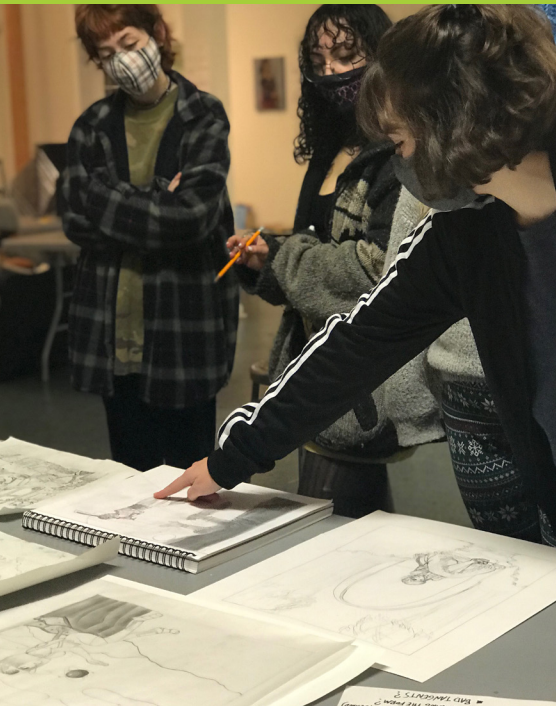
325
Virtual portfolio review appointments
attended by high school students during Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Week

610
Artwork submissions to Home Sick
The Art Effect's first international juried art show at the Trolley Barn

15
Alumni of The Art Effect hired
as teachers and producers

110
Youth employed at The Art Effect

100%
Workforce students reported
increased skills in teamwork, time management, employer communication, and stress management



\$958,100
Scholarship offers
made to high school senior students at The Art Effect

90
Teachers and librarians trained
in arts education professional development

363
Poughkeepsie City School District students served
in Empire Arts Afterschool and Saturday Morning Lights programs

2,109
Pageviews for The TAG
a new online youth hub created for teens by teens

153
Student art portfolios created
in MADLab, Spark Studios, and the Art Institute

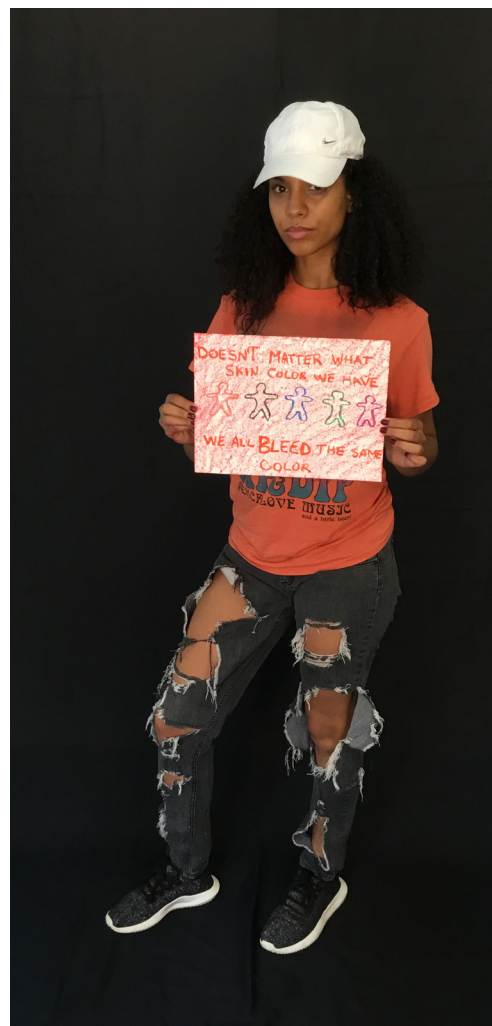
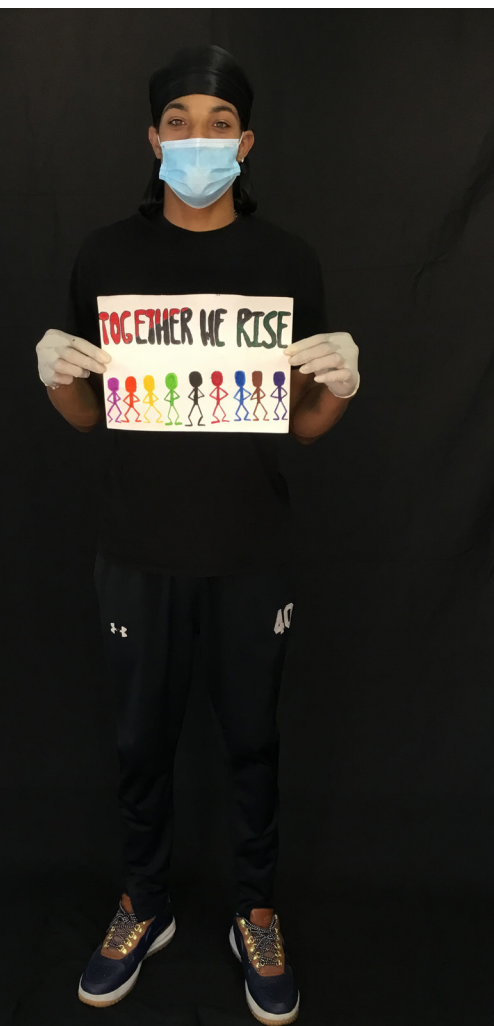
\$17,900
In financial assistance scholarships
awarded to low-income students towards art education courses at The Art Effect

