

2021

*Quarter 3*

**Erie Arts  
& Culture**

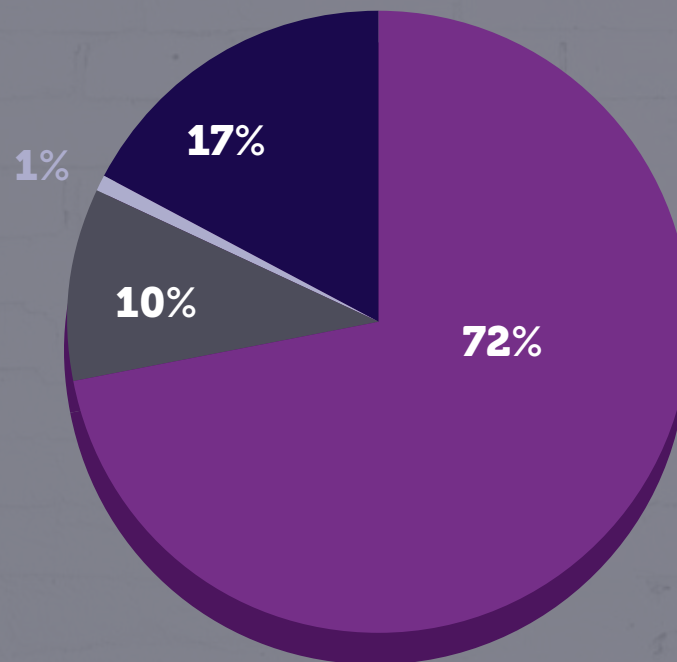
# IMPACT REPORT

## Financials

Between July 1 and September 30, 2021, Erie Arts & Culture expended **\$235,265**. Of those dollars, **70%** directly benefited our community while **30%** was expended for operational overhead. When compared to Q3 2020, we increased our overhead expenses by **\$8,854**.

At the close of Q3, the Erie Arts Endowment totalled **\$4,223,027**. This represents a decrease of **\$207,674** since the close of the previous quarter.

HERE IS HOW FUNDING WAS DISPERSED  
ACROSS ERIE ARTS & CULTURE'S FOUR  
PILLARS OF PROGRAMMING DURING Q3.



- Capacity Building
- Arts in Lifelong Learning
- Preserving and Promoting Diverse Cultures
- Placemaking and Placekeeping



# CAPACITY BUILDING



(Above) Artist Joel Brennan lead an Intro to Aerosol workshop.

## *Other Q3 events included:*

Turning Your Talent into Sustained Success webinar

The Erie Dance Film Festival Premiere

The Mechanics of Sustaining a Creative Life by Sharon Loudon (4-part series)

Restorative Justice and the Arts Amongst Juvenile Populations Panel

## Erie Arts & Culture PRO NETWORK

*We hosted*

**7**

EVENTS

*We provided learning to*

**1035 INDIVIDUALS**

(attendees, stream viewers)

