News in 2012

New Urban Arts completed its first year in our new studio and raised $815,000 towards our million dollar capital campaign. We need your help to finish the job! Donate at: newurbanarts.org

Thirty youth completed paid internships in our Summer programs. The new Art Inquiry program resource guide is available online at newurbanarts.org/the-exchange.

Students Michelle Olivo and Sherly Torres won scholarships to participate in the Pre-College Summer Studio at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston this past June. A big thank you to the two donors that made it possible!

The fifth annual Conversations on Creative Practice audio is available online: newurbanarts.org/exchange/audio-library.

Thank you to departing Arts Mentoring Fellows Emmy Bright and Kedrin Frias, and welcome to the new fellows Rick Benjamin and Beth Nixon. Learn more about the fellows at newurbanarts.org/people.

We welcomed five new board members: Andrew Gsch, Douglas Best, Alma Minerva Carrillo Lopez, Stephen DelSesto and Tom Fitzgerald. Thank you to departing board members Lisa Carcieri and Board Chair Myrth York. Read about our new board leadership inside.

Westminster Street has become a youth development corridor. Down the street from New Urban Arts you’ll find Inspiring Minds and Youth Pride Inc., our friends and partners.

Thanks to the help of volunteers, we’ve updated and organized our studio library and created a Zen Zone!

New Urban Arts presented across the country this year, here’s a few: Leading with Values at Providence College (Providence RI), President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (Washington DC), Connecting Professional Artists with Teen Artists at Smack Mellon Gallery (Brooklyn NY) and The Bridge After School Conference (Seattle WA).

¡FELIZ QUINCEAÑERA, NUA!

Look for new Spanish language content online: newurbanarts.org/en-espanol

Para más información en español, visite nuestra website: newurbanarts.org/en-espanol
Events to look forward to this year:

December 15:
Cardboard Pancakes Holiday Art Sale

February 15:
Student Mid-Year Exhibition, 5–7 pm

March & April:
Series of Conversations on Creative Practice, dates and times to be determined.

April 11:
Annual Campaign Event

May 17:
End of Year Art Party, 4–8 pm

All at New Urban Arts, 705 Westminster Street. Check www.newurbanarts.org for more details on our gallery events, as well as up-to-date additions to our event calendar.

To me, New Urban Arts is four letters, H-O-M-E. I love how I can be myself at NUA and I love the friendships that are created here.

— Erin Taber, student

15 Years of New Urban Arts!

Dear friend,

I write to share with you that I’m resigning in December and returning to New York to join the staff of the Queens Museum of Art where I will take on the position of Director of Education. I’m really sad to be leaving New Urban Arts but excited that it’s in the hands of a passionate and engaged board of directors and a talented staff.

In 2003, I received a Sandra Olson Award for “extraordinary commitment to New Urban Arts.” To this day, it’s the only personal recognition I hang on my wall. There’s a quote on it by Deborah Meier, who developed a network of small community public high schools:

“Democracy demands that we acknowledge everyone’s inalienable capacity to be an inventor, dreamer, and theorist—to count in the larger scheme of things.”

You’ll see in this newsletter evidence of our belief in everyone’s capacity to be inventors, dreamers, and theorists, regardless of their background.

Thank you for supporting this important work. I am so grateful for all I’ve had a chance to learn and do at New Urban Arts and am excited to continue to watch this community grow and evolve as a friend, donor and advocate.

In gratitude,

Jason Yoos, Executive Director

2011–12 Studio Participants

sandra olson award winners
Ennry Bright  
Emily Ustach  
Noel Puerto  
Sara Borgen  
Site Specific

staff
Jane Andraski, Summer Art Mentor  
Artistic Director  
Jesse Banks III, Program Coordinator  
Dylan Block-Harley, Studio Coordinator  
Sarah Greenfield, Summer Artist Mentor  
Kerrichu Heng, Summer Artist Mentor  
Peter Hocking, Summer Art Advisory  
Tamara Kaplan, Operations Manager  
Alyssa Chishala, Intern Development Associate  
Carolina CJ Jimenez, Intern Studio Manager