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

EMPATHY, RESPECT, and EXCELLENCE are the qualities we foster in youth to fulfill our mission of positive social change through the arts.

Today's youth will be the problem solvers who create the world we have yet to imagine, and The Art Effect is committed to advancing their journey from learning to leadership by engaging young people in transformative practices that embrace relationship building, inclusiveness, racial and economic equity,

and accountability. We implement programs with a goal of supporting young Black and Indigenous People of Color from historically marginalized communities, in order to advance access and opportunities and combat economic and educational disparities inherent in our society.



ARTS FOR JUSTICE

In 2020, Arts For Justice programs provided safe creative spaces to process emotions, express opinions, and build community through free public events. Additionally, MADLab students created and unveiled a series of memorial garden sculptures in downtown Poughkeepsie, infused with sentiments of strength, harmony, and racial injustice.

ARTS FOR HEALING

Arts-based therapeutic programs provide physical, emotional, and psychological support for participants improving their overall health, quality of life, cognitive abilities, and interpersonal skills. In 2020, program partners included The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, C.O.L.O.R.S. Foundation, and Support Connections.





IMPACT

2020 HIGHLIGHTS PANDEMIC IMPACT

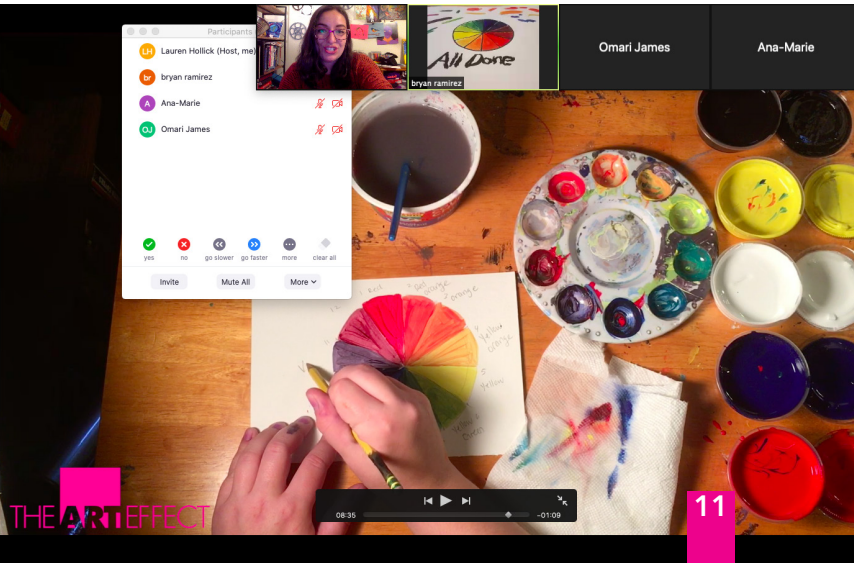
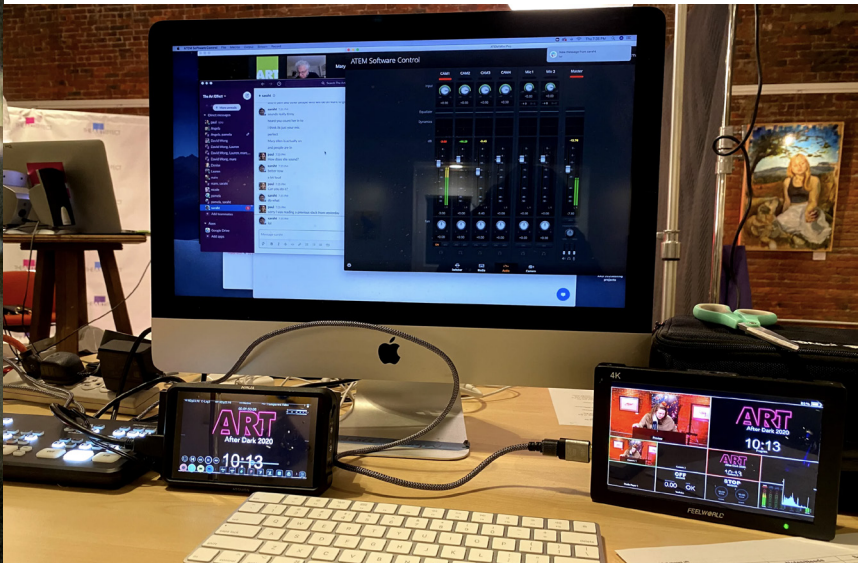
When the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, The Art Effect pivoted normal service models to include more virtual options, adjust program schedules, and serve more people through an incredible amount of hard work, talent, time, and creative thinking. (Photo Link) (photo link)

