

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I'm filled with pride and gratitude for what we've achieved together at Arts Every Day. Across Baltimore, we've empowered teachers and reached thousands of students by providing teacher professional development, musical instruments, arts supplies, and connections to the city's vibrant arts community. We've watched the arts spark creativity, build confidence, and shape future leaders.

This year, we marked key milestones in our mission. Through strategic partnerships with the Office of Fine Arts and the greater arts and cultural community, City Schools has expanded arts instruction, adding over 140 arts teachers in the past 5 years. Our Baltimore Youth Arts Council continues to elevate student voices, while teachers are using our new curriculum-aligned arts resources to integrate the arts into core subjects. With the launch of the Maggie McIntosh Arts Fund, we've secured vital resources to sustain arts programs for years to come.

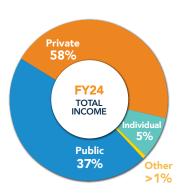
Looking ahead, we are more energized than ever. Your continued support will help us deepen our commitment to arts-rich education, expand partnerships, and drive systemic change. Together, we're shaping a future where every student can create, express, and thrive through the power of the arts. Thank you for standing with us in this mission.

Warmly,

Julia DiBussolo

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

FY23	FY24
\$625,051 \$612,587	\$1,065,148 \$678,670
\$118,498	\$83,562 \$22,427
\$7,943 1,364,079	1,849,807
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TOTAL EXPENSES	FY23	FY24
Programs General Admin	\$1,241,506 \$140,853	\$1,550,565 \$186,490
TOTAL	\$1,382,359	\$1,737,055



90%

Of every dollar raised goes to support programming, advocacy work, and funding for schools

# **FY24 IN REVIEW**

In Fiscal Year 2024, Arts Every Day launched the Maggie McIntosh Arts Fund. The allocation from the Maryland State budget honors Delegate McIntosh. Maggie retired from the Maryland House of Representatives in 2023 after 30 years of service. Due to a delayed disbursement from the state, we received and spent funds allocated for EY23 and EY24 in EY24.

The difference in Individual Giving is due to a non-recurring Tax Credit that boosted donations in FY23.

We continued to achieve key milestones with our Baltimore Arts Integration Project which is supported by a five-year grant from the United States Department of Education.

All financial information is based on Arts Every Day's Fiscal Year 2024 audit statement prepared by SB & Associates and was approved by our Board of Directors on October 30, 2024.

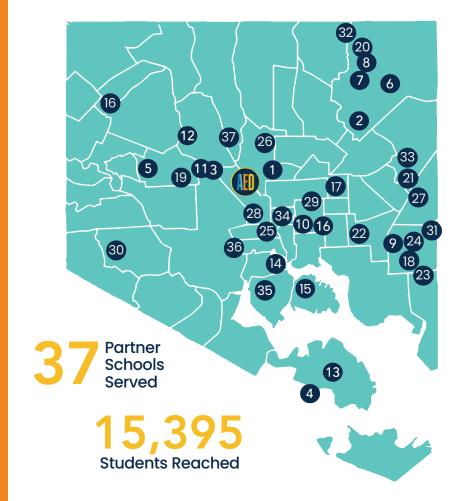
Audit reports may be found by visiting: artseveryday.org/reports-financials

# ARTS INTEGRATION SCHOOLS PROGRAM SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24

The 2023-24 school year was a year of reflection and growth for Arts Every Day's Schools Program! We strengthened our network of Arts Integration Partner Schools by providing per-student funding that fueled exciting arts experiences and collaborative support for achieving school-wide arts integration goals.

Schools set ambitious objectives, from offering tailored professional development opportunities for educators to boosting math and ELA achievement, increasing attendance, and creating vibrant community engagement through art-filled family events. With AED grant funding, educators unlocked a wealth of creative experiences that aligned with their goals, making a real impact in their classrooms!

Throughout the year, we actively worked to enhance our processes for collecting and utilizing feedback from teachers and stakeholders, ensuring our programs remain effective and relevant. We're thrilled to support educators across the district in bringing transformative arts learning to their students, and we can't wait to see the continued impact of our collective efforts!