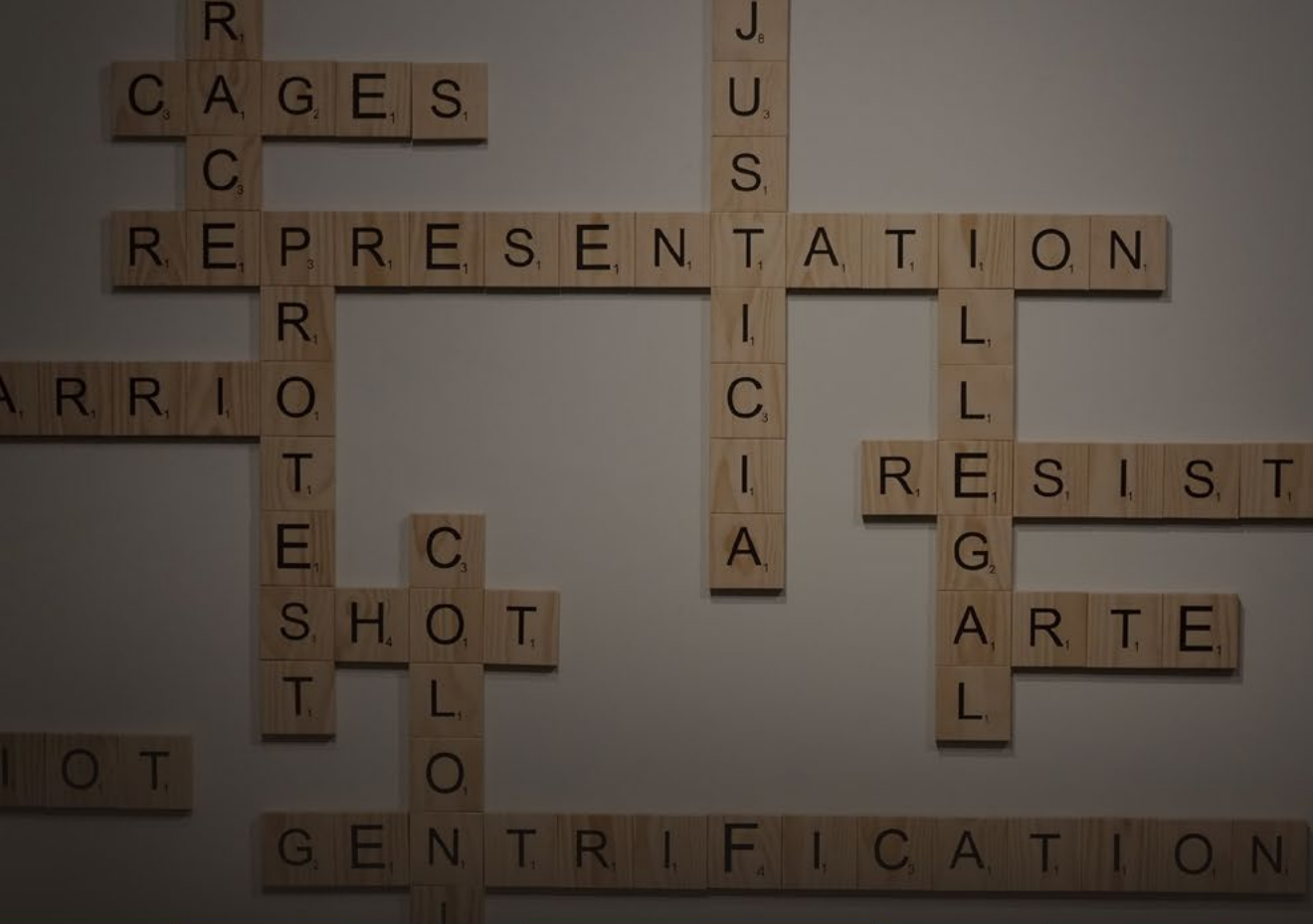
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**GUIDANCE**

*We coached*

**42 individuals and**

**10 organizations**



# LET'S PRETEND

The gallery showcased the work of **nine** CHROMA members.

Read about the region's first exhibit curated and composed of work by BIPOC artists below.







## MENTORSHIP

**We create opportunities for artists in our community to personally and professional connect with visiting artists when they are in residence with Erie Arts & Culture, with that engagement often taking the form of studio visits, critiques, or collaborations.**

When commissioning international artists for large-scale public art projects, we hire Erie-based artists to serve as paid assistants and understudies, which allows them to learn through the act of doing.

(Above) Artist Mwanell Pierre-Louis created the mural in honor of Carla Hughes. The Mentored Artist Assistants included: Precious Thompson, Brian Bonner, Antonio Howard, and Alex Staley.

Q3 2021



*Visiting Artist  
Stats* (Year totals)

### Touchpoints with our community

<b>17</b>	Artist Presentations/Workshops
<b>2</b>	Class Visits
<b>20</b>	Artist Critiques
<b>2</b>	Exhibitions of Work
<b>3</b>	Erie Businesses Supported
<b>7</b>	Erie-based Vendors/Industries
<b>8</b>	Erie-based Artists Supported

(Above) Visiting Artist Tony Rodrigues spent time with William Mathie, Kat Charnley, and Doug Eberhardt at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania to plan Tony's editions.

# Ignite Arts



**Erie Arts & Culture's Ignite Arts Grants are designed to support a variety of arts and humanities projects in Erie County. Projects supported through this program help strengthen the vibrancy and vitality of the region, while enriching the quality of life of both residents and visitors.**

Proposals for Erie Arts & Culture's Ignite Arts Grants are accepted once per year. Complete proposals are evaluated by a volunteer panel using the following criteria: Project Quality, Community Engagement and Impact, and Management. Final funding decisions are made by Erie Arts & Culture's Board of

Trustees. Grants are made possible by contributions made to the Erie Arts Endowment and the United Arts Fund.