The Art Effect’s response included:

- Remote media and visual arts workshops
- Online courses and video download packages
- Virtual events
- Virtual exhibitions
- Bilingual art projects on social media through our Art At Home initiative
- Equipment lending library for youth

At The Art Effect, every student, from our youngest artists to our flourishing filmmakers, learns how to cultivate and share their unique voice with the world. Throughout the year, while youth were grappling with uncertainty related to the pandemic, police brutality, and unemployment in their families, their access to art education, creation, and paid work has been life-saving. Our programs provide an outlet to express their rage, fears, and hopes as well as provide early job experience allowing youth to earn money and a mentorship that provides continuity during these major transitions.

Our services provide therapy, social action, connection, and freedom — they are essential.





PROGRAMS

The Art Effect's innovative, dynamic programming sequence combines both visual art and media art in immersive, experiential courses and programming into three stages: **Explore, Experience and Excel.**

Explore

Explore programs are immersive, introductory-level visual arts and media experiences, aimed at empowering students of all ages to find their creative voices.

- Arts for Healing
- Arts for Justice
- Dutchess Arts Camp
- Empire After School Arts Program
- Saturday Morning Lights

Experience

Experience programs are carefully curated arts and media courses for students ages 11-18, created to foster self-discovery and the development of technical and creative art skills, as well as social intelligence, leadership, communication and teamwork.

- Arts Bridge
ArtsBridge engages underserved Poughkeepsie youth in the arts to provide them with training, support, and mentorship to succeed in higher education.
- MADLab
- Spark Studios
- In-School Residencies and Professional Development
- Radio Uprising

Excel

Excel programs are advanced experiential learning opportunities for youth ages 14-24 to gain essential workforce development and college preparatory skills through real-world work placements, high-level art training, mentoring, and advanced educational experiences.

- Art Institute
- Forge Media Spotlight Forge: highlight into a pullout box
The Art Effect's apprentice production company, Forge Media, expanded in 2020 to create unique virtual events including the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's 40 under 40 awards, Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, and others creating incredible online spaces that brought people together across the country.



"The Art Effect rewired my brain and taught me how to look at art in both an objective and subjective way. That is when I really started to grow exponentially as a painter."

— Morgan Suter, Alumnus of The Art Effect and Artist

"In times of great crisis the population has relied on art to increase morale. During the Great Depression, it was the street artists that led the first wave of resilience that ended up rolling into a stronger country. Art saves lives, now more than ever."

— Lamar Wint, Youth Producer at The Art Effect





Art After Dark at The Trolley Barn



Reel Expression

"Art releases your emotions when there's no one to share them with."

— Nazir Scott, Student at The Art Effect



Not-A-Gala



Art After Dark

EVENTS

ART AFTER HOURS

In January, we held our first Art After Hours at the Trolley Barn Gallery. The pandemic was merely a thought as our community gathered for food and drinks surrounded by artwork created by Senior Project students.

REEL EXPRESSIONS: INTERNATIONAL TEEN FILM AND PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL

Quickly pivoting to a virtual event in May, Reel Exposure embraced our new pandemic "reality" by offering a free, 3-day virtual festival and exhibition, bringing together film and photography created by young artists around the world.

