

ARTISTIC NOISE

# 2023 IMPACT REPORT

## A Year of Growth, Change & Care



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# ARTISTIC NOISE

## Who We Are & What We Do

Artistic Noise is a Harlem-based nonprofit consisting of artists, educators, activists, licensed art therapists, and many gifted young people. Our mission is to build community with system-impacted youth to enhance lives through the empowering and therapeutic potential of art making.

Since our founding in 2001, we have connected the power of artistic practice with thousands of young people who are incarcerated, on probation, in foster care, unhoused, or otherwise impacted by the juvenile court system.

Though people affected by the juvenile court system have a great deal to say, they oftentimes have very few opportunities to be heard or seen by the public. At Artistic Noise, we believe it is a healing and empowering experience for artists in our community to tell their own stories rather than relying on others to tell their stories for them.

## OUR 2023 PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

### ART & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Paid art-making workshops in Harlem

### ART & CARE

Drop-in art therapy program at the School of Visual Arts

### ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

Weekly diversionary sessions with the Midtown Community Justice Center

### ALUMNI ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Support and resources for alumni artists

### MUSEUM & GALLERY PARTNERSHIPS

Connecting our community with the NYC art world to increase opportunities

### YOUTH ART EXHIBITIONS

Showcasing and selling our youth-created artwork to the public



## ART & ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2023

### PAID ART MAKING PROGRAMS FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUNG PEOPLE

Workshops run in 2023

**124**

Young people enrolled in A&E

**19**

Hours of paid studio programming

**372**

Total youth stipends paid out in FY23

**\$53,256**

Additional artwork sales dispersed to youth

**\$5,575**

Current hourly wage for A&E participants

**\$17.50/hour**

Our Art & Entrepreneurship (A&E) program works to develop the creative abilities of system-impacted young people ages 14-22 years old through an exploration of a variety of hands-on art making techniques.

Taught by a Teaching Artist and Art Therapist each week, A&E participants are paid a stipend for every hour they work with us in our storefront studio space and receive 100% of the proceeds for every artwork that they sell through our gallery shows and exhibitions.





## ART & CARE

### 2023

## A NEW PILOT PROGRAM CREATED WITH THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS (STARTED OCT 23, 2023)

Workshops run in 2023  
(October 23 -December 11)

**7**

Average weekly drop-in attendance

**10-12**

Total hours of 2023 drop-in programming

**49**

Value of gift cards and other resources  
distributed to participants

**\$1,750+**

Individual one-on-one therapy sessions

**15**

Percentage of attendees who spend  
over one-hour in the drop in space

**80%**

Taking shape primarily as a healing, mutual-aid space for system-impacted youth, Art & Care also exists as a free, community-centered art making studio. Held every Monday on the School of Visual Arts' campus, drop-in participants receive assistance with basic needs, individualized therapy, and other health-related services while increasing their visibility and impact within a supportive academic space. Free Metrocards, food, drinks, childcare supplies, art making materials, and gift cards are available for anyone who needs them.



## PROJECT RESET: ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION 2023

### OUR LATEST COLLABORATION WITH MIDTOWN COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER

Workshops run at MCJC in 2023

**48**

People whose records were expunged  
and cases dismissed through this program

**250+**

Average participants per workshop

**5-6**

Percentage who stated that the project  
exceeded their expectations of what  
they would be doing in court

**84%**

Percentage who stated that they felt  
cared for and safe to express themselves  
within our workshops

**97%**

Midtown Community Justice Center (MCJC) and the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI) have partnered with Artistic Noise to provide creative, therapeutic, alternatives-to-incarceration programming at their courthouse space every Thursday afternoon.

As part of NYC's Project Reset, this arts-based initiative allows emerging adults aged 18-26 years old the choice of making art within a therapeutic framework with our team instead of receiving more punitive measures such as fines or probation.



# MUSEUM AND GALLERY PARTNERSHIPS

Connecting the resources of NYC's arts institutions to our community of system-impacted young people.

