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Adventures Await

The Lehigh Valley Arts Council's annual ARTix Passport to the Arts, a buy one, get one free ticket offer, has been released—just in time for arts travelers to book a summer excursion in the Lehigh Valley.

ARTix is a promotion of the Lehigh Valley Arts Council that offers a sampling of the rich, diverse arts culture in the region. **Buy a ticket to any of the 20 participating venues and get a free ticket of equal value to the same event.** (valid from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020).

There is definitely something for everyone to enjoy—from symphonic to folk music, fine arts to vintage cars, Shakespeare to Broadway musicals, and so much more. Just map it and go!

The new Passport gives you the chance to invite someone to join you on an arts adventure. Access to the arts increases when we share experiences, beginning with family and friends who may need a ride or just a fun night out.



Reserve your tickets in advance and mention the Passport when you do. Some restrictions apply. Present the ARTix at the box office when you pick up your tickets. Limit one free ticket per venue.

This new edition of the ARTix Passport marks twenty-two years of collaborative arts marketing among the region's cultural groups. When we come together to promote all of the arts in the region, everyone wins: the arts consumer has more choices, the organizations attract larger audiences, and local businesses thrive.

Incentive Grants for Greater Inclusion

The Lehigh Valley Arts Council is pleased to announce two recipients of the 2019-20 Incentive Grants for Greater Inclusion. **The Lehigh Valley Dance Exchange and the Autism Society Lehigh Valley/ Creative Abilities Group** have both been awarded Accessible Engagement Grants to teach a group of people living with a disability an artistic practice that culminates in a public performance or exhibition.

The Dance Exchange will present Moving with Parkinson's, a 16-week series of Dance for PD classes taught by Corrie Cowart, MFA in the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020. The classes will be held in Cedar Crest College and culminate in a public performance as part of the SpringUP Dance Festival in late April 2020.

The Creative Abilities Group are young adults who have autism and other development disabilities and this fall they begin working with muralist Matt Halm on **creating a large scale mural** to be permanently installed at the Lehigh Valley Health Network at 17th and Chew Sts., in Allentown. Participants will be involved in all aspects of the mural making, as Halm guides the group in developing the theme(s), the conception, creation, completion and installation. The residency will take place over 10 sessions, culminating with a public unveiling in June 2020.

Two additional types of grants are offered in this series.

1) The Audience Accommodation grant is a (1:1) matching grant of up to \$350 to accommodate for the first time an otherwise under-served segment of the community with disabilities, including but not limited to, individuals with hearing and visual loss, autism, mental health illness, or physical limitations.

2) The Artists Contract Grant is a (2:1) matching grant of up to \$500 to contract an artist with a disability to perform, exhibit, design or produce a public art event.

Grant applications are now open for the 2020-2021 season and can be reviewed on the website, LVArtsCouncil.org.

Welcome Summer Interns

The Lehigh Valley Arts Council is proud to announce its three new interns for the summer season: Maya Rodgers, Leslie Rivas, and Danica Schofer. Arts Council Interns assist with diverse projects including administration, communications, design, social media, grant review, and more. Below please see a brief description of each intern's story of becoming an Arts Council Intern.

Maya Rodgers

I am a rising junior at Ithaca College in New York, majoring in Communication Management and Design with a minor in Graphic Design. In between classes, I'm also a student athlete on the field hockey team and served as the Design Editor for the past few semesters on the campus newspaper, *The Ithacan*. Before coming home for the summer to the Lehigh Valley, I studied abroad in London for the spring semester. I have always been involved in arts and as an active member of my community I'm always looking to give back and expand my horizons. The Lehigh Valley Arts Council will be a great opportunity to work with the arts community.

Leslie Rivas

I am a rising Junior that is majoring in Environmental Studies. The reason why I decided to intern for the Lehigh Valley Arts Council is because of my passion for the arts. Art has always been there for me ever since I can remember. Growing up, I was always drawn to my art teachers. Their classes were like a safe haven for me to express myself and my individuality, which is something that was very hard to do as an emotional child. To me, art is my therapy. It allows me to connect with people in a way that also allows me to be creative and figure myself out. I joined the Lehigh Valley Arts Council because I wanted to bring art experiences to other people who have a hard time fitting in, connecting with people, and/or are trying to figure themselves out.

Danica Schofer

I am a dancer/musician, educator, and arts advocate currently beginning my Sophomore year at Muhlenberg College. I encourage creative engagement that welcomes risk-taking, choice-making, and authenticity. Bravery and personal embodiment paired with community creates a better world, and I'm passionate about establishing the practical and logistical programs to channel art-makers' dreams into an impactful reality. Partnering with Lehigh Valley Arts Council in pursuit of this goal is a pleasure, and I'm excited to see what the future might bring.

Artists In My Family Tree

We are all artists. Art-making is a human trait and its power comes from engaging in the process. The word "arts" comes from a Greek word that means "putting things together." Originally it was a verb, not a noun.

The children were tasked with expanding their understanding of the question, "Who is an Artist?" Central Elementary art teacher, Angela Emili, encouraged her students to identify members in their families who sing at church or around the house, play an instrument, dance at weddings, prepare a delicious meal, tend a beautiful garden, or someone known for creating something amazing with their hands.

After selecting their artistic family members, students developed interview questions. These questions were aimed at understanding when and how their family member became involved in the artistic process. After recording the answers to their interview questions, students focused on completing portraits of these family members. Some portrayed them in the act of their artistic habit while others created standard facial portraits. Students then worked collaboratively to create a unified family tree that represents each of their family member portraits and interview questions.



This project was developed by the Lehigh Valley Arts Council and art teacher Angela Emili for her students at Central Elementary School in Allentown. It was on display at the Young at Art Expo last March at Penn State Lehigh Valley, and then exhibited at Central for the remainder of the school year. *Artist in My Family Tree* was supported by a grant from City Center Allentown.

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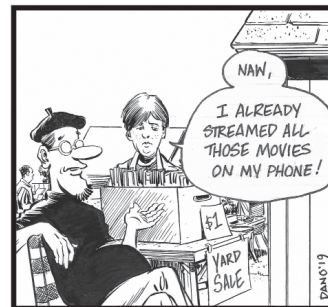
I've always loved drawing and the process of art since I was just a child. Although when I began my educational journey my first semester of college, one of my professors entirely changed the way I view art.

During a lecture, the professor was discussing how long art has been around. Our most primitive ancestors, who only knew of eating, sleeping, and surviving, still managed to find the time to paint on rock walls. He asked us to really sit and think about why that was.

We sat in silence waiting him to reveal the answer to his own question. He said, **“because art is indispensable to humankind, and that is a clear indicator of how important it was and always will be to use these forms of art to express ourselves and tell stories.”** I remember leaving class that day and going home and really thinking to myself, wow, that is powerful.

Anthony Ramos,
Allentown, PA

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The National Museum of Industrial History announces that Amber Emory has been hired as the museum’s Director of Education and Community Partnerships. In her new role Amber will oversee school programing that connect with the PA Core Curriculum Standards and cultivate strategic partnerships with educational and nonprofit communities.

Taylor Galassi has been appointed the General Manager for **Young People’s Philharmonic**.

ONE LAST THOUGHT

When you become a member of the Lehigh Valley Arts Council, you automatically become a voice for the arts. Advocacy is important work we do together. As arts advocates, we promote the value of the arts in our region by conducting research, expanding access, and creating opportunities to share experiences. The Arts Council gathers the data, and you give testimony on the importance of the arts in your life.

Thank you for speaking up!

Randall Forte

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