ARTS FOR JUSTICE

In response to times of crisis and upheaval, The Art Effect created two free and open to the public workshops in which art was offered to help process emotions, express opinions, and build community.

NOT-A-GALA

After naming Kit and Geraldine Laybourne 2020 Gala honorees, the pandemic made in-person galas impossible. Instead, Kit and Geraldine made it their mission to create a fun and unique private fundraising event with their friends and family... and lots of slime!

HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL PORTFOLIO WEEK

Due to COVID-19, Portfolio Day was transformed into a virtual week giving over 300 students a safe environment to visit with 35 colleges across the nation at no cost.

ART AFTER DARK: CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Our signature annual gala received a makeover this year through an innovative online gala honoring Todd Poteet and Sad'e Sharas and featuring a creative "Choose Your Own Adventure" online experience produced by The Art Effect's apprentice production company, Forge Media.

EXHIBITIONS AT THE TROLLEY BARN GALLERY

(images on left) The Art Effect announced management of the historic Trolley Barn Gallery on Main Street in Poughkeepsie. By re-activating the iconic Poughkeepsie Trolley Barn, we pilot an innovative approach to youth empowerment through the arts.

- Teen Visions
- Alumni Show and Art Auction
- Senior Project

STORIES OF US

Amya West

Art is an escape Amya West goes to frequently. A student at The Art Effect since 2018, Amya has explored her artistic skills in everything from filmmaking to figure drawing to digital painting. And while the pressures of being a teenager are familiar to her, The Art Effect has given her the opportunity to grow both personally and artistically. The Art Effect not only helps her become a better artist, but creates opportunities she may not have otherwise had such as exploring the college admissions process, diving deep into portfolio reviews and potential career paths. The MADLab program is where Amya truly shines. Her teachers help her flesh out her

creative style and teach her to apply her multimedia skills into workforce skills. Amya designed a postcard for Vassar College's welcome packages to new professors; created the logo for Celebrating The African Spirit, a new movement to bring the history of Dutchess County to light; and developed public flyers for the Pershing PARKnership. She has turned what were basic skills into a professional career. Amya is excited for her future in art. She has been offered scholarships from her top choice colleges and is striving to run her own company one day. It's her unique ideas and dedication that drives her to create artworks that are most successful.



Allison Hoyos

Starting at The Art Effect at only seven years old, Allison Hoyos is now an 18-year-old young adult with offers to attend Hartford Art School and Montserrat College of Art in 2021. The Art Effect not only taught her proper artistic techniques but also ways of expressing emotions through her paintings, a skill she utilizes often as she navigates her teen years, high school, and now moving onto college. Allison's favorite classes, Senior Project and Figure Drawing, helped develop her skills as a painter—adjusting her perspective both in her art and in her life. Art has become a therapy for Allison allowing her to express herself and create connections with



people who can identify with her message. Throughout the pandemic, Allison uses art to show the world how the virus affects her home life. When creating, she allows herself to relax, focus on the positive and let her emotions escape her:

My mom is a respiratory therapist at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She goes to work at 4am and gets back at 8pm. It's really emotionally and physically affecting her, and our home, too. She comes home stressed from work. We want our home to be a safe place. It's been really hard. She's risking her life, but she's helping others, and I'm proud of that." — Allison Hoyos about her painting, "Together as One"

Allison hopes to continue painting and dreams of opening her own store one day. She looks forward to studying art in college; exploring different media, career paths, and continuing to tackle her anxieties. Above all else, she wants to just be happy.

