



Jazz Notes December 2016 Urban Arts Academy News For Members of Dick's Jazz Club

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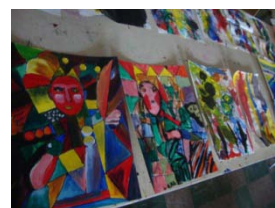
On behalf of our students and families, we are grateful for each gift. Your support is appreciated 365 days a year!

We had 63 donors, and received \$10,500 in donations, including the match of \$5,000.

Since we did not meet our projected goal of \$20,000 we really need those of you who did not give then to respond warmly to our end of year letter which will be sent later this month; please help us fill the gap! We are counting on every cent to serve our students and their families.



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Save The Date

URBAN ARTS ANNUAL GALA WILL BE ON
 SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 at the St Mary's
 Event Center



A Conversation With Dick's Jazz Club Member

A Conversation with Dick's Jazz Club Member Julia Helgesen

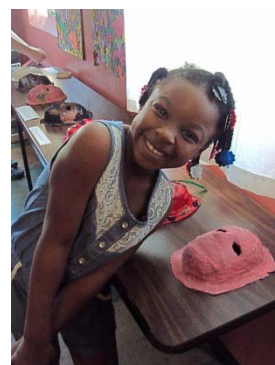
Saxophonist \$500 - \$999

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Jazz Notes had a recent conversation with Julia, who along with her husband Jim are some of the original members of **Dick's Jazz Club**. Julia has held multiple leadership roles with Urban Arts since 2004. After many years as a mortgage banker, she retired and pursued a new career in horticulture and professional gardening. She and Jim love spending time with their two daughters, sons-in-law and granddaughters. They also love a great party, so they never miss a Gala! Let's listen in on the conversation with Julia.



Tell us a bit about your involvement with Urban Arts over the years. "It's been so long I hardly remember what happened first. I think we were at the first Gala back in 2004. I was so impressed by the work being done with the children. I was invited to join the Gala Committee and also the Board. It was the early years for us as a non-profit. The program was developing fast and we needed the financial resources to support the growth. It was very exciting and I was privileged to serve as Board Chair for several years. I'm still on the Gala Committee. It's been exciting to get to know and work with a lot of wonderful people. They're all so community-minded. And they are my friends! It's fun working together for such a great cause."



Vocalist \$100 - \$499

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 Julie Anderson and Carol Rue
 Jeana Lee Aubinger
 John Bailey
 Roberto and Andrea Barcenas
 Tierney Bartell
 Richard Baugh and Elizabeth George
 Jeffrey Benson and Tina Meckel
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From your perspective over the years, what is the most important aspect of the work that Urban Arts does with children and families? "For one year I volunteered once a week with the children. I saw first-hand how important it is for the kids to have a safe place. They received extra nurturing that



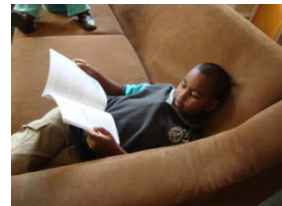
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 Mary Halvorson
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 Mary Beth Lake
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many school environments strive for but don't have the extra time or dollars to deliver. Urban Arts provides that, plus amazing staff and teachers who help them grow and develop. We see the need and watch them blossom. It takes time, care and dollars to help develop these children of ours. Urban Arts does this very well."

Each year at the Gala, we note that you have several tables of your neighbors and friends who have joined you. Tell us about that. "I talk about Urban Arts a lot with my neighbors and friends. I love to share, even my salsa and toffee, and I just invite them to come and we have a great time. Many have come year after year. It's really special for Jim and me to bring so many of these caring people into Dick's Jazz Club as supporters of our work. It's just a nice feeling for us all to be involved."

Over the years, you and Jim have been so generous with your gifts, often providing matching dollars for the Gala and Give to the Max Day. Say more about that. "We get it. We believe that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and the importance of investing in children. They are our future. We also love supporting Tamar, our leader, and all the staff who love what they do and go the extra mile to be there for all the children."

Thanks to Julia for sharing her
 Urban Arts story with us.
 What's your story?
 We'd love to engage you in conversation ...
 and share it with fellow members of
Dick's Jazz Club.



Staff Highlight



Douglas and Anna Mae Lambert
 Jean Langehough and Alanna Walen
 Paul and Lois Larsen
 Suzanne and Tim Lauer
 Lars and Maren Leafblad
 Dan and Lori Leavitt
 Elayne Lipp
 Jeannie Loh
 Lisa Lundmark
 Emily Madland
 Richard and Kathy Magnus
 Judith Mattison
 Benjamin Edwards Mchie
 Phyllis McPhillips
 Jay and Rachel Mickolajak
 Sylvia Mondati
 Pat Morreim
 Jane Mosman
 Allan and Joanne Negstad
 Sandra Nekola
 Karen and Mary Nelson
 Nancy Lee Nelson
 James and Donna Neubauer
 Jim Nichols
 Bob and Ann Niedringhaus
 Michelle Nunnally
 Anwulika Okafor
 Patricia Olson
 Stanley and Nancy Olson
 Tafat Ostfield and Alexander Lenzon
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 David and Joan Paulsrud
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 David and Suzanne Rhees
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 Samantha Robson
 Priantha and Piyumi Samaratunga
 Jim and Sara Sang
 Ryan Sapp
 Mark and Rosario Schindele
 Joanne Shepherd
 Carol Skelly
 Breck and Laurie Spinner
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 John Sullivan
 Chris Sur and Teddie Gaitas
 Mark and Leslie Swiggum
 Nathan and Suchi Thompson
 Eric Klimpke and Siri Thompson
 Mike Thorsen
 Joni Timm
 Peter and Traci Torseth

Katie Swenson

Hi! I'm so excited to be teaching After-school with Urban Arts! I graduated from Hamline University in May 2013 with a degree in cultural anthropology and sociology. I have several favorites in terms of artist, but some of my favorite mediums include photography and painting. I choose to work with Urban Arts because of both my interest in non-profit work, working with kids, and art and my background in volunteering with after school arts programs in college. Some of my hobbies include biking, yoga, cooking, photography, going to art museums and concerts.

