

OUR HISTORY

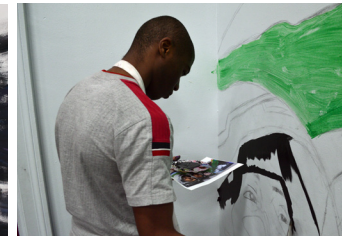
CITYarts, Inc. is a nonprofit public arts and education organization founded in 1989 by Tsipi Ben-Haim (The organization takes part of its name from Cityarts Workshop which closed down after losing its funding in 1988). With a new name and mission, Tsipi Ben-Haim wanted the voices of our youth to be heard. She created 5 programs that bring together children and youth with professional artists to create public art in New York City and beyond. CITYarts empowers youth through the creation of murals and mosaics that transform their community, impact their lives, and address social and civic issues.

PROJECT REQUEST AND INQUIRIES

CITYarts welcomes requests for public art projects that have the potential to revitalize low-income neighborhoods and community spaces in collaboration with local youth. Community organizations, volunteer groups, schools, property owners, and companies in NYC, the USA, and globally can apply.



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ADDITIONAL INFO

To volunteer, sponsor, or ask any other questions, please contact us:
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MISSION

Since 1989 CITYarts engages youth in collaboration with professional artists in the creation of public art, including murals and mosaics. Through this creative process CITYarts empowers, educates, and transforms youth and children locally and around the world to become active participants in realizing their potential and transforming communities.



PRODUCE
permanent artworks that address important civic, educational and social issues while beautifying the urban environment of New York City's five boroughs and beyond...



EDUCATE
through the creative process where children plan, express and execute



TRANSFORM
neighborhoods into vital meeting spaces while changing lives in the process



BRIDGE
cultural differences within diverse communities and foster cultural understanding internationally



CHANNEL
youth energies away from trouble and into creative thinking and constructive paths

For nearly 30 years, the focus of CITYarts' programs has grown into five broad educational, civic and social areas. Site specific projects are created under each of these programs.

WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY

CITYarts identifies artistically talented youth enrolled in arts institutions, learning centers, or special projects and connects them with professional artists to offer a range of support including career advice and recommendations regarding higher education choices.

YOUNG MINDS BUILD BRIDGES

This global program includes the Pieces for Peace art education workshops, Pieces for Peace National and International Traveling Exhibitions and Peace Wall murals. Pieces for Peace strengthens bonds among youth worldwide and helps foster positive relationships among young people of diverse backgrounds.

GLOBAL HEART WARMING

This program inspires youth to voice their ideas about climate change by celebrating nature and raising awareness of global warming. Workshops and mural projects inspire youth to encourage change in their community and make a difference on a global level.

KIDS FOR JUSTICE

Is an arts education program to reach at-risk youth through the social studies curriculum in their schools and through workshops with law enforcement professionals. It encourages students to develop and express their thoughts on justice and the creation of permanent murals in their schools.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

A neighborhood revitalization program asks who we are, where we are from, and where we are going. Local artists, youth, families, and community members come together to collaborate on the creation of public art for their neighborhood.