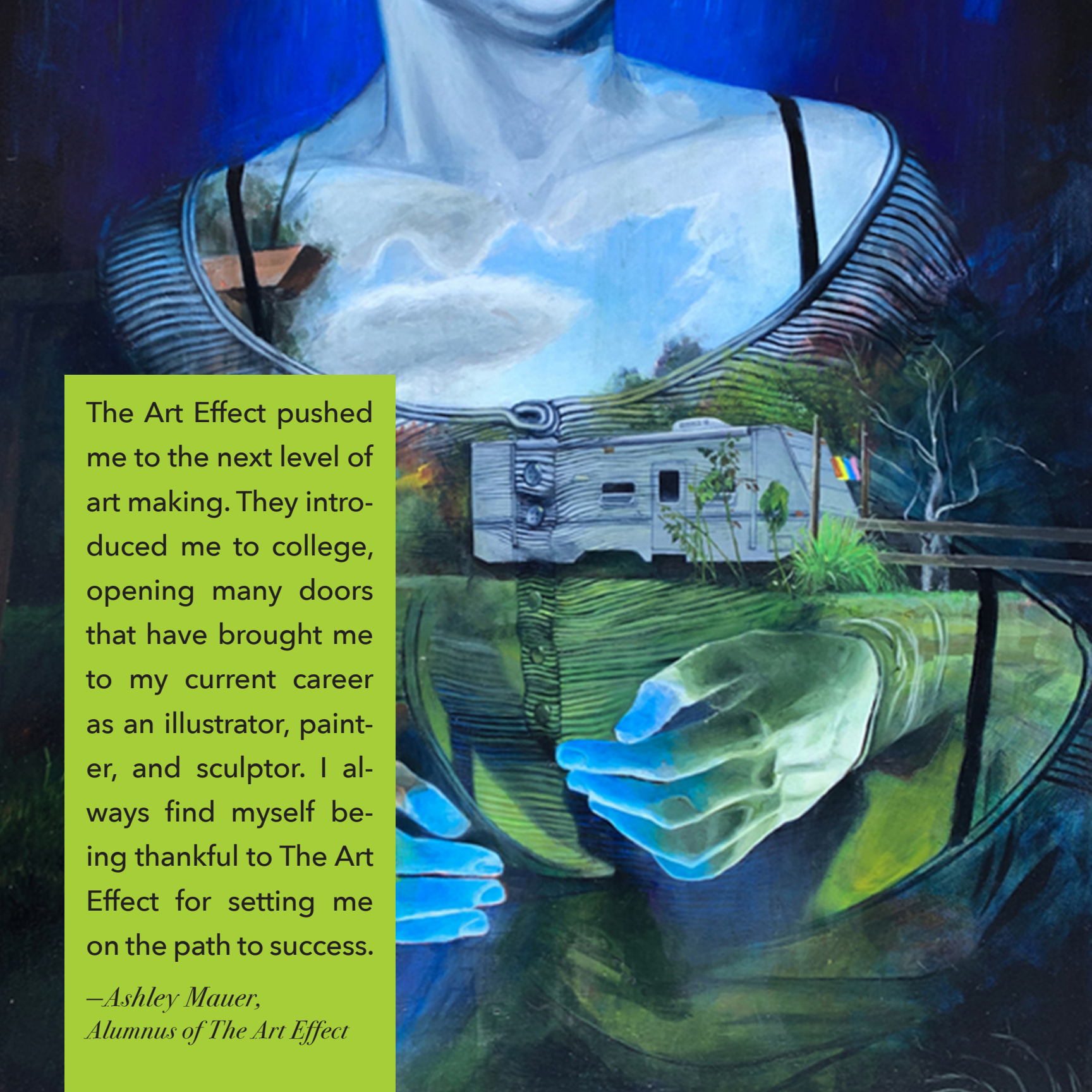
Keith Image?

Keith-Michael DiPalo

Poughkeepsie resident Keith-Michael DiPalo spent years in the Spark Studios program at The Art Effect where he developed skills both on and off camera. During his senior year at Poughkeepsie High School, Keith began producing, directing, and editing his own films. Keith participated in the Spark Studios 2019 winter filmmaking intensive where he developed an original film concept exploring the meaningful connections between students and their teachers. He then went on to produce his film at The Art Effect, and Keith displayed incredible leadership throughout its production. The final project, "Students Make a Difference," is a heartwarming video about how students positively impact their teachers' lives in the City of Poughkeepsie. In his filmmaking, Keith uses all of the workforce skills he's gained at The Art Effect while also sharing his unique creative voice and talent to shape videos for

new audiences, demonstrating the highest level of artistic proficiency. He has since graduated from Poughkeepsie High School and recently completed his first year as a Digital Media Production major at SUNY New Paltz.

"The Art Effect has taught me everything I know about video production and editing. The main reason I love film so much and the reason I'm pursuing a career in video editing is because of The Art Effect. They have given me the opportunity and resources to experiment with editing and develop my skills."



The Art Effect pushed me to the next level of art making. They introduced me to college, opening many doors that have brought me to my current career as an illustrator, painter, and sculptor. I always find myself being thankful to The Art Effect for setting me on the path to success.