Lucia Lopez, Development Intern  
Sarah Meyer, Program Director  
Victoria Ruiz, Summer Artist Mentor  
Dan Schieler, Development Associate  
Jose Vargas, Summer Artist Mentor  
Jamilla Woods, Summer Artist Mentor  
Jason Yoos, Executive Director  
Kah Vangri, Program Intern

arts mentoring fellows
Emmy Bright  
Kedrin Frias

board of directors
Teal Butterworth, Moeen Brown School  
Lisa Carcieri, Media and Advertising Manager, Neighborhood Health Plan of RI  
Don DeSantis, President, Carpenter Square Construction  
Melissa Ewald, Community Artist  
Heather Kilmartin, Associate Attorney  
Taylor Dougharovits & Girman, LLP  
Maryclaire Knight, Knight Consulting  
Sharen Lloyd Clark, Development Director  
Brown University  
Derek Schusterbauer, Graphic Designer  
Suzanne Smoljan, Brown University Professor (VICE PRESIDENT)  
Michael Tanaka, Former Director of Public and Community Relations, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, RI  
Latricia Tela Ford, Owner and Founder, Studio South  
Randolph Vilva, Case Manager John Hope Settlement House  
Myth York, Philanthropist (PRESIDENT)

studio team advisory board
Calvin Call, Mentor  
Shannon Falvey, Chair  
Mandara Arnold  
Max Binder  
Yoel Gonzalez  
Hemy Guerrero  
Maja Gutmann-McKenzie  
Aaron Kaplan  
Brigette Larena  
Legend Lowlew  
Duncan McPherson  
Melissa Morales  
Michi Olofo  
Noel Puello  
Olaine Smith  
Sara Tolbert  
Manuela Valtis

studio team

Amy Abarba  
Ben Alicee  
Caitlin Call  
Casie Clarke  
David Colavito  
Jess Fields  
Joe Vargas  
Julia Guaiteri  
Karen Lee  
Katrina Silander Clark  
Keni Slaton  
Kevin Gonazlez  
Mary Diana  
Norlan Olivo  
Pricilla Carissa  
Sam Merritt  
Saulo Castillo  
Victoria Ruiz

studio study buddies
Evelyn Fitzgerald  
Paul Carbone

studio assistants
Jacqueline Archilles  
Miguel Escobedo  
Abigail Falvey  
Dailan Williams

project volunteers
Abi Hernandez  
Adrene Adeyemi  
Alma Carrillo  
Andrew Chigiel  
Angelos Marinakakis  
Karen Reinhart  
Ali Barian  
Avi Ginsburg  
Baishak Berman  
Beth Brandon  
Calvin Call  
Carri Ann Penney  
Chris Jorgan  
Christina Lawrence  
David Karoff  
Deborah Obalil  
Diana Pecchia  
Drew Harrada  
Elizabeth Keith  
Emily Barnett  
Emily Ustach  
Eric Rice  
Erik Golds  
Evan Monteiro  
Heather Gardiss  
Heidi Bring  
Jan Cazzenas  
Jack Richter  
James Escobedo  
Jane Androski  
Jennifer Reynolds-Lai  
John Tabor Jacobson  
Jenn Rice  
Jessie Streicher  
Joe Vargas  
Jeri Ketter  
Julia Guaiteri  
Karen Lee  
Kate Holden  
Kath Comley  
Kerry Cardosa  
Lara Crystal-Ornelas  
Keryn Varcan  
Katrin Ketten  
Lara Crystal-Ornelas  
Lori Marla  
Mary-Kim Arnold  
Matthew Darby  
Melissa Walsh

100+ volunteers

In gratitude,

Mendhi Younger  
Melissa Mendes  
Michael Fournier  
Mike Eng  
Morgan Fagans  
Noah Block-Harley  
Demery Guerra  
Pam Lorenzo  
Patricia Ross  
Peter Hocking  
Rob Pocchia  
Roberto Gonzalez  
Rosemery Guerra  
Sam Sisidal  
Sarah Benjam  
Sarah Bernstein  
Sarah Greenfield  
Seth Grenwald  
Simon Moore  
Stephanie Accovad  
Steven Swarbrick  
Taylor M. Polites  
Walker Mettling  
Witchclub  
Zachary Clark
New Leadership at New Urban Arts