- 1. Abbottston Elementary School
- 2. Baltimore International Academy
- 3. Bard High School Early College
- 4. Bay-Brook Elementary Middle School
- 5. Belmont Elementary School
- 6. City Neighbors Charter School
- 7. City Neighbors Hamilton
- 8. City Neighbors High School
- 9. Clay Hill Public Charter School
- 10. Commodore John Rodgers Middle School
- 11. ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School
- 12. Creative City Public Charter
- 13. Curtis Bay Elementary School
- 14. Digital Harbor High School
- 15. Elmer A. Henderson: A Johns Hopkins Partnership School
- 16. Fallstaff Elementary School
- 17. Fort Worthington Elementary Middle School
- 18. Graceland Park O'Donnell Heights Elementary Middle School
- 19. Gwynns Falls Elementary School
- 20. Hamilton Elementary Middle School
- 21. Hazelwood Elementary School
- 22. Highlandtown Elementary Middle School
- 23. Holabird Academy
- 24. John Ruhrah Elementary Middle School
- 25. Joseph C. Briscoe Academy

- 26. Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School
- 27. Moravia Park Elementary School
- 28. Mount Royal Elementary Middle School
- 29. National Academy Foundation
- 30. Northbend Elementary Middle School
- 31. Patterson High School
- 32. Reginald F. Lewis High School
- 33. Sinclair Lane Elementary School
- 34. Stadium School
- 35. Thomas Jefferson Elementary Middle School
- 36. Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy
- 37. Western High School

"AED truly changed
how this school year went for
me. We had so many amazing,
unforgettable experiences due to
this partnership. My students
and I thank you!!"

-Holabird Academy Teacher

## **TEACHER SUPPORT**

Teachers are the heart and soul of schools. Through a robust menu of professional development, Arts Every Day seeks to inspire and support teachers as leaders. We kicked off the year with an exhilarating Summer Arts Integration Conference that engaged teachers in two action-packed days of collaborative learning through 21 workshops designed to supercharge their arts integration practice. Participants explored a range of topics, from celebrating neurodiverse learners through the arts to enhancing social-emotional learning and using creative expression to tackle challenging conversations in the classroom.

Throughout the school year, we kept the energy alive by offering dynamic professional development opportunities for all Baltimore City Schools educators, with options for both live and asynchronous participation. Sessions tackled diverse topics such as assessment in and through the arts, sustainable art making with recycled materials, and fostering support for queer students through artistic expression. The excitement and creativity continued to flow, making this year truly unforgettable!



# BALTIMORE ARTS INTEGRATION PROJECT

As the Baltimore Arts Integration Project (BAIP) completes its third year, we are proud to reflect on the strides made in supporting arts integration throughout Baltimore City Public Schools.

492

course enrollments in our online learning platform

186

educators accessing online professional development courses

15

Teaching Artists and Teachers created 11 Science professional development courses.

Thanks to the dedication of teaching artists, classroom teaching specialists, and a committed panel of advisors, we continue to grow our professional development opportunities, library of arts-integrated materials, and professional learning communities. Our mission is to empower teachers with actionable resources rooted in the Brain-Targeted Teaching Model (BTT), creating classroom experiences that foster creativity, engagement, and long-term retention of knowledge.

# These resources are freely accessible online to all City Schools teachers!

BAIP not only enhances student engagement but also nurtures emotional well-being, creativity, and academic growth. As we look ahead, we are committed to further expanding our reach and deepening our impact by supporting teachers and students with the tools they need to thrive. We are grateful for the continued support and dedication of our partners, educators, and artists, whose collective efforts ensure that arts integration remains a transformative force in Baltimore classrooms.

# ARTS EDUCATION ADVOCACY

#### **BALTIMORE ARTS EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

The Baltimore Arts Education Initiative (BAEI) is not just a project; it's a vital movement ignited in 2017 by Arts Every Day, driven by passionate community partnerships and a commitment to the transformative power of the arts. Following a community-supported planning process, Baltimore City Public Schools embraced a Fine Arts Strategic Plan in 2019, leading to remarkable progress: over 140 new certified fine arts teachers, significant growth in the district fine arts office, and a steady increase in access to visual arts and music education, with hopeful advancements in dance, theater, and band. But the work isn't done! We must continue to rally together to ensure that every student in Baltimore has access to the rich learning experiences that the arts provide.

#### **PARENT LEADERS**

Here at Arts Every Day, we truly believe in the power of parents as advocates. We are proud to create intentional spaces that bring parents, caregivers, and community members together to learn, collaborate and push for a school district that values and prioritizes the arts. This year, Arts Every Day offered training, organized public events, and coordinated parent participation in important district budget meetings. By providing training and opportunities for collaboration, we are fostering a strong community of voices that can effectively influence the school district's priorities and funding for arts education.