—Ashley Mauer,
Alumnus of The Art Effect

ALUMNI SUCCESSES

TYRESE MCLEAN runs a TikTok page of 60,000 followers and is now sponsored by Mobile Gaming Corps and Pyre for his professional live-streaming and content creation.

NICK JACKSON opened his own dance studio, Rhythm of Water Dance, in Poughkeepsie, NY.

HARRY BARUCH is producing billboards and videos for Times Square.

SAMANTHA BRINKLEY's photograph was accepted into the 2021 Barrett Art Center PhotoWorks submission and one of her photos won the Juror's second place prize. Branded, digital print, 11 x 17, 2019

CHLOE MOSBACHER was accepted into The Art Effect's first international juried exhibition, Home Sick where her piece Everyday was awarded Honorable Mention out of the 55 artworks accepted.

MATTHEW HAMILTON graduated from Stockade Works' Editing Assistant bootcamp during his freshman year at Vassar College.

JAH'ASIA NELSON launched her own line of organic/all natural handmade beauty products, Love 2 Glow Skin Care.

BECCA BOLDE launched a webstore selling handmade sculptures and figurines. Her piece, Strawberry Squid, was one of the highest bid on items at The Art Effect's Alumni Art Auction in November.



BUILDING POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships help The Art Effect offer programs that connect youth to their passions and find their path to success. We are grateful to the nearly 100 partnerships each year that fuel The Art Effect’s mission.

ABC Latino	Community Foundations	at Family Services
Alfred University	of the Hudson Valley	Fourth State Metals
Art Academy of Cincinnati	Community Matters 2	Growing STEMZ
Arts Mid-Hudson	Creative Arts Across Disciplines	Hartford Art School, University of Hartford
Ashokan Center	Initiative at Vassar College	Howland Public Library
Barrett Art Center	Cunneen-Hackett Center	Hudson River Housing
Black Excellence Community	Culinary Institute of America	Hudson Correctional Facility
Boys & Girls Club of Poughkeepsie	Derek Wilson	Hudson River Housing
California College of the Arts	Day One	Hudson Valley GospelFest
Carnegie Hall/ CreativityWorksNYS	Dorsky Museum of Art	Hudson Valley Performing
Celebrating The African Spirit	Dutchess County	Arts Laboratory
Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie	Dutchess County Chamber Foundation	Hyde Park Central School District
City of Poughkeepsie	Dutchess County Regional	I Am Beacon
Clinton Community Library	Chamber of Commerce	“I am Citizen” Project
Clinton Street Studio	Dutchess Workforce Investment Board	John Storyk/Walters-Storyk Design Group
Cocoon Theater	Dutchess Youth One Stop	La Guelaguetza
C.O.L.O.R.S. Foundation	El Azteca Mexican Restaurant	Laguna College of Art & Design
Columbus College of Art & Design	Family Partnership Center	La Voz

“We are so grateful that you have been able to move to remote programming. It’s so important during these isolating times that our youth have an outlet to both occupy their time doing constructive activities, while developing skills.”

— *Christie Bonomo, Community Investment Program Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development*

Level Up!	Poughkeepsie City School District	School of the Museum of
Marist College Liberty Partnerships	Poughkeepsie Farm Project	Fine Arts at Tufts University
Maryland Institute College of Art	Poughkeepsie High School Art Department	School of Visual Arts
MASS Design Group	Poughkeepsie Performing Arts Commission	Staatsburg Library
Mid-Hudson Library System	Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission	Stockade Works
Millbrook Library	Poughkeepsie Public Library District	Sullivan County BOCES
Montserrat College of Art	Pratt Institute	SUNY New Paltz
Moore College of Art and Design	Purchase College, School of Art & Design	Support Connections
Nature’s Impact	Queen City Chess	Syracuse University,
Northeast Community Center	R.E.A.L. Skillz	College of Visual and Performing Arts
Northside Collaborative	Rebuilding Our Children and Community	University of Michigan,
Nubian Directions	Ringling College of Art and Design	Stamps School of Art & Design
New York Council of Nonprofits	Rhode Island School of Design	Vassar College
New York State Art Teachers Association	Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art,	Vines Community Gardens
Poet Gold	State University of New York at New Paltz	Zhane’s Palette
Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet	Scenic Hudson	