For eligibility requirements, application guidelines, and to apply, download our 2021 Ignite Arts Grant Guidelines & Application Packet below.



# ARTS IN LIFELONG LEARNING

## News

**\$55,000**

Awarded by Erie Insurance  
(Investing in our Future Grant)  
in support of **15 residencies**  
within the Erie's Public Schools  
(**1 residency per school**)

**\$15,000**

Awarded by **Young Erie Philanthropists Fund, Young Erie Professionals, and the Hamot Health Foundation** to support a residency/mural project with local high school students



*Meet our new  
Rostered Teaching Artists*

# PRESERVING DIVERSE CULTURES

## Stats

Connected with

11

DIFFERENT CULTURES

8 paid opportunities  
awarded to folk artists

1:1

**GUIDANCE**

We coached

18


individuals and  
organizations

**HIGHLIGHTING  
"SUCCESS BY SIX"**

Children in Mercer County learned songs and games from Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in July. The students were a part of the United Way's Success by Six program, to prepare them for entering kindergarten in the fall. Many of the children have had few social experiences and giving them this extra boost allows them to start their school career positively. Erie Arts & Culture sent teaching artists to work with nine classrooms across Mercer County including Sharon, Farrell, Mercer, Sharpstown, Hadley, Jamestown, and Grove City. Each site got one or two visits from Kelly Armor and either Mustafa Albalkhi, from Syria, or Clarisse Amani, from the Congo..



## *Honoring Carla Hughes*



Artists completed a new large-scale mural, located within Erie's urban core, that honors Carla Hughes. The mural, which was completed on Monday, September 27, is located on the north-facing facade of the Erie Center for Arts and Technology (ECAT), formerly the Wayne School, at 650 East Avenue. The mural depicts Carla Hughes, who unfortunately passed away unexpectedly in May of 2021.





# ART IN HEALTHCARE

*Won Ju Lim will design the new Patient Care Tower*

Won Ju Lim will design artwork for the UPMC Hamot Patient Care Tower. Los Angeles-based Won Ju was selected to create dynamic artwork to be installed on the ground floor of UPMC Hamot's newest building. Out of hundreds of applicants, a committee selected four artists to move forward with site-specific proposals. The finished artwork will translate UPMC's central values of diversity, equity, and inclusion into a visual narrative and will be unveiled in February 2022.







## Kaleidoscope Grove Update

Kaleidoscope Grove is a collaborative project between Buffalo-based sculptor Shasti O'Leary Soudant and Erie-based pinata artist Esther Ortiz. The duo were paired together in 2020 through Erie Arts & Culture's Creating with Community program. A contract for fabrication was awarded to CSI Industries in Fairview. The projected completion date for fabrication is the second week of November. The sculptures will then be powder coated. Erie Arts & Culture is working closely with Our West Bayfront, the Bayfront East Side Taskforce, and the City of Erie on site preparation. The sculptures will be installed on the west side of Gridley Park and the North East side of Nate Levy Park. The City of Erie is assisting with site engineering and preparation.

## Creating with Community Update

Our 2021 Creating with Community artists teams are wrapping up their projects along the 19th Street corridor! Stay tuned to our social media accounts for updates.

(Pictured) Amy and Eric completed a small mural series which is located on 19th street. Collaborating partners include McKinley Elementary School, Edinboro College of Education, Iroquois Elementary. Amy and Eric also gathered the opinions of the children as to what makes a neighborhood safe for them. Using art and ideas from their engagements, they sketched a small series of personified houses with the intent to paste them all around the 19th street corridor in a scavenger hunt-like fashion.







# SUPPORT THE 54TH ANNUAL



# UNITED ARTS FUND



The arts and humanities are fundamental to society. Together, they foster creativity, beauty, and a deeper understanding of the human experience. They can be leveraged to express our values, support lifelong learning, and build bridges by bringing people together regardless of their differences.

Established in 1967, the United Arts Fund, which is managed by Erie Arts & Culture, supports the arts and humanities in Erie's urban core by providing unrestricted funding to the Erie County Historical Society, the Erie Philharmonic, the Erie Playhouse, the expERIENCE Children's Museum, and the Flagship Niagara League. The annual United Arts Fund also supports Erie Arts & Culture's Ignite Arts grant program.

We invite our Erie community to support the arts and humanities within Erie's urban core. It's your donations from the UAF campaign that help us continue our work in the region! Can we count on your support this year?



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