NEW ART PRESENTS GALA 2023

PARADISO
SOCIAL CLUB

ART CREATES COMMUNITY

Saturday, May 20, 2023
7-11 PM
Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining the New Art Center to celebrate our 2023 Gala at the Paradiso Social Club. The New Art Center is a highly visible, bold, anti-racist, inclusive leader in art education and community building that serves Greater Boston with programs and opportunities both in our facility and beyond our walls. The theme of our celebration this year is Art Creates Community. This is an organizational value deeply rooted in the core of our mission. Just look around you tonight for a tangible example of our mission at work.

Building community through art is more important than ever. The US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy recently said … “Loneliness and isolation represent profound threats to our health and well-being. But we have the power to respond. By taking small steps every day to strengthen our relationships, and by supporting community efforts to rebuild social connection, we can rise to meet this moment together.”

Tonight, we are focused on building that social connection through art, and raising funds for our Cultural Access Project. The Project makes our programs more inclusive by providing free access to art, specialized supportive services like group art therapy, and our wonderful community of creative individuals, regardless of one’s ability to pay tuition. Our capacity to provide these programs and services relies heavily on the generosity of our donors.

Tonight is a celebration of the work we have done in the past year, and a catalyst for the work to come. As you celebrate this evening, I encourage you to think about your definition of community building, and ask yourself how you envision New Art serving a greater role in this endeavor.

I am grateful and appreciative that we are here together – please give generously tonight! Thank you for supporting the important work we do. Thank you for spending this evening with us, celebrating among art and friends.

With gratitude,

Emily O’Neil, Executive Director
to everyone who made this spectacular, uniquely beautiful, creative and fun event possible. Special acknowledgement must be given for the incredible effort, inspiration, and countless hours given by our Gala Event Committee, 2023 Host Committee and our Board of Governors.

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As we navigate complex, uncertain and divisive times, the role of community is more important than ever. Art is the antidote to loneliness and isolation— it is a powerful tool to unite people through creative problem solving, learning, growth and building strong and resilient communities.

Research conducted by The University of Pennsylvania SIAP shows that cultural engagement contributes an important dimension of community wellbeing. The arts specifically “provide a resource that people can use to make sense of the world as it is and to imagine the future.”

The role of organizations like The New Art Center is more important than ever before.

**Why Support the New Art Center Today?**

The New Art Center believes that art creates change. With our 46 year history of building community through art, we have consistently provided a platform for artists, life-long learners, and cultural enthusiasts of all backgrounds to come together for important conversations about issues impacting our community and take collective action.

As an art center dedicated to access and inclusion, we strive to expand our audience through community outreach. Good collaborators also conduct “in-reach” knowing that experts in these new communities can help us see differently, approach our work differently and build equitable, sustainable, creative programming we could not build alone.

1. Social Impact of the Arts Program
https://repository.upenn.edu/siap/
In the coming year, the New Art Center has big plans to sustainably grow our programs and transform the ways we serve as both a cultural resource and true collaborator in the wider community. We are thinking strategically about our next tier of services, with skill-based classes, new residencies, access to fabrication tools, and arts exhibition space.

As we consider our expanded direction over the next 3-5 years, what initiatives resonate with you? Is it technology? Climate change? Is it expanding access to arts therapy? Is it growing our services to the Deaf community? Our goal is to challenge and engage our community to problem solve around some of the most pressing issues facing our lives today through engagement with the Arts.

Together, with your support, we can create sustainable, life-changing and accessible experiences where art plays a more vital and prominent role in creating community to build a stronger future.

We need your support today to make these innovations happen.

Please make a donation to help us create a more vibrant and equitable creative community through New Art.
Fund-a-Need
Make an Impact in Our Community

$2500
Supports one Community Cultural Day. These free family-friendly events celebrate the holidays and traditions of the many diverse cultures represented in our local community. Events include educational art making activities and performances connected to the featured culture. The New Art Center partners directly with community members and local organizations to accurately portray and authentically celebrate different cultures. We hope to host 5 celebrations in 2023-2024.

$1500
Provides a scholarship to a low income family for 3 weeks of New Art camp— a creative, safe, and sensory-friendly experience for teens and children of all abilities.

$750
Enrolls a tween in our new expressive arts therapy program, supporting their mental health, helping them to learn to express themselves, and develop their identity. We hope to enroll 16 students in this program each term.
$500
Supports an internship for a teen in the New Art Center’s DEI Youth Leadership program that gives young people invaluable professional training and work experience, builds resilience and self-worth, and develops real job skills for the creative economy.