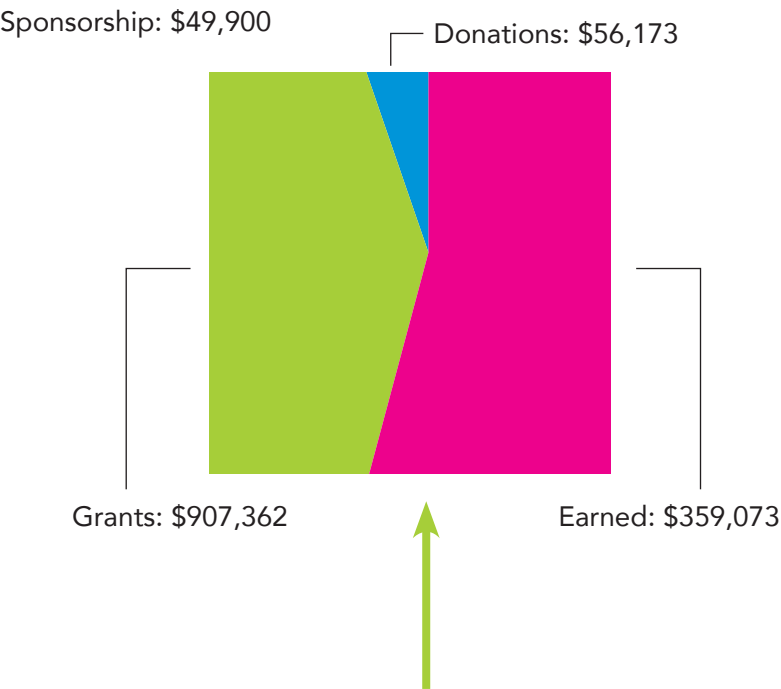
“We are so very grateful for our community partners enabling us to offer fabulous opportunities to the women we serve.”

— *Marlene Stager, MS, Peer Counselor, Support Connections Inc.*

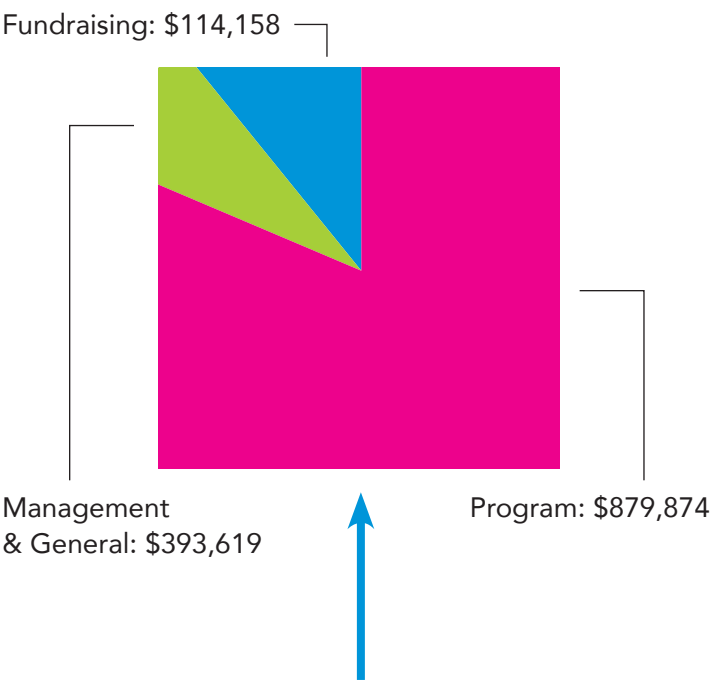
2020 FINANCIALS

In fiscal year 2020, The Art Effect had total public support and revenue of \$1,372,508 and operating expenses of \$1,387,651.