In 2023, Artistic Noise partnered with a variety of museums and galleries including:

**The Studio Museum in Harlem**

**Kasmin Gallery**

**Hauser & Wirth**

**The Museum of Arts & Design**

We exhibited youth artwork at a number of spaces such as:

**The Whitney Museum of American Art**

**Pace Gallery**

**Hannah Traore Gallery**

**United Justice Coalition**





## YOUTH SUCCESSES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The young people who make up our community are continually showing growth and achieving new goals.

The following are just a few examples of what they have achieved in 2023:



**Jasmine A.** transitioned from A&E participant to alumni after working with us for over 3 years. She collaborated with Artistic Noise staff to secure independent housing through the voucher process and moved into a new apartment prior to the start of the year.

**Lauren B.** transitioned from A&E participant to alumni and is working with us to pilot a new partnership with the nonprofit Day One, co-facilitating art therapeutic sessions for young women experiencing intimate partner violence.

**Tony M.** has leaned into his role as a new father and demonstrated increased responsibility and leadership skills.

**Skyy M.** sold the largest amount of artwork in last year's art exhibit at Hannah Traore Gallery.

**Rosalie J.** graduated from high school and is currently attending her 2nd semester of college.

**Taylesha G.** has been receiving mentorship opportunities from Samantha Cortez and just acquired a new job as a home health aid.

**Shalai H.** transitioned from A&E participant to alumni after being with us for over 2 years. She is now working as a para-professional aid for youth with diverse needs in school settings in the Bronx and Westchester County.

**Imani M.** has recently become reengaged with A&E programming after briefly stepping away. She has recently found employment with Amazon and Fresh Direct while simultaneously raising her two young children.

**Larry B.** has been prioritizing school more. He has been communicative with AN staff and has started to increase his engagement within A&E sessions.

**Chris S.** has recently begun a GED program and completed a mentorship with the support staff at Good Shepherd Services. He successfully exhibited and sold his first artwork at Pace Gallery.

**Chelsea T.** has a new paid internship on Mondays and has applied to colleges. She is awaiting word on a number of scholarships.

**And so many more...**

## **Ebony Walcott**

Artistic Noise Board Member

## **Bishop McIndoe**

2023 Alumni Artist in Residence

## **Joseph Goodwin**

A&E Lead Teaching Artist

## **Samantha Cortez**

2024 Alumni Artist in Residence  
Art & Care Teaching Assistant

## **Savio Zigbi-Johnson**

Art & Care Teaching Assistant

## **Lauren Brown & Jasmine Alford**

Art & Entrepreneurship Studio Assistants

## **PROMOTING FROM WITHIN**

Our vibrant community of past and present Art & Entrepreneurship participants are one of Artistic Noise's greatest resources.

In 2023, we hired or promoted an incredible group of young people into a variety of new roles.





## YOUTH-CREATED ARTWORK

Each year, Artistic Noise participants produce and exhibit an entirely new body of work. These are just a few examples of what was created in our studio space in 2023.

Artwork created by (clockwise from top right): Bishop, Imani, Skyy, Jasmine, Matthew, and Sha





## 2023 FUNDING SOURCES, GRANTS, FINANCIAL INFO & MORE

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FUNDERS FOR THEIR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF  
OUR PROGRAMS AND  
INITIATIVES

In addition to the donors, government agencies, funds, and foundations listed here Artistic Noise also wants to thank the 85 individual donors and Board Members whose generosity helped us raise an additional \$75,000+ in 2023. Their support is an integral part of our organization's success.

### **\$100,000+**

**Pinkerton Foundation**  
**Kasmin Gallery Annual Benefit**

### **\$50,000 - \$99,999**

**The Office of Senator Robert Jackson**

### **\$25,000 - \$49,999**

**Tisch Illumination Fund**  
**Valentine Snyder Perry Fund**  
**NYC Connect**  
**Rudin Family Foundation**

### **\$15,000 - \$24,999**

**Lily Auchincloss Foundation**  
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