



the arts empowerment project

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From The Arts Empowerment Project

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible opportunities we've had to collaborate with our dedicated partners in the community. Together, we've made strides in our mission to provide quality programming for at-risk youth, empowering them through the transformative power of the arts. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey—your support has made a meaningful impact, and we look forward to creating even more positive change in the year ahead!

Click on the link below if you have not had a chance to look at our SHINE 2024 event photo album.

[SHINE 2024 Event Photo Album](#)

Recent News



Winter Programs



Holiday HeART Packs

This month, we had the incredible opportunity to distribute
255 HeART Packs
to K-12 children in underserved communities!

Each pack was filled with messages of hope, delicious snacks, fun toys, and art supplies, designed to uplift and inspire. This initiative wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers and generous donations from the community! Together, we're creating connections and providing a much-needed outlet for our students during the holidays. Special thank you to everyone that volunteered and to everyone that donated!



ARTIST IN RESIDENCY PROGRAM

REOPENED REGISTRATION Now Through January 2025

In collaboration with our program partner, **Nine Eighteen Nine Studio Gallery**, students will have the opportunity to learn from talented local artists, enhancing their skills and creativity. Classes began on November 16th and will continue through June 2025, culminating in a student-led exhibition which will showcase the incredible work created over the 29-week program.

Sincere thanks to the Infusion Fund, a partnership among the City of Charlotte, Foundation For The Carolinas, and private partners for the Opportunity Fund grant award, which support this inaugural program.

[Registration Link](#)

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NINE EIGHTEEN NINE
STUDIO GALLERY

ARTS RESIDENCY

LEARN FROM ARTISTS, BE EMPOWERED.

SIGN UP TO TAKE CLASSES IN

- FIBER ARTS
- DIGITAL DESIGN
- PROCESS
- PAINTING
- COLLAGE
- PODCASTING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PERFORMING ARTS
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- MUSIC AND MORE

LED BY LOCAL ARTISTS

FOR GRADES 3-12

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



APPLY NOW!

APPLICATION REOPENED
NOW, THROUGH **JANUARY 2025**

LOCATION:

700 N TRYON ST,
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

AT THE VAPA CENTER



VAPA
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Engage in an art-based mentorship experience and expand your arts education by choosing from a variety of classes with professional artists designed to teach you the essential skills needed for various artistic careers and disciplines. **This program will culminate in a group exhibit featuring the works created by participants.** Whether you're interested in visual / digital arts, performing arts, and beyond, you'll acquire the tools necessary to thrive as a multidisciplinary artist. Trust in the process, embrace the adventure, face uncertainties with courage, and remember: you've got this! (For more information, click on or scan the sign up link)

FREE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM! ✨ SIGN UP NOW!

 **FULL SIGN UP LINK:** <https://forms.gle/wZrWWgDVrzdii4Yw7>

Upcoming / Ongoing

CHARLOTTE BALLET:
DANCING WITH THE STARS



We invite you to cast your vote for Natalie and Isaac in the “People’s Choice Award”! You can show your support by purchasing tickets for the event or making a donation.

All ticket sales and donations received are split 50/50 with Charlotte Ballet and the Star Dancer’s chosen charity. **\$1 = 1 Vote!**

The People’s Choice Award

will be presented to the Star Pair
with the most funds raised

VOTE TODAY!

2024-2025 ART POSTER CONTEST

Our second annual Art Poster Competition in collaboration with **The Links Incorporated Crown Jewels (NC) Chapter** is underway. To get involved, please see flyer for details.

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2024-2025 ART POSTER CONTEST

★ CONTEST START DATE: END DATE:

DECEMBER 15, 2024

FEBRUARY 15, 2025

STUDENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE

THEME:

**“What A Healthy Community
Means To Me”**

**PRIZES
FOR TOP
PLACES**

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



*Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Crown Jewels (NC) Chapter*

Give Today

**Thank You For Your
Continued Support!**

We have many opportunities to participate or volunteer for our various programs. Our 2024 programming consists of our **Encounters: Life Skills Program/Promoting Peace + Justice, HeART Packs, Free Arts, Art**

Vocation/Career Day, Culinary Camp, and Fall/Winter Holiday events.

To learn more about us -please email us at
info@theartsempowermentproject.org
or visit <https://theartsempowermentproject.org/about/>

Thanks to our volunteers, sponsors, donors, and team members who continue to keep our programs operating to serve some of the most vulnerable children in our community.



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