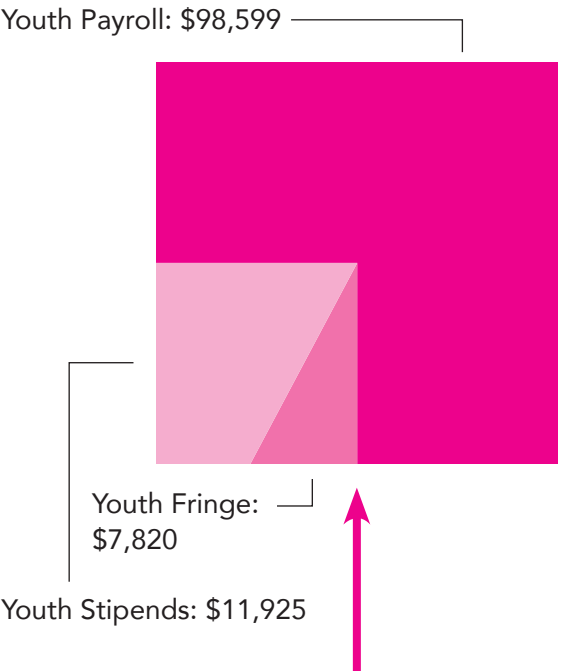
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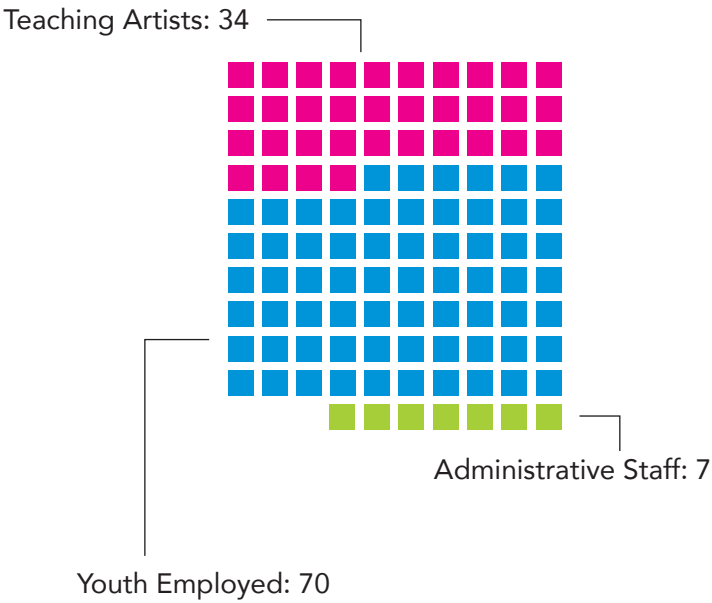
Income:
\$1,372,508



64% of
expenses go
straight to
programs



\$118,344
directly
to youth
employment





THE TROLLEY BARN

A NEW COMMUNITY ASSET

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.



"We know that kids are born with a voice already.

The Art Effect helps students discover, listen to, and trust their voices. We may help create platforms and open doors for them, but it's the students' voices that take center stage and carry the music forward."

— *Mary Ellen Iatropoulos,*
Director of Programs at The Art Effect



2020 SUPPORTERS

Thanks to you, our dedicated supporters, students at The Art Effect have become the first in their family to attend college, received life-changing college scholarships, and found solace in the studio during a difficult year.

For our students, the arts are a powerful driver of hope, engagement and mentorship throughout their life. Can you think of a year when we've needed that more than we do right now? With your help, The Art Effect is providing the mentorship, relationship building, and resources young people need to stay on a productive and successful path. Thank you!

\$100,000+

Dutchess County Workforce
Investment Board
The Dyson Foundation

\$10,000- \$99,0000

Arts Mid-Hudson
Dutchess Responds Fund/ Community
Foundations of the Hudson Valley
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nity Foundations of the Hudson Valley
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Heckscher Foundation for Children
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Geraldine and Lawrence Laybourne
New York State Council on the Arts
Poughkeepsie City School District
The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie
The City of Poughkeepsie
The Cowles Charitable Trust
Dutchess County Department of
Community and Family Services
United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region

\$1,000-\$9,999

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C.O.L.O.R.S. Foundation

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2020 Achievements and Awards

- | The Art Effect received the Arts Mid-Hudson **Executive Arts Award** in **Arts Education**.
- | The Art Effect was honored to be chosen by Dyson Foundation’s Theresa Gill for her 15 year staff anniversary award.
- | Films created by youth at The Art Effect won prestigious awards in 2020, including:
 - **The Art of Loss** won two awards at the Lower Hudson Media Arts Show and was selected for The Newark International Film Festival.
 - **The Problems We Share** won an award at the Reel Exposure Teen Film and Photography Festival and The Newark International Film Festival.
 - **If You Choose to Accept** won an award at the Reel Exposure Teen Film and Photography Festival, The Newark International Film Festival, and The Lift-Off Sessions.
 - **From The Sole and DaVibchi Jackson - Someday** both won an award at The Lift-Off Sessions.
- | Students from The Art Effect received 15 gold keys, 20 silver keys, and 38 honorable mentions from Scholastic’s Hudson Valley Art Awards.
- | Students Anneke Chan and Alyssa Palermo received competitive grand prizes from their Congressional district at this year’s Congressional Art Competition.



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