175 Hours Worked!

Valuable
Arts & Advocacy
Experiences

Student Advocates





"I hadn't had any prior experience advocating or speaking to officials or those with actual power and making decisions on something that I believe in. .... this job.. it's kind of been like, okay, well look girl, you just did this, this, and this. So what really... what can you not do?"

-Isabella Akilo, 11th grade

#### YOUTH ADVOCACY

This year, eight passionate youth creatives from Baltimore City stepped up to make their voices heard in the fight for arts education access! From October 2023 to June 2024, this dedicated cohort met twice a week—pouring a total of 175 hours honing their leadership, public speaking, and research skills. Each student, compensated at \$15 dollars an hour, is not just participating; they're driving a movement that challenges barriers that stand in the way of equitable access to the arts.

Together, they organized the annual Arts Education Town Hall, met with district and state leaders, increased awareness about the transformative power of arts education, and forged connections with allies who believe that every student deserves access to the creative opportunities that can change lives.

# 10X10 EXHIBIT

Arts Every Day presented its 8th installment of the 10X10 Exhibit titled- "Kaleidoscope: Ideas, Images & Symbols". Inspired by the works of Elizabeth Talford Scott and in partnership with MICA, the student exhibition was showcased at The Peale Museum alongside the work of Scott as part of a city-wide celebration involving seven other arts an culture institutions. The MICA Exhibition Design Seminar course paired undergraduate curatorial students with organzations throughout the city to bring Scott's work to life through intentional community partnerships and conversations.

The 10X10 Exhibit connects young creatives and rising arts leaders with collaborative exhibition opportunities working alongside local curators and arts education advocates. It sparks creative discourse in Baltimore City classrooms, encouraging students and teachers to share stories through a variety of artistic methods. This exhibit also exposes youth to GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) career fields through our Youth Curatorial Program.





# COURTING ART BALTIMORE

Courting Art Baltimore awarded over \$20,000 in College Bound Scholarships and honored 20 finalists out of 101 entries at a courthouse reception for this year's contest. An additional \$1,600 in Artist & Craftsman giftcards were given out to all the finalists and their teachers. The finalists will be on long-term display at the Eastside District Courthouse in the hopes of not just promoting youth art, but also connecting the legal community with the communities of Baltimore City.

Courting Art Baltimore has now awarded over \$150K in College Bound Scholarships to students since it first began in 2016. In its 8th year, Courting Art continues to live true to its mission- connecting the legal community to the local community and bringing about peace through creativity for all who walk the halls of the Eastside District Courthouse.

Courting Art Baltimore is modeled after a program created by the Montgomery Bar Association of Pennsylvania.

# 20,000+

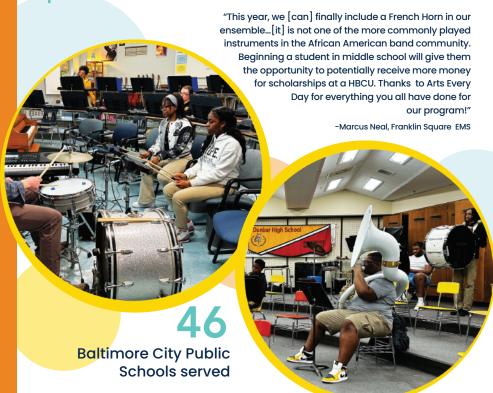
### **Supplies Provided**

During SY 2023-24, Arts Every Day was able to significantly amplify its impact through the Arts Equipment Fund thanks to a new investment from the Maryland State Department of Education. The new Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund, established during the 2022 legislative session, will enable us to disburse an additional \$125,000 per year in critically needed arts supplies and equipment, including musical instruments, ballet barres, kilns, performing arts costumes, choir risers, and more.

With an initial disbursement that reflected two years of funding, we were able to provide an unprecedented \$300,000 in funding to schools during SY23-24. Because of MSDE's commitment to expanding arts programming in Baltimore City Public Schools, Arts Every Day will continue to administer \$125,000 in Maggie McIntosh School Arts Funding on an annual basis.

# **ARTS EQUIPMENT FUND**

\$300 K Equipment Fund Purchases for School Year 23-24



WE OUR BOARD!

In FY24, our incredible board transformed ideas into action—from setting up events and serving drinks to orchestrating successful fundraisers, they are our biggest cheerleaders! Members not only provided strategic guidance but also engaged directly with our supporters, teachers, and students, creating connections that inspire everyone to believe in the mission of Arts Every Day. Our work would not be possible without the Arts Every Day board!



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#### \$25,000 and up

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