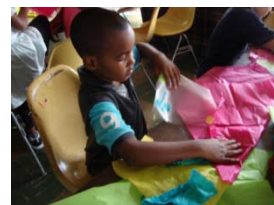


Tamar's Corner & Program Update



Hello Everyone!

What an amazing summer and fall we had!



Programming

Preschool:

We have 60 students and families are still registering their children.



After-School:

We have 70 spots in our sessions and are expecting new students to join in January.



High School:

This month we started our High school program; the program is designed by the youth and has three components: Art, Leadership, and Social Entrepreneurship; we have a group of 12 High School students so far.



Fall Festival on September 15, 2016

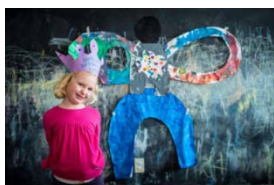
Families put the final touches on the Mural of The Mississippi River we did this summer

Curriculum

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 Gail Wescott
 Robert and Sara-Jane Wilson
 Janet Wygant-Miller
 Kim and Sarah Zeigler

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We apologize if your name is listed incorrectly. Please let us know at: office@urbanartsacademy.org



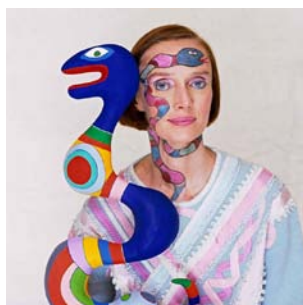
Our Artists of the month so far this year have been:

Preschool

September: Niki de Saint Phalle

October: Frida Kahlo

November : Prince



Niki de Saint Phalle was a French sculptor, painter, and filmmaker.



Frida Kahlo de Rivera, born Magdalena Carmen Frieda Kahlo y Calderón, was a Mexican painter known for her self-portraits. Kahlo's life began and ended in Mexico City, in her home, which is known as "La Casa Azul," the Blue House.



Prince Rogers Nelson (June 7, 1958 - April 21, 2016) was an American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and record producer. He was a musical innovator and known for his eclectic

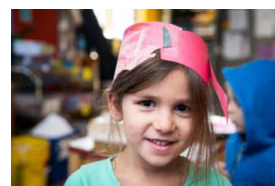
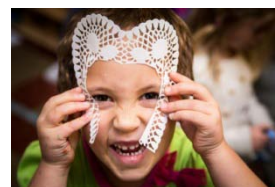
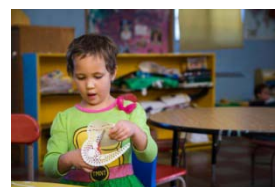
work, flamboyant stage presence, extravagant dress and makeup, and wide vocal range. His music integrates a wide variety of styles including funk, rock, R&B, new wave, soul, psychedelia, and pop.

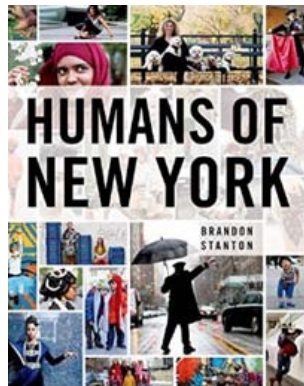
After School

September: Os Gêmeos

October: Yulia Brodskaya

November: Brandon Stanton





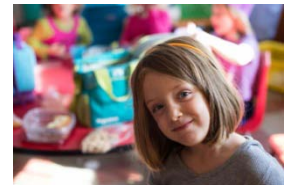
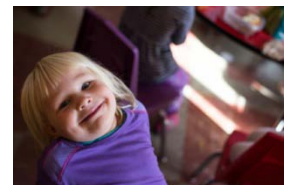
Otavio and Gustavo Pandolfo (Os Gêmeos) are graffiti artists and identical twins who create large murals inspired by hip hop culture in Brazil

Yulia Brodskaya is an artist and illustrator known for her handmade elegant and detailed paper illustrations. Originally from Russia, she is now based in the UK. She uses vibrant colors to make traditional paper processes contemporary.

Brandon Stanton is best known for his blog and book Humans of New York that includes photographs and conversations with ordinary people in New York City. Stanton grew up in Marietta, Georgia. After losing his job as a bond trader in Chicago, he began to pursue his love of photography. Stanton has since published his Humans of New York book, and it reached #1 on the New York Times Non-Fiction Bestseller list. Stanton was named one of Time Magazine's 30 Under 30 People Changing the World. He also traveled to the Middle East and Pakistan to interview and photograph people he met there.

Interns & Volunteers

We had 8 interns; they are really strong and help us tremendously in serving our students!





Partnerships

The Bush Initiative is its second year; all Agents of Change were hired and we conducted trainings in August and implementation started in September. All is going very well; we are meeting next month with the Supporting Partners to find out what they can do to support our work.

We still have room in our programs. For more information, you can email us at info@urbanartsacademy.org, call us at 612-827-1641 or visit our website www.urbanartsacademy.org

Have a great and safe Winter!
Happy Holidays to All!

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