OR

$500
Supports a curator to develop and host an exhibition through our BIPOC Curatorial program– a permanent initiative offering paid exhibition opportunities for curators who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color at New Art’s professionally equipped gallery spaces. We hope to host 5 BIPOC curators next year.

$250
Supports free ceramics classes for older adults from the Newton Senior Center.

$100
Supports the New Art Center’s weekly class for 20 adults with developmental disabilities.

“What New Art Center did for me was they allowed me to come in and be part of an art community. They accepted my art and they welcomed me with open arms. It was amazing… It was never no, when I asked a question I got an answer. A yes is a domino effect. You get one yes, it builds up your confidence.”

DaNice Marshall, 2023 Gala Artist
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A glamorous evening to celebrate community building through art at one of the hottest philanthropic events of the year in the greater Boston area. Designed to break the barriers of a traditional gala, the evening features a swanky social club with South Beach vibes, music and magic in the air in lush outdoor surroundings, live entertainment, DJ and dancing, open bar, delicious food stations and exclusive access to emerging and established artists.

7:00PM
Cocktails & Open Bar

Art Creates Community Exhibit, Auction & Artist Meetups, Curated by Juniper Rag

Live Music & Entertainment

Savory Passed Nibbles, Grazing Table, & Ceviche Station by The Catered Affair

8:30PM
Speaking Program
Live Art Auction & Fund a Need
Paddle Sweep & Premium Drawing

9:00PM
DJ & Dancing
Dessert by Papi’s Stuffed Sopapillas

10:30PM
Silent Auction Closes

11:00PM
Social Club Concludes

As part of our Live Program, we will be asking for donations to fund our Cultural Access Programs. At the $100 level, we will conduct a ‘paddle sweep’ — anyone who raises their paddle to donate $100 is entered to win a 4-night stay for 2 people at deluxe loft an exclusive St. Maarten resort.

Offer not valid Dec 20-Jan 3 and the entire month of February, non-transferable, upon availability. Valid for a year from the event, Flights are not included. Jet Blue currently offers direct flights BOS > SXM on Saturdays. Valued at $2369.00.
The exhibit and auction is curated by Payal Thiffault and Michelle May, the co-founders of Juniper Rag Magazine, an independent visual art and lifestyle magazine. Our mission is to showcase significant work and exceptional creatives with unique styles and deepen their relationship with viewers. We celebrate contemporary visual arts, inclusive of LGBTQI+ and BIPOC artists. JUNIPER RAG is available online in print and digital formats. To learn more visit juniperrag.com.

**New Art’s Online Auction**
Open for Bidding until May 22

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THE LIVE AUCTION

Kerry Zwierzko
Pops of Joy
Resin, canvas, acrylic
36in x 36in

Katherine Downey-Miller
Blue Flame 1
Acrylic on Canvas
48in x 36in

Stephanie Todhunter
Rules for Women
Ink transfer, collage, acrylic paint, oil pastel & oil marker on cradled birch panel
36in x 36in x 2in

John Rufo
Life Guarding
Oil on Canvas
48in x 36in
Newton-Wellesley Hospital is proud to offer a wide variety of health and wellness educational programming presented by expert physicians and clinicians. Each event is free and held virtually, keeping the safety and well-being of our patients and communities our top priority.

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- Cardiovascular Health
- Senior Wellness
- Cancer Care
- Nutritional Health
- Healthcare Career Exploration
- Mental Health
- Maternal Care
- Substance Use

Please visit [NWH.org/communityevents](http://NWH.org/communityevents) to view and register for our ongoing events.

For more information, please contact the NWH Community Collaborative at [NWHCollaborative@partners.org](mailto:NWHCollaborative@partners.org)
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which offers everyone, at all levels of ability, exceptional opportunities to make, exhibit, view, think about and talk about art.

Since 1977, New Art has built community by lowering barriers to participation in the arts, and integrating the experience of art into everyday life.

Today, we envision the New Art Center as a highly visible, bold, anti-racist, inclusive leader in art education and community building that serves the greater Boston community with programs and opportunities both in our facility and beyond our walls.

New Art believes that the practice of looking at, thinking about, and making art helps human beings solve problems, learn from their environment, build durable communities, and live meaningful lives.