On September 18 at New Urban Arts, we celebrated Myrth York’s extraordinary leadership: four years as the Chair of the Board of Directors, six years as a Director of the Board, and countless years of friendship and support. Youth, artists, staff and board members past and present unveiled and dedicated a permanent wall of youth portraits to Myrth in recognition of her service and honored her with the gift of a painting of our new studio by recent grad Sara Tolbert. Under Myrth’s leadership, New Urban Arts has expanded its reach in the community, attracted national accolades and, most recently, doubled its space by securing a permanent home for its programs in a newly renovated and centrally located 4,000 square-foot art studio and gallery. Myrth’s leadership, vision and passion for our city’s youth have been driving forces behind all of this success.

We are excited to announce and welcome Professor Susan Smulyan to lead our organization as Chair of the Board of Directors. As the Chair of New Urban Arts’ Capital Campaign Committee, Susan has been instrumental in securing our new permanent home. She served as Vice Chair for the last four years and was unanimously voted on as the chair at our September 18th annual meeting. We also welcome officers Derek Schusterbauer, Vice Chair, Michael Tonka, Second Vice Chair, Tom Fitzgerald, Treasurer and Andrew Dorsch, Secretary.

New Urban Arts is a beautiful mess that becomes an oasis to almost any other student. I love how coming to New Urban Arts distracts me from all other things.

— Jessabel Santos, student

Above: New Urban Arts presented this painting of our new home (detail above left) to Myrth York at our annual meeting (above right). Painting by student Sara Tolbert; Below: “Inside Looking Out” by student Mandara Arnold.

2012-13 enrolled students
Alyssia Wilson
Aron Daniel
Aron Kaplan
Alexander Knight
Alexandre Assenam
Alexandra Mariscal
Amanda Richard
Amanda Beaton
Amanda Alvarez
Analia Garcia
Apollonia Neglia
Anthony Corrella
Anthony Jamnitz
Aneetham Muhammad
Ariana Gomez
ArrisaaTarea
Ashley Dominguez
Austin O’Gelfe
Ava Ginsburg
Bao Yang
Beatrice Montoel
Belinda Sison
Brandon Lee
Breanne Hart
Brendan Tetreault
Brian Kronsberg
Brian Simon
Brian Vesner
Brianna Broeks
Brigette Larmena
Bryant Ortega
Carla Anzaldo
Carlos Romero
Carmina Wilkins
Chaeli Kneipigay
Christian Correa
Christopher Dupre
Christopher Medina
Christopher Jorge
Clara Peral
Claudia Corea
Colin Lamoainex
Cristal Santos
Dakota Brown
Daniel Figueroa
Dante Gonzales
Daria Montaquila
David Mendez
David Johnston Jr.
Deanna Wedge
Debbie Roso
Denise Alba
Donneli Guajala
Drew Pena
Dwayne Smith
Eduardo Abreu
Eduardo Dominguez
Eduardo Nieves
E amplitude
Evela Nokumana
Elvis Hoppert
Emi Escobar Quero
Emily Pepple
Emma Hidalgo
Erica Denor
Erik Martinez
Erich Taver
Estefany Lopez
Federico Road
Fernando Rialler
Gabby Mijia
Gabriela Monsono
Geneva Medina
Gibson Prouty
Gorge Gonzalez
Guadalupe Ortiz
Guy-malay Pierre
Herny Guere
Ian Rona
Irene Guzman
Isabella DeGrasine
Isaiah Carter
Isaiah Fayweather
Iftahy Rodriguez
Jacquie Shields
Jahania Demoraimile
Jamilah Payne
Jameson Gomez
Jean Fields
Jean-Philippe Cordina
Jefferson Chin
Jenny Garcia
Jeremiah Paz
Jessica Santos
Jimmy Suza
Joel Barriss
John Delil
Jonathan Laboy
Jonathan Fonnes
Jordan Cooper
Jordan Noble
Jose Pueo
Jose V Driz
Jose Matos
Joshua Mortillo
Julie Sonano
Julius Reyes
Karina Rodriguez
Kasey Northup
Katherine Aliza
Kate O’Connell
Katie Aldworth
Kayla Fark
Ken Kelly Diaz
Kenneth Vega
Kevin Tawaez
Kiana Harrel
Kiana Penaila
Kiana Wright
Kristine Paulos
Lars Koko
LaShaun Adams
Laura Polanco
Legend Alexis Lowell
Leakeshia Demoin
Leonardo Hernandez
Leonardo Nava
Lily Grisburg
Lisa Aurora
Lola De Ashamu
Louis Feist
Luiz Peha
Lyorean Ericistle
Maddie Lenhos
Madeleine Supps
Madalyn Flores
Magaly Alonso
Magpie Knith
Makayla Harrison
Mandana Ornand
Manuela Vidas
Mariel Garcia
Mauro Orellana
Max Binder
Marie Wright
Maya Gutman-McKenzie
Melissa Leonardo
Melvin Matos
Michelle Cruz
Michelle Oliso
Mikalor Ganzago
Molly Chan
Naomy Gutierrez
Nataluya Lugo
Natalia Jones
Nelson Decapeo
Nicarlys Medina
Nichelle Esteviz
Nigel Richardson
Nilaury Reyes
Nelzel Puelo
Paolina Luna
Patricia Getchell
Pedro Nix
Philipe Noble
Rachel Fels
Rachel Rodriguez
Rayven Moreland
Renny Vinas
Rosemely Quinones
Rudy Sopulveda
Ryan Lucero
Salutore Calise
Samantha Aguian
Samantha Manga
Sara Tolbert
Sapphire Aveda
Scarlet Minor
Sevellyy Cruz
Shanty Pineda
Sheety Torres
Sherry Connors
Shirley Adams
Shupe Lillie
Sierra Clayton
Skerra Moore
Sikky Ross
Skeeter Baido
Suhakay Rosario
Sushila Kurnia
Tatypamna Shields
Taylor Williams
Thomas Vadi
Tiffany Monces
Timothy Breif
Tomas Sepulveda
Trishana Bliss
Tremell Lincoln
Tunasia Towns
Tara Belli Salcido
Tyrill Threats
Ulla Sayin
Vathna Keo
Victoria Hetherington
Victoria Jennings
Winfred Hurst
Yolbel Gonzalez

*Alumni students and Alumni artist mentors
Birthday wishes...

To mark our 15th birthday, we asked students, mentors, alums, and other community members what their birthday wishes for the studio are.

- For NUA to have a room just for sewing
- For more parties and more food!
- That we do more karaoke nights than we do now
- To have a stove so we can do cooking!
- That we never stop hearing all of the random music we play from different iPods on the speakers! It’s awesome hearing what other people here listen to
- For NUA to expand and keep doing what we do but more of it
- To have more desktop computers for students to work on

Visit us sometime!

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YEARS OF IMPACT

277

Students enrolled in our after-school Youth Mentorship Program this year.

97%

Agreed or strongly agreed that New Urban Arts is a safe and supportive environment.

75%

Of students rated New Urban Arts’ programs “outstanding.”

97%

Of student participants agreed or strongly agreed that they have built strong, trusting relationships.
for NUA to be even more successful than it is now, to have more kids coming, and to keep on going and running

for NUA to have a never-exhausted but always perfectly organized supply of tools and art making supplies

for NUA to continue teaching other organizations and adults how to be good mentors and build community with students

for more field trips (like to NY!)

that sweet kids keep coming to NUA

that NUA’s programs continue to grow and mature

Don’t change. Don’t get bad.

that the staff here stays the same

94% of student participants developed a way of creating that expresses who they are, and 94% agreed that they are more open to trying new things.

22 artists, 2 tutors, and 1 senior life coach volunteered over 4,000 hours to mentor Providence high school students this year.

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Find out how to...

get involved with New Urban Arts. Everyone brings something unique to the community, and together all of these talents and efforts make us stronger.

...enroll as a student anytime throughout the year.

...mentor for an entire school year, from October through May. We accept applications every September.

...volunteer for the duration of a special project, especially if you are skilled at carpentry, gallery installation or data-entry.

...become a donor of tax-deductible art materials and equipment or monetary gifts. Sponsorship opportunities are available for exhibitions, performances and our annual silent auction.

Application forms for students, artist mentors and volunteers are online at www.newurbanarts.org or at our studio at 705 Westminster Street.

Alumni and Donor Profile

Kwajo Ankoma was one of New Urban Arts’ founding students in 1997. Kwajo and this original group of students and artist mentors came up with the name “New Urban Arts.” After three years as a student at New Urban Arts, Kwajo went to Rhode Island College where he studied graphic communication. After starting 1 Stop Media, a web design company in Boston, Kwajo made the jump to the west coast, where he is now a User Interface Engineer for Apple. Last year he made his first gift to the New Urban Arts annual campaign and shared with us why personal giving is important to him.

“Years ago, someone else made a donation for me to have the opportunity to be part of this after-school program (New Urban Arts). Now that I’m in a better situation, I feel it’s my responsibility to make sure that someone else has that opportunity too. In today’s age, I hear about how the arts are being cut from public schools and it’s seen as secondary. But the arts are important, they’re a great outlet for creativity, and it gives kids a balance from the everyday curriculum. As a donor, it’s my opportunity to open up those possibilities for kids. The bottom line, my donation is about making sure that the opportunities I had exist for someone else.”

Our Annual Campaign makes our nationally recognized arts programs available to the teenagers who need them most. It gives them the tools they need to lead creative and meaningful lives. If you want to learn more about our annual campaign visit: newurbanarts.org/give.html

Check out the back of this newsletter for our full list of donors in the 2012 campaign.

Above left: Kwajo Ankoma (second from left back row) was one of our founding year students in 1997. Today he’s an alumni donor. He says, “Years ago, someone else made a donation for me to have the opportunity to be part of this after-school program... It’s my responsibility to make sure that someone else has that opportunity too.”; Above: Drawing Artist Mentor Aneudy Alba with Yolibel Gonzalez. Photo: Jesse Banks III.
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**New Urban Arts Students Curate Displays at the Dirt Palace**

New Urban Arts students curated two window displays at the **Dirt Palace** last spring. Located at the storefront window that faces the busy Olneyville Square intersection, the space featured illustrations by student Yolibel Gonzalez and soon after showcased a wild forest scene where animals grow leaves on their antlers and squirrels wear yellow dresses. Students collaborated with artist mentor Priscilla Carrion, using a variety of different media, including block printing, sumi ink, acrylic, and paper boats.

The Dirt Palace is an art collective that hosts a new installation by a variety of local and international artists every month. For more information about their work, visit [www.dirtpalace.org](http://www.dirtpalace.org).

Photos here: [http://dirtpalace.org/window.htm](http://dirtpalace.org/window.htm)

Photos of making the work here: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/newurbanarts](http://www.flickr.com/photos/newurbanarts)

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**Stewardship**

A Poem from Mid Year Makings
by Student Brigette Larmena

Dear artists. Welcome to the world of art. You will find the answer to every question your school teacher couldn’t answer. The truth of life will be revealed to you, as you will be the creator. You are god. You hold the power to mold and make. You have the power, for you are an artist.

Dear artist, beware. Do not be fooled. The norms do not apply to you. Understand the rules are meant to be broken. Coloring outside of the line is too mainstream. Burn the line and draw a new one. Disregard the naysayers, they doubt because they have not come into themselves. We are the leaders of revolutions, though a hard task, the end result is more than worth it.

Dear artists. Connect, find others. There are millions of other artists just waiting to be found. Combine and express. It is your birth right.

Dear artists. Thank you for bringing beauty into the world. You are gods. Art is life.